



# THE BULLDOG'S BOOKCASE



College of San Mateo Library Newsletter

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

FALL 2008

## CSM Learning 2.0 Project Kickoff @ Library

### CSM Library Fall Hours

Mon.—Thurs.  
7:45 AM—8 PM

Friday  
7:45 AM—3 PM

Saturday  
11 AM—3 PM

Closed Sundays,  
Holidays, and  
Semester Breaks.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

College Reserves 2

Finding Articles Online 2

Banned Books Display 2

Disabilities Awareness Month 3

NetLibrary 3

Word Search 3

Information Competency 4



The CSM Learning 2.0 kickoff party was held at the CSM Library on Friday, October 17th. More than 15 faculty and staff showed up to get started on learning new Web 2.0 technologies.

By the end of the event most participants had accomplished at least 4 of the project's 23 goals including set-

ting up their own blog!

If you've ever wondered how to create and use blogs, wikis, RSS feeds, Flickr, YouTube, mashups, eBooks and other new web 2.0 technologies, it's not too late to join our learning community.

CSM Learning 2.0 is a new learning program spear-

headed by the CSM library team to help CSM faculty and staff learn about or enhance their knowledge of new Web 2.0 tools and services in a fun and supportive environment.

CSM Learning 2.0 also has plenty to offer for the more experienced users of these technologies including opportunities to reflect and share views on how education and technology intersect.

It's not too late to get started. Contact Teresa Morris to find out how to get involved at ext. 6579, or you can send an email to [csmlibrary@smccd.edu](mailto:csmlibrary@smccd.edu).

CSM Learning 2.0 is an outgrowth of a [Creative Commons](#) project program started by librarian Helene Blowers.

## Meet the Newest Librarian @ CSM!

Please welcome our new reference librarian, Michele Alaniz, who comes to the CSM Library with reference, instruction, and cataloging experience and an extensive background in graphic and web design. Michele, a SJSU SLIS graduate (2006), has worked for the San Mateo County Library, De Anza

College Library, and the Califa Library Group. Michele said that she has always wanted to work in an academic library and likes working with the diverse needs and abilities of the students who attend a community college. Michele enjoys knitting, snowboarding, and taking pictures of her 3 year old daughter, Ruby.





Students appreciate having Textbooks and other class materials available in the College Reserves Collection !

Using CSM Library's online databases, you can get access to thousands of full-text journals, magazines, and newspapers , and other information that is not otherwise available for free on the Internet!



## College Reserves

College of San Mateo Library has a variety of required and instructor-recommended textbooks and other materials for classes in the "Reserves" collection at the Library. Most items in the "Reserves" collection can be borrowed for in-library use for up to two hours.

The library has reserve materials for over thirty different classes, covering a wide range of subject areas including videotapes for distance

learning television classes; Most items in the collection are supplied by instructors.

To see if any of the books for your classes are available at the library, go to <http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/library/> and click on [College Reserves](#).

Simply type in your instructor's name or the course name and number to see if there are items in the Reserves collection for your classes.

An online form for faculty to

place materials on reserve is available at :

<http://www.smccd.net/accounts/csmlibrary/reserve.pdf>.

Did you know that laptop computers ( for library use only) are also available for CSM students in the College Reserves Collection?

For more information call 650-574-6548 or 574-6232.

## Finding Research Articles Online

The upcoming elections season may prompt CSM campus members to search for reliable sources of information to help make the most informed choices on important ballot issues and political candidates.

The CSM Library subscribes to a number of online databases to help you with your political research. Most databases are accessible from your home or

business computer using your library card barcode and PIN.

*Lexis Nexis Academic Universe* is an excellent source for multiple newspapers which offer different viewpoints. Another great subscription database for current events is *Expanded Academic ASAP*. This database is often demonstrated in library orientations because it can help identify

scholarly materials.

So if you are looking to keep an eye on issues like off-shore drilling, health care reform, and new education initiatives, or if you want to follow the latest analyses of the presidential debates, just start at the library's home page, <http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/library>, and click on the "[Databases & Articles](#)" link.

## Banned Books Display at CSM Library

"Please **Do Not Read These Books!**" reads a book display featuring books that have been challenged or banned from schools and libraries. The display is located on the library mezzanine.

The primary purpose of the display is to bring attention to the battles that libraries are sometimes engaged in to

uphold intellectual freedom and preserve the public's right to express their opinions and to read what they choose without censorship.

The display includes information on why particular titles were challenged. Learn more about frequently challenged and banned books at <http://tinyurl.com/4w4944>.



# October is Disabilities Awareness Month



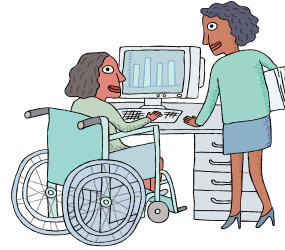
The book display on the main floor features books on people with disabilities as October is Disabilities Awareness Month..

Awareness begets advocacy. People with disabilities face added challenges in life, and it's up to all of us to support legislation and policies that will help people with disabilities to live independently, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers and enjoy self-determination.

Among the titles are *Disability Sport*, *Insights from the Blind*, and *Twitch & Shout: A Touretter's Tale*.

All the books on both displays can be checked out .

There are many excellent websites regarding disabilities that have been collected in a pathfinder for you through the Internet Public Library. Go to <http://www.ipl.org/> and type "disabilities" in the search box.



## NetLibrary® eBooks in your Library 24/7

The CSM Library is an excellent resource for electronic books or [E-Books](#). In most cases, E-Books are online versions of books that have been traditionally printed.

Thousands of electronic titles are accessible from the library's **NetLibrary** collection. In some cases, books in our print collection are also available online. Online books are also available 24/7.

**NetLibrary** can be searched easily via several options including title, keyword, subject, author, and by full-text format, or can be browsed by subject.

The CSM NetLibrary collection provides access to public library collections, as well as academic titles purchased for our students.

To get remote access to all of the **NetLibrary** titles (public and academic) that the CSM

Library subscribes to, you must first create a free account from a computer on the CSM campus and you must connect to the CSM **NetLibrary** collection from the CSM Library's [E-books link](#).

If you need help accessing or have questions about CSM's E-Books collections, please visit, call or email a CSM reference librarian at 650-574-6232 or [csmlibrary@smccd.edu](mailto:csmlibrary@smccd.edu).

**"The CSM Library is a great resource for electronic books...all available 24/7."**

## Word Search: Things you can find in the library

BOOKS  
COMPUTERS  
DATABASES  
DICTIONARY  
HOLDS  
JOURNALS  
LIBRARIANS

MAGAZINES  
NEWSPAPERS  
REFERENCE  
RESEARCH  
RESERVES  
STUDENTS  
VIDEOS



S S S T U D E N T S J R L N  
R E K D I I S F S P E I E H  
E V O A E C S E T F B W T C  
T R O T J T N L E R S Y N R  
U E B A K I P R A P W E V A  
P S N B Z O E R A N Q Z I E  
M E K A H N I P C J R T D S  
O R G S C A E U E V S U E E  
C A D E N R S Q G Z D R O R  
M O E S S Y F Q H O L D S J



## COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO LIBRARY

1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.  
Building 9, Room 200  
San Mateo CA 94402

Phone: 650-574-6100

Fax: 650-358-6797

TTY: 650-574-6354

<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/library>

email: [csmlibrary@smccd.edu](mailto:csmlibrary@smccd.edu)

### REMINDER:

**The CSM Learning Web 2.0 Wrap-up Party  
will be held at the CSM Library  
Friday, December 12th**

Stay tuned for details on a mid-project  
meet-up for participants in November.

**It's not too late to learn Web 2.0 technologies in  
a fun, interactive and supportive environment.**

Contact Teresa Morris at ext. 6579, or email us at  
[csmlibrary@smccd.edu](mailto:csmlibrary@smccd.edu) to learn how to get involved.

# Information Competency key to student success

## What is Information Competency?

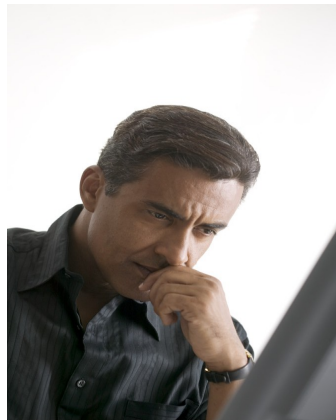
Information competency is "a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."<sup>1</sup>

Only those individuals who are information literate will be able to adapt to an increasingly complex and changing information environment. Information competency is related but different from technology competency.

## What Students Should Learn at College of San Mateo\*

**"How to verify information and evaluate the worth and objectivity of sources"**

*-RANKED # 2*



*\* Survey of San Mateo County Business Leaders (CSM Accreditation Self Study 2005)*

While technologies for distributing and accessing information will continue to evolve, the underlying principles of information organization and access, and the competencies needed to locate, retrieve, and evaluate information, will remain unchanged.

Information competency requires the application of critical thinking and communication skills, thereby fostering the development of students, employees, and citizens who are informed, independent, and self-directed and self-sufficient lifelong learners.

<sup>1</sup> "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education," American Library Association, September 01, 2006. <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency.cfm> (Accessed October 14, 2008)

We hope that you have enjoyed the contents of the CSM Library's first newsletter. Special thanks to SJSU Library School Intern Suzie Bahmanyar for her work on this project.

Lorrita Ford, Director, College of San Mateo Library