



THE BULLDOG'S BOOKCASE COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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The Library launches a new Makerspace

Spring Hours until May 24

Mon - Thurs:
7:45am - 7pm

Friday
7:45am - 3pm

Saturday
11am - 2pm

Sunday
Closed

Summer Hours (closed May 27 - June 16)

June 17 - July 25

Mon - Thurs:
9am - 7pm

Fri - Sun
Closed

July 29 - Aug. 8

Mon - Thurs:
2pm - 7pm

Fri - Sun
Closed

Closed July 4
and Aug. 8 - 19



We are delighted to announce that the launching of our new makerspace was a resounding success! If you haven't heard of them before, makerspaces are places for knowledge and skill sharing, collaboration, and most importantly making cool projects in electronics, crafts, media, and all kinds of other hands-on activities. Our makerspace launch was part of our National Library Week celebrations, with five days of crafty workshops on book-making, jewelry, terrariums, knitting, and 3-D printing.

Just before we kicked off our workshops, we found out that we received a CSM President's Innovation Grant to purchase tools, equipment, and materials. We plan on continuing our great workshops and expanding on our makerspace to include open hours where the CSM campus community can come and use our tools to work on projects of their own. We are also exploring the possibility of a "maker in residence" program, in which an expert maker is on hand to help participants work on their own projects, or they can help the Maker in Residence with a larger project in turn. Between now and the end of Spring semester, we will host several "Maker Fridays" – longer afternoon workshops both in the library and elsewhere on campus (see p. 2 for Maker Friday dates & times).



May Makerspace Events @ CSM Library



Maker Friday, May 3rd 2:30pm-4pm: Telescopes, Lenses, and Optics

@ the Astronomy Lab near the CSM Planetarium next to the Science Building (bldg. 36)

Learn how to make and operate a telescope in this hands-on workshop in the Astronomy lab hosted by Professor Mohsen Janatpour.

Maker Friday: May 10th, @ the CSM Library (bldg. 9)

12pm-2pm: "Duct-ivities" - Crafts with Duct Tape

Learn how to make everything from flowers to keychains to wallets with that most versatile of materials: duct tape!

3pm-4pm: "Write Poetry: Create a Sestina"

Join CSM English Professor Autumn Newman to work on a fun collaborative poetry project.

Maker Tuesday: May 14th: 2pm-4pm: 3-D Printing Demo

and Terrarium Workshop

@ the CSM Library (bldg. 9)

The Engineering club will be back to demonstrate 3-D printing using their new MakerBot. At the same time, you can build your own mini-biosphere - co-hosted by Professor Matt Leddy

Maker Friday: May 17th: 1pm-3pm, Take a Study Break

Come by the library to make a simple and relaxing craft project - collages, origami, puzzles, and more!

**All Workshops are Free! Drop-ins Welcome!
Come by anytime!**

Information Competency? What's that?



CSM's Information Competency graduation requirement can be satisfied in three ways: a passing score on the Information Competency Proficiency Exam, a passing grade in some Library Studies courses, and through information competency infused subject courses that meet certain criteria. For more info, including a current list of courses that satisfy the requirement, check out the Information Competency page on the Library's website.

So what is Information Competency? Information Competency is more than being tech or computer savvy - specifically it is the ability to recognize when information is needed and the ability to locate, evaluate, document, and effectively use the needed information. The statewide academic senate for the Community Colleges of California, the accrediting agency for CSM, the American Association of Community Colleges all view this competency as critical part of the education and knowledge base of graduating community college students.

Library History Project

The College of San Mateo Library staff are building a collection of photographs and stories about our beautiful Library to document our rich history. We invite you to participate by sharing photographs of the Library that you might have in your own collections and to share stories and memories of the time you may have spent here. Please email your submissions to csmlibrary@smccd.edu.

Our current photo collection includes pictures and news clippings that span over 5 decades. Images from our CSM Library Photographic History project, and the stories we gather will be included in events and publications celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our College Heights hilltop campus that opened in 1963.

We're excited about this project, and would love for you to participate!

CSM Library, late 1960s. The card catalog was an essential library research tool until the 1990s.





Spring Survey Gets Results!

This Spring the College of San Mateo Library Advisory Committee (LAC) worked with CSM librarians and library staff to develop ten campus-wide online surveys to learn more about the opinions and priorities of CSM students, faculty, staff, and administrators when it comes to their college library. The results were impressive, with over 700 responses pouring in from across campus on topics ranging from library furniture and budgets, to electronic access to resources and information literacy.

The 75 question multi-part survey was designed to help the LAC and the CSM Library better understand and prioritize the needs of the CSM community and what they want from their campus library. Students were the overwhelming respondents, filling out 601 of the 736 returned surveys. The overall results showed three things were highly important to the CSM community: **free access to library resources and services**, **free access to technology** such as wireless services, and **maintaining the library as a place for research, reading, and quiet reflection**.

The Library Advisory Committee will be working with the CSM Library to further analyze results and find ways to incorporate the information learned from the surveys into a plan of action. The Library Advisory Committee and the CSM Library appreciates all the feedback received from everyone across campus regarding library services. Your honest feedback will help the College of San Mateo Library better serve the CSM community's needs and shape the future of your college library.

New Librarian joins CSM

Stephanie Alexander joined the College of San Mateo Library in August 2012 as Digital Services and Instruction Librarian. Prior to her assignment at CSM, Stephanie was a reference and instruction librarian at the University of Southern California's Leavey Library and was the Associate Faculty Director for Reference in Norlin Library at the University of Colorado Boulder. Stephanie has served on a variety of national committees within the American Library Association. Her research interests include student engagement with libraries and facilitating student discovery of library resources. Her most recent co-authored article, "Evaluating Reference Data Accuracy: A Mixed Method Study," will be published in the upcoming issue (41:2) of *Reference Services Review*.



The Library Advisory Committee

The 2012-2013 members of the Library Advisory Committee have been hard at work on many initiatives! The group worked with Library Staff to develop and refine the surveys that were distributed to students, staff and faculty on campus during spring semester 2013. The Library Advisory Committee was a co-sponsor of the recent (April 19th) Faculty "Spring Pruning" event, where faculty from all over campus were invited to the library to review existing collections and make recommendations for the acquisition of new materials in their subject areas.

Jeff Flowers, Math & Science Division, is the chair of the Library Advisory Committee through Spring 2013. Professor Flowers recently led a workshop for the library



Professor Flowers leading the 'Get the Most out of your Digital Device' workshop

all about getting the most out of your tablet, hard drive, and smartphone. Current members of the committee are: Lorrita Ford (Library), Stephanie Alexander (Library), Janet Black (Creative Arts & Soc. Sci. Div.), John Boggs (Peninsula Library System), Martha Menendez (Library), Roberta Reynolds (Lang. Arts Div.), Kathleen Sammut (Counseling), and Eli Sakov (Student representative)

More information about the committee, including agenda and minutes from previous meetings, can be found at the Library Advisory Committee webpage:

collegeofsanmateo.edu/institutionalcommittees/lac.asp

Faculty Artist Exhibit in the Library

CSM Library had a bright infusion of color this spring, thanks to an art exhibition of original paintings by artist and CSM Sociology Professor Jane “Henri” Williams. The first floor of the library was filled with vibrant, multicolored portraits of people from every age and from many walks of life, including some familiar faces from the CSM community (see the artist with a portrait of CSM Sociology professor Minu Mathur, at right). A grandfather and his granddaughter, a woman at a party, and a sullen teenager were just a few people captured on canvas. Jane Henri’s portraits stand out for their intimate focus on the expressions of recognizable individuals, their bold colors contrasting with their subject’s expressions of unguarded reflection and contemplation. Henri’s brightly colored palette and her pointillist, impressionist style have earned her comparisons with the artist Leroy Neiman. At a reception for the artist on March 6th, Jane Henri treated visitors to a tour of the works, providing insight into her style. She works from photographs of her subjects, often catching her subjects unaware in hopes of conveying something of their true selves, after which she asks permission to paint them. She achieves her rich color by using water-based Japanese Sumi-e paints, traditionally used for calligraphy. This also helps keep the artwork affordable, something the artist strives to do so that more people can have original art in their homes. To see photos of Jane Henri’s work and for more information, visit www.janehenri.com.



Help us Grow the Library’s Collection

Faculty: would you like your students to have access to books you think they should read? Our statistics show the average student borrows 7 books a year. Would the number be different if you could influence our book buying decisions?

The College has changed, so have the students - and our collections are catching up! This Spring semester we’ve started seriously pruning our books. We focus on condition, use and relevance. The goal is to rejuvenate the collection and to make room for new books. But we need your help!

- Do you teach **Sciences, Engineering** or **CIS**? Help us decide whether to invest in online or printed books.
- Do you lecture in **Biology, Nursing** or **Health Science**? We’ve updated our collection but we know there are still gaps in there...
- Are you a professor of **English**? Help us decide what to keep and how to cultivate their reading beyond the latest fad.
- Do you teach **Art**? Does the Library have materials to inspire?
- Are your students getting **professional degrees**? Tell us the best ways to support them while they are studying towards their licenses, and how to help them become experts.

Faculty, students, and staff can always request that we add books and resources to our collection — if you need something that we don’t have, please let us know!

**Visit us online or in person:
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