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President's Column

LIBRARIES AND DEMOCRACY

Ever since the American people discovered that there were no Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) in Iraq, we have been hearing a lot from our President about the need to stay in Iraq to insure that democracy and freedom have a chance to take root. The hope is that an Iraq with a democratically elected government will serve as a model that might inspire the people of other Middle Eastern countries to modify or even overthrow their despotic or theocratic governments. While I consider the goal of promoting democracy and political freedom a good one, I believe that the President is using the wrong method. Instead of military occupation and the use of force, I feel we would have a much better chance of success if we concentrated our energy and resources on setting up libraries in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries. At the same time, we would need to hire government workers to begin to translate western language books into Arabic. Only about ten thousand books

have been translated into Arabic over the past one thousand years, a number that is equal to the titles currently translated each year into Spanish. Just a fraction of the money we are spending on the war in Iraq could hire the necessary translators.

In my view of things, libraries, no matter the country where they are located, are wonderful institutions for promoting civic cohesiveness and values that come from the sense of belonging to a larger culture. The values I'm talking about include connectedness to home, school, place of worship, friends and neighbors on the local level, and, nationally, love of country, pride in ones history, and confidence about the future. Libraries are places where order, thinking, attention to detail, caring for the needs of every individual, and sharing resources held in common are highly valued activities. Once our exported libraries begin to flourish, democracy and freedom will

have a better chance of gaining a firm foothold. Libraries also provide a “clean, well-lighted place,” a haven from chaos and a promise of better things to come. They promote the transcendent values of sanctuary and self-discovery.

By treating everyone equally, no matter their background or religious or economic status, libraries set the tone for a democratic society. Differing ideas and viewpoints are treated with equal respect. Intolerance, bigotry, and extremism are not allowed in a library except for isolated examples to show what the human mind is capable of creating. No matter the country, the values at the heart of every library encourage and even demand that users take individual initiative to find answers to the questions they bring with them. The solutions libraries provide require the effort and cooperation of many people, but especially the effort of the

individual patron. If libraries could speak, they would say to each person entering, “Here I am---now use me to improve your understanding of yourself and your world. You are very much needed to help us all get along better, but you can only do your part if you study hard to discover and learn the nature of your unique contribution.” If we could export libraries to other countries, we would promote the ideals of self-sufficiency, the importance of individual effort, and respect for differing viewpoints, qualities in short supply everywhere on the planet.

Personally, I am far more comfortable with the idea of our country exporting libraries to other countries rather than our version of democracy. Perhaps we can bring the missing WMDs to Iraq in the form of newly translated books and well-run libraries, true Weapons of Mass Democratization.

Brian Haley is LRACCC President, and Dean of Learning Resources, and Management Senate President, Sierra College

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American River College

David McCusker joins the faculty at American River College as our newest Public Services Librarian. His most recent position was Librarian and Training Coordinator for the Sacramento County Public Law Library. We look forward to having his knowledge and expertise to benefit the students and faculty here at ARC.

Dan Crump

Evergreen Valley College

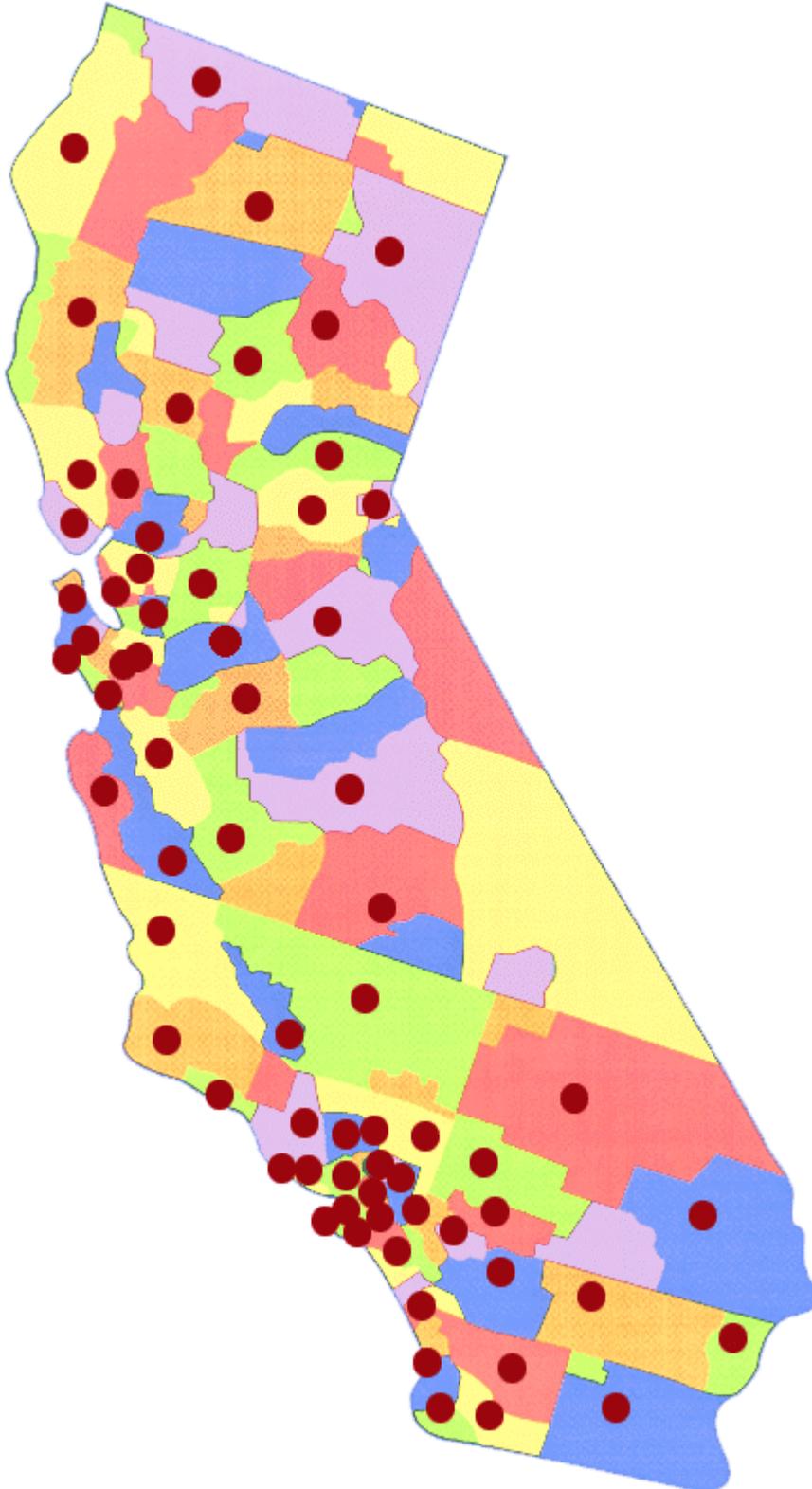
Welcome to new Reference and Electronic Resources librarian **Shelley-Anne Blackman**! Shelley is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario program in Library and Information Science. Shortly

after receiving her Master’s degree she began working for the Los Angeles Public Library System in California, where she was initially assigned as an infoNow (Ready Reference/Electronic Services) librarian, then as a subject department specialist and finally as a branch librarian. Leaving LAPL after three and a half years, Shelley moved to Northern California where she was employed as a reference librarian at Santa Clara University’s School of Law in Santa Clara, California. Four years later and after a brief stint as a law firm librarian with a Silicon Valley firm, Shelley has joined the Evergreen Valley Library staff.

Vicky Atherton

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Map of the California Community Colleges



Have you ever wondered just where all the community colleges in California are? The website of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has a cool interactive map of the colleges.

URL:
<http://www.academicssenate.cc.ca.us/Resources/Directory/map/mapCCC.htm>

At the website, just place your mouse over the red dot – yes, the red dots in the picture represent the colleges and hyperlink to the college website! Enjoy!

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Grossmont College

After serving Grossmont College in several capacities beginning with librarian, **Kats Gustafson** was named the Associate Dean, Learning Resources, effective July 1. She was formerly Associate Dean for Instructional and Technology Resources, a position from which she launched the operations of the new 'technology' mall, which is the remodeled Learning Resource Center adjoining the new library. Kats oversees the operation of the entire building now called the Learning and Technology Resource Center.

Below: Tech Mall, Grossmont College



During her tenure in the LRC, Kats built up the bibliographic instruction program from 50 students per year to more than 2,000 per year. In addition, she was instrumental in bringing in the first electronic database (ProQuest) for the library and worked with the Community College Library Consortium to bring in subsequent databases. She also developed and coordinated the library's first comprehensive collection development policy and developed an allocation formula for the distribution of funds across the

subject discipline areas. Kats remarks, "My passion for the library is very strong. With my combined experiences in both fields, library and technology, I am focused on continuing the emphasis on providing technological access and excellent librarianship to students and faculty."

Los Positas College

At the Las Positas College's May town meeting **Peggy Carter** and **Barbara Hardy**, reference librarians, were presented a joint award for their invaluable contribution to the College. Peggy and Barbara received the 2005 Outstanding Service Award from the Las Positas College Faculty Senate. The award is granted to faculty who have made a significant contribution to the college and community, mentored other faculty, and demonstrated excellence in promoting student success.

Frances Hui

Palomar College

Palomar College is pleased to welcome our new Branch Services Librarian **Linda D. Morrow**. Linda will be coordinating the Library at the Escondido Center as well as working at the San Marcos campus on a regular basis. Linda brings extensive experience to this position from both the public and school library arenas and we are delighted to have her with us!

We also welcome back Public Services Librarian **Alexis Ciurczak** from a sabbatical leave followed by a Fulbright in Great Britain.

Judy J. Cater

Saddleback College

April Cunningham is our new Instruction Coordinator. April comes to Saddleback College from Palomar College in San Marcos where she was the Reference/BI Librarian. April graduated from UCLA in 2003. She is active in SCIL. She has helped to facilitate workshops designed to improve information competency teaching and learning. Her other areas of academic interest include critical literacy and rhetoric and writing theory.

Jenny Langrell is our new Systems Librarian. Jenny comes to Saddleback College from Fullerton College where she held several positions in the library including systems. Prior to her employment at Fullerton College, Jenny was a law librarian with Western State University. Jenny has been a part-time librarian at Saddleback College since 1995.

Ana Maria Cobos

Sacramento City College

Kirk M. Wiecking, Dean of Learning Resources Center, Sacramento City College, passed away this summer. Kirk had not been in good health for a while and in June/July he went into the hospital. He was unable to fight off pneumonia and died the end of July. A memorial scholarship has been established in his name here at the college. Please call the Learning Resources Division at (916) 558-2253 to offer your condolences or if you would like more information about contributions to the memorial scholarship.

Amie Teramoto



WebViews

ASC Online: A Weblog of Information Science and Technology mentoring for LIS graduates is a blog, a stream of consciousness about all sorts of topics ranging from the recent IFLA conference in Oslo, Norway to ruminations about Information Poverty gendered by pictures of Hurricane Katrina.

 URL: <http://radio.weblogs.com/0109575/>

Cataloger's Learning Workshop is a clearinghouse portal for cataloging and metadata training resources for information workers. The scope of Cataloger's Learning Workshop includes bibliographic information training in the context of formal library and information science degree programs, as well as continuing education for library practitioners. Cataloger's Learning Workshop is a cooperative project of the *Library of Congress*, the *Program for Cooperative Cataloging*, the *Association for Library Collections and Technical Services*, a division of the *American Library Association*, and the *Association for Library and Information Science Education*. The *Metadata and Cataloging Education Clearinghouse Prototype*, a part of the Workshop, alone has over 200 full-text resources on a variety of cataloging and metadata topics.

 URL: <http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/>

 URL: <http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/clearinghouse.html>

Honoring Our Retirees

Allan Hancock College



Lil Clary, Associate Dean of Learning Resources, retires October 2005 after 22 years of service. She began her career with several public library positions in Los Angeles and Santa Maria before joining the library faculty at Allan Hancock College. Ms. Clary earned a reputation as an innovator in technology, distance learning, multimedia, and information competency long before it became popular, and has worked as a tireless advocate for library services. Known as an "administrator with a heart," and for her inclusive sense of humor, Lil leaves a legacy that will continue forward with many individuals she has mentored. Over the course of her career, Ms. Clary has been active in many different library and educational organizations, including ALA, CLA, Gold Coast Network, and the Total Interlibrary Exchange. Lil looks forward to pursuing many outdoor activities in her retirement with her husband, David, and their six mules.

Imperial Valley College

Eileen Buckley, Dean of Learning Services at Imperial Valley College has retired effective September 1. Eileen has been at Imperial Valley College for 12 years and during that time oversaw the automation of the library with SIRSI and the addition of a 4200 square foot addition and major renovation of the existing building. In addition to the library, audiovisual, reading/writing and language labs and tutoring, she gained reprographic services, a faculty/staff technology center and the contracted bookstore operation under her wing. With her retirement, the college will move Information Services to Instruction and place it under this area creating a Dean of Technology and Learning Services.

Eileen also served on the LRACCC Board and she writes: "I enjoyed my tenure on the LRACCC board and enjoyed meeting colleagues throughout the state."

Eileen is moving to Green Valley, Arizona (23 miles south of Tucson) and will be in the phone book. If you are planning on visiting the Tucson area, you are invited to give her a call or plan to come by.



Moorpark College

Dr. Ed Tennen, department chair of library services at Moorpark College will retire, November 1, after 31 years of community college librarianship. Ed worked at Glendale College from 1974-1980 and Moorpark College from 1980-2005, where he served as dean for 21 years. He twice served as president of the Total Interlibrary Exchange in the Tri-Counties area of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Moorpark College recently dedicated a new Library/Learning Resources Center that Ed was involved in planning over the past several years.

John Macpherson, Regional Representative for YBP Library Services has recently medically retired because of ALS. He welcomes contact from friends, colleagues and customers at the email address, jmacpherson41@yahoo.com or at the phone number 831 476 8461.

YBP Library Services was a LRACCC Corporate Partner in the 2004-2005 academic year. The LRACCC Board of Directors and community send our very best wishes to John.



Reports of New Library Building, Remodeling & “Hot Spots”

Allan Hancock College by Kathy Headtke and Nancy Meddings

The remodel of the Learning Resources building is going full-steam. At present, the Learning Resources Center staff will move into a newly remodeled library in November 2005, with the summer 2006 listed as the completion date for the rest of the construction. Furniture selection is in process for the combination computer lab and tutorial space. The library will gain faculty office space on the newly added second story of the building. There will also be a larger art gallery and space for the G. Allan Hancock archives.

Contra Costa College by Ellen Geringer

The Contra Costa College Library is moving into the next phase in its construction plan. The Library Building Remodel Committee signed off on the drawings created by Noll & Tam, Architects on January 27, 2004. Construction is scheduled to start within the month.

The current building opened for business in October 1963. Built at a cost of over \$500,000, it was designed to hold 50,000 books. As of October 2003, the CCC Library collections include over 57,000 books, plus videotapes, CDs, DVDs and other print and non-print resources. The remodel will update the electrical and technology infrastructures, add more group study rooms, and create a common service desk for circulation, reserves, media, and periodicals. The remodel will also bring the College Skills Center into the Library building, creating a Learning Resource Center (LRC).

This project is but one of many across the Contra Costa Community College District that are funded by Measure A, a bond issue approved by local voters in 2002. During construction, the Library and its staff will be relocated to the cafeteria, baking lab, and various other rooms in the

Student Activities Building. We are cramped, but functional -- students and staff alike are pleasantly startled to see the transformation -“It looks like a real library!” - although the jokes, “Can I get a ham ‘n cheese sandwich?” are getting old.

Grossmont College by Michelle Blackman



The Library was the first place on the Grossmont College campus to have "hot spots" and--due to their success--more are being added around campus, starting with the 600 building (Student Center) and including some in the 100 building (Administration). The area around Cafe 200 will be in the next wave of installations since Information Systems is targeting places where students "hang out" and are likely to use their wireless computers. Hot spots are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday

through Saturday and do require that each user "log in" with the same *username* and *password* needed to connect to campus email and/or the library's subscription databases.

Palomar College by Judy J. Cater

During the summer of 2005 the Palomar College Library building underwent an extensive remodel financed by a \$320,000 grant from our Foundation and President's Associates. Offices for the Library Manager and Administrative Secretary were moved to the second floor, as were the LRC materials, carrels and equipment. Hard surface flooring replaced old, worn carpet. New space was created on the first floor for the DRC Adaptive Training Lab and the Tutoring Center. The project also included a new Academic Technology classroom, addition of computers to the existing ATG lab, a newly created Faculty Center and relocation of the Audio Visual Department to a new space.

Cuesta College: Kevin Bontenbal is the 2005 Super Star

By David Dowell



Cuesta College President Dr. Marie Rosenwasser and faculty colleague Del Chausse congratulate Instructional Technology Librarian Kevin Bontenbal on his selection as the College “Super Star of 2004-2005

Kevin Bontenbal is this year’s recipient of the “star of stars,” the “super star” and our gratitude for his outstanding leadership of faculty development. Kevin has the attitude we expect from a star employee--he is positive, and keeps a “can do it” attitude even when others might be losing theirs. Leading professional

development isn't a well-paid assignment. In fact, Kevin has probably volunteered at least half as many hours as he has been compensated. Why did he do that? Because the work needed to be done.

It is Kevin we thank for computerizing and managing the flex contracts, for organizing five years of flex activities and instructive Opening Day programs. While leading faculty development, Kevin has also developed courses and taught in the innovative on-line Library/Information Technology program, parented three young sons, and pursued his doctorate degree.

Kevin Bontenbal you are a Super Star teacher, learner, motivator, caring, and professional colleague who provides the kind of leadership and collegiality that gives excellence and integrity to Cuesta College.

Valley College Administrator Named First Woman President of Ventura College

By *Paul B. Rubalcaba*

San Bernardino Valley College's Vice President of Instruction Robin Calote has been appointed president of Ventura College effective July 1, 2005. Calote, who began her career at SBVC 31 years ago as a reference librarian, will become the 13th president of the 80-year-old campus and first woman to hold that position.

"San Bernardino Valley College and Ventura College are similar in many ways," said Calote. "Both are approximately the same age and same size, have similar programs, and share similar values," she added. For the past three years Calote has served as SBVC's Vice President of Instruction. As the chief instructional officer, she was responsible for schedule development, enrollment management, faculty load, faculty evaluations and supervised the academic deans. She served 18 years as the Dean of Learning Resources and nine years as a reference librarian in charge of technical, audiovisual and many library services.

(Dr.
Robin
Calote)



"I appreciate the many wonderful opportunities I have had to grow professionally at San Bernardino Valley College," said Calote. "It has been an honor to serve the campus and the community, and I will take with me fond memories of the students and staff."

Ventura College is one of three campuses that comprise the Ventura County Community College District. Other campuses include Moorpark College and Oxnard College.

Editor's Note: Thanks to **Carolyn Norman** for bringing this news to attention on the CCC-Lib-LRC list. The entire article (11 May 2005) is available at: <http://ccentral.sbccd.cc.ca.us/>

An Invitation

From Henry J. Burnett, President, DET/CHE

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The Directors of Educational Technology in California Higher Education (DET/CHE) is a dynamic organization committed to providing professional growth for its membership. DET/CHE is a major force in bringing together colleges and universities (both public and private) to share ideas and advance the fields of instructional technology, multimedia, and open learning. By nature, the members are interested both professionally and personally, in innovative applications of technology to support learning and teaching.

Please mark your calendars for the historic conference. Come prepared to renew acquaintances with former DET/CHE founders and members, be energized by presentations on current “Best Practices” and learn about the latest developing trends in Educational Technology.

For more information, contact Dr. Henry J. Burnett, Director of Media Services, University of California Santa Cruz, Phone: (831) 459-3105, Email: hburnett@ucsc.edu, URL: <http://media.ucsc.edu/>

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