



SCC LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

NEWSLETTER

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New Web Site

A redesigned web site for the library went live in Spring quarter. A web site is a changing organism, and we welcome your thoughts about its usability. A library web site does three things: 1) it replaces the old card catalog; 2) it provides access to materials not traditionally in the catalog (such as journal articles); 3) it is the teaching librarian's and other faculty's teaching tool. <http://www.shoreline.edu/library/>

eBray Online Books Our newest database contains 43,000 full-text online books. This supplements our print collection of 47,000, so you can see this nearly doubles our collection. While reading a book online is not the same as holding one in your hand, students can easily perform keyword searches within books to find the sections they most need to read. Please have a look to see if any of your course readings are in eBray!

Camtasia tutorials We are working on a series of screencasts that can replace the old 50 minute library orientation. These screencasts can be used in any way you want to, including: as homework, with quizzes at the end; as an intro to in-depth research workshops with a librarian; to supplement our research tutorial and your course's Libguide.

Libguides Last year we bought Libguides, which allows us to easily build resource guides. We have been concentrating on individual course guides and a general research tutorial that can be slotted into Blackboard courses or otherwise used in your teaching. Now we need to build discipline-related guides. Please contact Tom Moran, if you are interested in having us build and providing your recommendations for a guide for your discipline.

AskWA 24/7 Reference Service We are part of a national consortium that provides chat reference for our students. Your students can chat with an academic librarian at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday for research help. While these librarians won't necessarily be Shoreline librarians, they are highly capable academic librarians from all over the country. This service may become even more important as we lose librarian hours.

New computers in the library The library computers have been swapped out for brand new computers. The old computers were very old, so this is good news for our students! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Moran tmoran@shoreline.edu or Alex Koval akoval@shoreline.edu

Facebook and Twitter feeds We use our Facebook and Twitter feeds to send out tips on the research process, as well as interesting information about information literacy and research. Please subscribe, or if you do not use Facebook or Twitter, please periodically read our library web site home page, which pulls in the Facebook and Twitter feeds. Please let your students know about these services, since they are aimed at enhancing students' learning about information literacy.

Using 4214 and printing The library lab printer is now on Pharos, so students will have to pay for their prints using the same process for the library computers and the lab computers. This enables us to open up the lab for general use when there are no research workshops, which is important because there are many times of the day when all the library and lab computers are being used. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Moran tmoran@shoreline.edu or Alex Koval akoval@shoreline.edu

Library Advisory Group In anticipation of further cuts, we will lose some librarian hours. We need to re-examine our service model and clarify what exactly we want our students to learn in terms of information literacy and the library. Please consider joining the Library Advisory Group for discussion, brainstorming and re-imagining the modern college library. If you are interested, please contact Tom Moran, tmoran@shoreline.edu

