



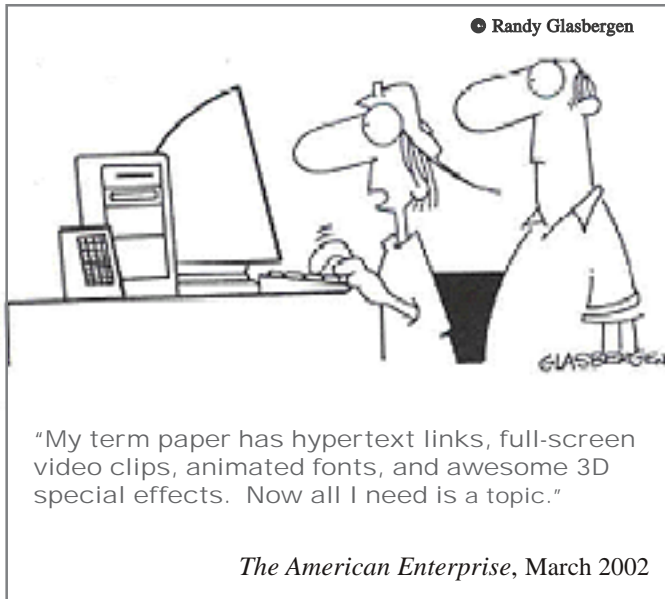
## Information Competency @ Your Library

*Do your students ...*

- Turn in papers that are poorly researched and reasoned?
- Seem overwhelmed and uncertain when required to do research?
- Avoid using the library?
- Expect to find all their research material on the Web?

*An information competent student can answer these questions:*

- What is my topic?
- What key words describe it?
- What is the best method to get information on my topic?
- What resources are available?
- Is the resource reliable, accurate, and appropriate?
- What is an appropriate way to communicate the information?
- What is plagiarism and how can it be avoided?
- How do I cite different resources in your paper?
- When and where can I find assistance?



*What you can do ...*

A successful information competency program depends on collaboration between classroom faculty, librarians and administrators. You can empower your students with information competency skills by teaching your class in conjunction with LIBR 318. Contact Sue Chen (650-2760, [chens@scc.losrios.edu](mailto:chens@scc.losrios.edu)).

The **SCC Information Competency Task Force** was created in 2002 and charged by the Curriculum Committee and Academic Senate to explore implementation at SCC of the State Academic Senate's mandate to institute an information competency graduation requirement. Members on the task force are working to increase awareness of information competency in community colleges. The task force meets monthly to share information. We invite you to join us. For the meeting schedule, contact Sue Chen (650-2760, [chens@scc.losrios.edu](mailto:chens@scc.losrios.edu)) or Stephanie McDonald (558-2014, [mcdonas@scc.losrios.edu](mailto:mcdonas@scc.losrios.edu)).

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## A Ream of Research Resources, New and Renewed

### But first there will be a Little Quiz.

1. How many feet are in a mile?
2. How many teaspoons in a cup?
3. How do you spell the unspellable?
4. What single source gives the answers in a jiffy?

Find the answers on p. 4.



### Don't Forget the Drop-Ins...

Orientations, that is. The librarians continue to offer hands-on library orientations to introduce your students to LOIS, the library catalog, and to the research databases, where they can find a plethora of articles (as well as a full-text electronic dictionary where they can look up “plethora”). Library instruction takes two forms: 50 minute orientations that students attend on their own time; and orientations conducted in the library during your class period and tailored to your course objective.

For drop-ins, send your students to the second floor reference desk to sign up in advance. After they complete the session and a worksheet, we give them a “proof” slip to give to you (perhaps for extra credit). To view the drop-in calendar, click *Instruction* from the [library home page](#).

For customized orientations, click *Library Orientation*, then *Faculty Orientation Request* on the [library home page](#), or contact Stephanie McDonald (558-2014, mcdonas@scc.losrios.edu).

## And Updated Research Databases

The new library homepage links to about 20 research databases, expanding coverage into topic areas that weren't available before. These databases provide full-text access to thousands of magazines and journals, as well as research reports and a few electronic reference books. To see the complete list of databases go to the [library home page](#) and click *Databases*. A few databases that were available last semester are no longer included, so please update your assignments if necessary.

One notable new database is the Historical New York Times database, available through ProQuest. This provides complete full-text access to the newspaper from 1851-2001.

If you are off campus, you will need to use your library card and a PIN to access the databases. Learn how to set up your pin: from the [library home page](#), click *LOIS*, then *View Your Record*. For more information, call the reference desk (558-2461).

The screenshot shows the Sacramento City College Library website. At the top, it says "Los Rios Community College District" and "Sacramento City College Library". Below that is a navigation bar with links: "SCC Home", "Class Schedules", "Student Email", "eServices", and "College Store/Bookstore". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links: "LOIS", "Databases", "Online Research", and "Instruction".

### And Did We Mention...

The library has a brand new web presence: <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~library>. This is your gateway to library resources, including the library catalog, databases, library instruction, and faculty services. You can access the library homepage anywhere you are able to access the Internet.

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## Books in Brief ~ Reviews You Can Use

**Poetry Speaks.** Edited by Elise Paschen and Rebekah Presson Mosby.  
PS323.5 .P58 2001

This marvelous anthology of poetry is accompanied by three CDs, which are narrated by Charles Osgood and include many poets reading their own poetry. T.S. Eliot reads “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” and Ogden Nash and Dylan Thomas read their work. Perhaps most amazing are the scratchy, primitive recordings of Alfred, Lord Tennyson and Robert Browning reading their poems (the recordings were made on wax!).

**The Long Walk.** Slavomir Rawicz.  
D805 .S64 R39 1997

*I never read a book before reviewing it; it prejudices a man so.*

*Sydney Smith*

The author was a Polish Cavalryman, captured by the Red Army in 1939 and placed in a labor camp in Yakutsk. He and six companions escaped from the camp and set out walking toward British India, thousands of miles away, and reached only by surviving such obstacles as the Gobi Desert and the Himalayas. To quote one book-seller, it’s a “thumping good read.”

### Pick a Paperback

Head for the third floor of the Library and find a rack of popular paperback fiction donated by staff and students. This collection has grown to almost 200 titles, and some have already been checked out several times. Send your students to the library to pick up some entertaining reading. A few titles:

Primary Colors by Anonymous

The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende

Shattered by Dick Francis

The Bastard’s Tale by Margaret Frazer

A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George

The Bourne Supremacy by Robert Ludlum

The Shadow in the North by Philip Pullman



Consider donating your good, used paperbacks. If we can’t use them, we will put them in the book sale, which also benefits the library. Contact Mary Ann Robinson (558-2377; robinism@scc.losrios.edu).

### Books on Tape to Debut

In addition to paperbacks, the library is building a small collection of donated books on tape. Do you have books on tape you could donate? Your donations will benefit commuters, walkers, students with disabilities, travelers, storytellers, and other listeners in the SCC community. Bring your donations to the Instructional Media Center on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center. If you attach your name and address, you will receive a thank-you letter to document your gift.

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## Courses, Classes, (and answers to the quiz)

### Link the Library to Your Course Web Site

Increase your students' access to library resources in your Blackboard or other course site by:

- Providing a link to the [library home page](#) or the library catalog.
- Creating a link to your list of library reserve materials.
- Linking directly to a full-text article in a library database, such as InfoTrac or Proquest.
- Creating a "canned search" in a database. The search will be updated as new articles appear.
- Linking to the Library Orientation page, where students can view the orientation schedule.

Call your librarian for more information. And watch for electronic course reserves in the near future. This service will provide unprecedented access to selected reserve materials.

### Google Search Tips

Have you been looking for an easy way to convert measurements? Have you wondered how many feet are in a mile? How many teaspoons in a cup? Google has the answers. Simply bring up Google (<http://www.google.com>). In the search box enter the conversion you need. For example "1 mile in feet" or "1 cup in teaspoons." Your answer should come right up. In this case 1 mile = 5280 feet and 1 US cup = 48 US teaspoons.

Need help with spelling? You can go to a dictionary, but it isn't always helpful with names or unusual terms. Google has an easy solution. Enter your closest guess at spelling in the search box. Google will provide a gentle suggestion: "Did you mean?" Just try to find resources on Hieronymus Bosch (the artist) if you don't have the spelling of his name. Then try Google and discover the correct spelling - and web resources - in seconds.



### Create Great Library Assignments!

We know that you encourage students to use the library, often by making library assignments. Find help making these assignments even more effective on the SCC [library home page](#) under *Library Assignments*.

### Library Classes Are Still Open!

The following Library classes still have space. Encourage students to enroll now! All classes include research skills students need to succeed. See the class schedule for more information.

- **LIBR 306 Genealogy Research .5 Units**  
Course Code 20416
- **LIBR 307 Medical Information Resources .5 Units**  
Course Code 14196
- **LIBR 309 Consumer Business Reference .5 Units**  
Course Code 20417
- **LIBR 311 Online Searching .5 Units**  
Course Code 14163
- **LIBR 320 Internet Research Skills 1 Unit**  
Course Code 14164

*Have you met your librarian? (From the [library home page](#), click *Library Subject Liaisons*.) We will come to your department meeting to answer library questions and introduce you to the library resources and services your students can use.*

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## Slide Guide Exposed!

Melissa Green in Instructional Development is working with faculty on a project to convert 35 mm slides to digital files. Kathleen Allen, Nursing, and Bill Doonan, Anthropology, are the first to scan their slide collections. Jennifer Griffin in the Art Department helped identify the basic scan settings needed so that the scanned images could be projected in Smart Classrooms or posted on a web page.

Slide projectors produce the clearest images, but there is news from Eastman Kodak that they have discontinued manufacturing them. So you may want to plan a scanning project for your slide collection. Take care in setting up your file folders and file names, for this organizational step will be critical when you want to retrieve the images. If your slide scanning software has Automatic and Manual modes, consider using Manual control. The results are worth the extra effort. Keep a copy of your scanned images on your hard drive and back it up on a Zip disk. A large image collection should be burned on CD-ROMs. Currently the basic settings are 72 to 96 dpi (best for web and digital projection). Crop to the essentials of an image, and enlarge or reduce the image to fit the slide dimensions.

If you are inspired to scan slides and want a "slide guide," stop by the New Media Lab, LR 110, to review the steps of this process. See the [Instructional Development web site](#) for these tips and more.



### Do You Have UTP?

Add another acronym to your vocabulary! Not URL or USB, but **UTP**, the Universal Transit Pass.

Last spring, in a district-wide election, students approved a new fee for a special pass to use on all Regional Transit (RT) bus and light rail systems in Sacramento as well as on the Yolo and Folsom public transit systems. For the fall semester, SCC students can get a student ID card that serves as the UTP in RN 138, and they can use their pass from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31, seven days a week.

Next semester, the plan is to combine the ID card for the UTP with the library card, so that students will only need to carry a single card. Get it!

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### Proudly presenting... SCC Authors and Artists

During September the library is celebrating SCC Authors and Artists. Please visit the second floor of the library to see the books, articles, and art your colleagues have produced. Many thanks to all of you who have shared your work. If you would like to add your publication, please contact Lorilie Roundtree (roundtl@scc.losrios.edu; 558-2678) soon.

### You are invited: Special Collections Open House

You are invited to the first Special Collections Room Open House on Oct. 13th, 11:00 to 2:00. Recent donations will be on display as well as other "treasures" of Special Collections. The Special Collections Room is in the southeast corner of the 3rd floor of the SCC Learning Resource Center. For more information contact Pat Zuccaro (zuccarp@; 558-2532).

## Web Sitings

### ~ The 2004 Presidential Election ~

#### *General election information ~*

Voter registration: <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html>

League of Women Voters: <http://www.lwv.org>

OpenSecrets: <http://www.opensecrets.org/presidential/index.asp>

Project Vote Smart: <http://www.vote-smart.org>

#### *News ~*

CNN: <http://www.cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS>

NPR: <http://www.npr.org/topics/topic.php?topicId=11>

MSN/NBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032553>

ABC: <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics>

CBS: <http://cbsnews.cbs.com/sections/politics/main250.shtml>

PBS: <http://www.pbs.org/elections>

#### *More sites ~*

Librarians Index to the Internet: <http://lii.org/search/file/election2004>



*Visit the library in October for an elections exhibit.*

### LRC Hours, Fall 2004

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 – 9:30

Friday: 7:30 – 5:00

Saturday: 8:30 – 3:00

**Closed** Sundays and on Sept. 6, Nov.

12, Nov. 25-28, Dec. 18-Jan. 18.

### LRC Phone Numbers

Circulation Desk: 558-2301

Reference Desk: 558-2461

Instructional Media: 558-2671

Tutoring Center: 558-2258

Instructional Devel.: 558-2636

Distance Education: 558-2146

Special Collections: 558-2532

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The proper study of peoplekind is books.  
Aldous Hoaxley

### LRC Links

**Library:** <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~library/>

**Information Competency:** [http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~library/beta/instruction/information\\_competency.htm](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~library/beta/instruction/information_competency.htm)

**Instructional Media & Computing:** <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~learnres/instmedia.html>

**Learning Skills & Tutoring:** <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~learnres/tla/index.html>

**Library & Information Technology Program:** <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~litprog>

**Distance Education:** <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/de/>

**Instructional Development:** <http://web.scc.losrios.edu/instrdev>

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