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CCL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Hello CCL members,

Last year as the President of the CCL Executive Board, I had the privilege of representing CCL at a number of venues.

- I spoke at a BOG meeting against the CCCCCO reorganization plan that would suspend BOG oversight of libraries. Whatever happened to that proposal?
- I attended the Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Committee (TTAC) meetings as a member (representing CCL, LLARC, and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee) where I was delighted to see clear, strong leadership towards a budget which supported the CCC's participating in the new CENIC network and most importantly provided the renewed support for the TTIP funding for online electronic resources which constitute the foundation for CCC information literacy.
- I attended one CCL- EAR committee meeting and I can report with pleasure the positive work this singular committee does for our entire membership.

In September I appealed to our membership to share with me the reality of cuts to library hours within our system. Here is a wrap up of the results:

Of the 108 member campuses:

84 colleges responded to the survey (76%)

54 of the 84 had cuts to their hours of service

30 colleges had no change in their hours of library service

the **highest** cut reported was of 22 hours removed from service hours

the **lowest** cut reported was of 2.5 hours removed from service hours

the **highest** percentage of lost hours at one college was a whopping 32%

the **lowest** percentage of lost hours at a single college was a mere 3.4%

The chilling facts are that the tally of lost hours adds up to 465 hours cut statewide every week. If an average semester is 17 weeks long, then $465 \times 17 = 7905$ hours per semester or 15,810 hours, *that we know of*, lost from the world of the community college students in California.

What haven't we had a chance to count yet?

1. Student presence in the lost hours of service? Just one student in the prototypical library building for every single hour of service lost in this next year equals 15,810 students without a library to do research in and to study in.
2. Money which has been withdrawn from library budgets that translates directly into reduced resources for research and learning?
3. Student jobs across the state withdrawn from the fragile ecology of successful completion of courses while working a part time job?
4. Adjunct librarian positions truncated or deleted from the available help in completing course assignments?

When newspaper reporters write of the demographics of the California Community Colleges they always include the profile of the non-traditional student who works, takes courses, and juggles family commitments with jobs and coursework. These are the students for whom the shaving of hours by closing earlier, opening later and eliminating weekend options will have the greatest potential for hardship.

Yours,

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RECOMMENDED PROFESSIONAL READING

Title: Educating citizens: Preparing America's undergraduates for lives of moral and civic responsibility.
Author: Colby, Anne.
Pub. Date: 2003
Publisher: Jossey-Bass/Carnegie Foundation
ISBN: 0 7879 6515 4 Binding: Cloth Price: \$28

Title: Pursuing Excellence in Higher Education: Eight fundamental challenges.
Author: Ruben, Brent.
Pub. Date: 2003
Publisher: Jossey-Bass
ISBN: 0 7879 6204 x Binding: Cloth Price: \$34



UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 9th: CCL Board Meeting in Sacramento
October 10th: CCCCCO Annual Deans and Directors' Day in Sacramento

Newsletter Information

The Council of Chief Librarians, California Community Colleges, publishes the CCL Outlook.
CCL's mailing address is: 2017 O STREET, SACRAMENTO CA 95814
The editor for the 2002-2003 year is Dr. Susan Walsh, the Director of Merced College's Learning Resources Center.

We encourage and appreciate contributions from our colleagues and friends
The next newsletter deadline is October 15, 2003

Submit contributions to: **Susan Walsh, Merced College LRC**
3600 M Street, Merced, CA 95348
Or to: walsh.s@mccd.edu



C.C.L. WEBSITE

The Council of Chief Librarians Web site is located at : <http://www.cclccc.org>

This web page has been set up to provide information for community college librarians.
Many thanks to Johanna Bowen at the Cabrillo College Library
for developing and maintaining this page for us.

Check it out and send comments, suggestions, and outright praise (if you feel like it) to:
Johanna Bowen jobowen@cabrillo.cc.ca.us



WEB PAGES WORTH LOOKING FOR

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<http://personal.cmich.edu/~franc1m/homepage.htm> The links on this page are organized around the sequence of topics typically taught in an introductory earth science or physical geography class. Links are also available for environmental science, earth science/geography education, career opportunities, and more. The sites selected are based on *image quality, ease with which lesson plans can be developed, organization, authenticity, scope, and format.*

CONCERNING BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OVERSIGHT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

CCCCO submitted a revised layoff plan to Dept. of Finance and State Personnel following the passage of the budget. The revised plan still calls for the elimination of the LLRP position. The Dept. of Finance has approved the plan, but Personnel has not, and it isn't likely to do so until after the recall election is over. Assuming that Personnel approves (which is likely), then the CCCCCO must go through a "mitigation process" with its union groups to see if any last-minute changes in circumstances, etc. offer any opportunities to reduce the number of layoffs.

At best, official layoff notices will go out in mid-October, and take effect 30 days later. No one I spoke to at the Chancellor's Office actually seems to know whether or not the BOG authority was suspended. However, a check of the official state website which has all the codes posted – and which claims that it is accurate and up-to-date and shows the law as currently in effect – shows no change in 78101-78103.

Gregg T. Atkins, District Librarian / Dixon Public Library

Columbia College's New Library Wins Award

http://www.mymotherlode.com/News/index.html?action=image&id=200307_3f2168eba74ab

Before all the books are even stacked onto its multiple rows of shelves, Columbia College's new library has received the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce's New Building Award for August. As such, the contemporary two-story facility will also be entered into the competition for the county's most outstanding new building of the year, which will be announced at the chamber's installation banquet in November.

Officially named the Learning Resources/Media Technology Center, the impressive 20,021 gross sq. ft. structure will house the college's library, media technology services department and several faculty offices. Built at a cost of \$8.1 million, it is the first new permanent structure constructed at Columbia College in 12 years and is located in the middle of the campus on the shore of the San Diego Reservoir.

Selection by the chamber for the monthly new building award is primarily based on how well the entry blends in with the local community. Requirements include a well thought out design and how it fits in with the Mother Lode environment. The chamber's ambassador committee nominates the potential buildings and the board of directors makes the final decision.

The Learning Resources/Media Technology Center will open for use on Sept. 2, the first day of class of the college's fall semester.

The general public is invited to the Gala Grand Opening of the new facility on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Dear Win-Shin (and CCL Members),

I have been so pleased to read the marvelous tributes to you from your CCL colleagues. You made a difference to not only Mission College, but across the state, and that is apparently well known. While your outstanding accomplishments are well recognized, what may not be so well known is the degree of difficulty you faced while achieving your goals. You entered an institution and library that had not had a qualified library administrator since 1981. You assumed the supervision of at least several "problem employees" and a history of substandard performance practices. Your funding sources ranged from lacking to inconsistent.

What you brought was professionalism, a commitment to high standards of service and a kind of passion for your assignment not commonly seen. (You not only had heads spinning at Mission, but also here.) What you did was to oversee the construction of a new library building (and a truly fine one at that), initiated the assembly of a competent and high-performing staff, justified and obtained more substantial resources and demonstrated to Mission and your staff that while you expected much of them, you always demanded more of yourself. You also made it possible for our two libraries to cooperate in new and useful ways. What you will leave is substantial and lasting: all of the great things you did and the lives you touched.

With appreciation,

Dave Fishbaugh

IN HONOR OF WIN SHIN CHIANG'S RETIREMENT

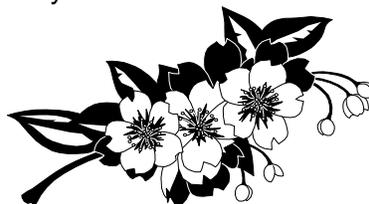
I know that the strange and wonderful world of the California community college libraries & LRCs caused Win-Shin to throw up her hands on more than one occasion, but ...

- she gave to it more than we could ask,
- she was honest and thoughtful about our issues,
- she worked for the greater good of the group,
- she leaves her College in such a better place than when she arrived,
- the students and faculty were always her first priority.

It is always hard to bid such a colleague farewell! Win-Shin, I hope your retirement is a wonderful time of new experiences, opportunities and sheer enjoyment.

Gregg Atkins, CCL Executive Director

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District Librarian / Dixon Public Library



JOHN ASHCROFT AND LIBRARIES

We need to make sure we interpret Mr. Ashcroft's assurances that Section 215 of the Patriot Act has not been invoked within the proper context.

I have been a librarian for three decades. Prior to that time I was a special investigative officer for the U.S. Air Force who worked regularly with FBI agents during the time J. Edgar Hoover was in his prime. Just 3 weeks after the disaster at Kent State, an antiwar rally was held on Armed Forces Day in 1970 in Fayetteville, NC just adjacent to Fort Bragg and Pope AFB. FBI agents went through Jane Fonda's motel room looking for incriminating items while she was at the rally. I asked them what they found and they replied with disappointment, "Dirty laundry." Had something useful turned up in this surreptitious and unsanctioned search, it would have been reported to Washington as information reported to them by an anonymous but reliable source. Hoover or anyone else in the hierarchy would have been able deny that agents did that kind of thing. That policy of covering tracks was then called "plausible deniability." Now it is called "national security." I also remember the FBI's "Library Awareness Program" in the 1980s. Although I was not personally involved in that program, I recall that the FBI denied that program existed until many librarians came forward with accounts of their first-hand encounters. The library in which I worked in Chicago would have been a perfect target for that program. The FBI at that time wanted librarians to report anyone of middle European origin who demonstrated an interest in scientific and technical literature. The implication was that they were likely to be communist spies. The library that I then headed was part of an engineering university in a city with a very large population of middle European immigrants. Close to half of our users could have been broadly construed to fall into the net of this FBI fishing expedition.

From my own experience as an Air Force Special Agent, I know that reasonable, intelligent people often turn to Jell-O between the ears when a "federal" badge is flashed in front of them. With all the hype about the Patriot act that we have circulated through libraries it is reasonable to believe that FBI agents (or other federal, state or local law enforcement agents) visiting libraries would not have had to invoke Section 215 to access patron records. We would have assumed that they had the right to see them by virtue of their badge. They certainly would not have any motivation to correct any such mistaken belief on our part.

If the goal of terrorists is to create and maintain terror, John Ashcroft et. al. are unwittingly making sure the this end is achieved by, among other things, manipulating the threat level. They, not librarians, are the ones fanning the flames of hysteria. They cannot remain in power unless the economy significantly improves or we remain on a war footing or both. It's chilling to have the two most important governmental officials for setting our domestic security policy (Bush and Ashcroft) be two candidates neither of whom received a majority of the votes cast in their political races three years ago.

I really don't want our country to go back to the days of J. Edgar Hoover; but I am beginning to be afraid that we are dangerously close.

Mr. Ashcroft, it is not librarians who are gullible and hysterical. We are the ones who are defending the freedom of our citizens.

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News Articles on the Web about the Patriot Act

THE WEATHERS REPORT

The nation's attorney general is on the ropes and swinging wildly.
ED WEATHERS

http://www.memphisflyer.com/onthefly/onthefly_new.asp?ID=2564

LIBERTY IN THE BALANCE

The Patriot Act and Libraries (in a sidebar to main story on page A1)
Sacramento Bee September 22, 2003. available through NEWSBANK

Ashcroft Says Patriot Act's Search Clause Was Never Used

The disclosure shows that the provision should be repealed, insist librarians and others who have labeled the measure intrusive. **Los Angeles Times** September 19, 2003. available through NEWSBANK

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The USA PATRIOT ACT prohibits college employees from informing anyone if federal agents have obtained records about you.

Questions about this policy should be directed to:

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