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## CSM Library Spring Hours

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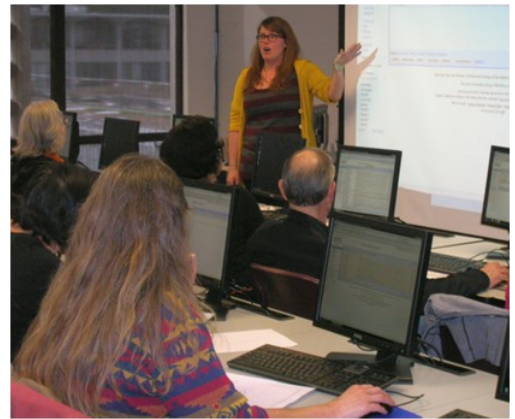
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## Web 2.0 Workshops a Hit!

This semester, the library premiered a series of workshops for students called Wednesdays @ I. Workshops for faculty, staff and administrators were also offered as part of the successful CSM Learning 2.0 series. The goal of the workshops, which were well-attended, was to teach students about free, web-based applications and tools useful for school, work, and personal purposes. Designed and presented by CSM librarians, the workshops gave students hands-on experience using tools such as Google docs,

Zoho, Weebly, and Blogger in a supportive environment. Students also learned about their My.SMCCD.edu mail accounts and the tools available to them through this useful school service. As in past semesters, CSM librarians got valuable assistance from Jasmine Witham in IT Services.

These Web 2.0 tools offer easy saving, sharing and collaborative features and allow students to access their work from any



computer with internet access. Students were thrilled to learn about the variety of Web 2.0 topics and tools, and are already asking when the next round of workshops will be scheduled!

## BSI Funds New ESL Collection

ESL students at CSM will find a great new collection of books to support their studies at the CSM Library. Funded by the Basic Skills Initiative and supplemented by books from the recently closed ESL lab, the library's new collection includes picture books and a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction for students at all levels of reading ability. Students will be able to easily identify different reading

levels in the library catalog. In addition to books about English vocabulary and grammar, readers will find books to help them develop basic skills in math, reading, writing, and study skills. Some of the books will aid conversation skills in settings such as health care, banks, schools and restaurants. Other books explain customs, slang, and superstitions and will aid understanding of North American culture.

This rich multicultural collection features stories from around the world and from past to present.





Library Advisory Committee  
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Joyce Heyman,  
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### MEET YOUR 2009-10 LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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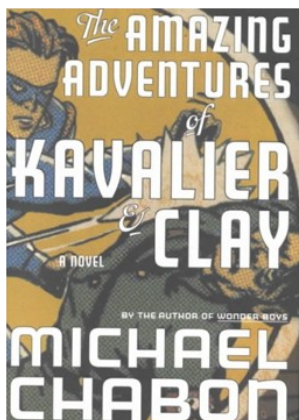
Sam Sanchez, Assoc. Prof.  
Multimedia

Still Open -Student Representative

The Committee includes faculty,  
staff, and student representatives  
and serves as the link between the  
library and the campus at large.

## Fall 2010: One Book, One Community

The College of San Mateo welcomes Bay Area author Michael Chabon to campus on October 7th. His Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, has been chosen as the



book for the 2010 Peninsula Library One Book, One Community program.

The book is an epic adventure story featuring daring escapes, magic, and superheroes. Set in 1940s New York City, the action follows two comic book artists and the real heroes and villains they meet. His book *Wonder Boys* was made into a film and he also shares story credit for the film *Spiderman 2*.

Chabon's latest book is *Manhood for Amateurs: the pleasures and regrets of a husband, father, and son*.

We encourage all CSM faculty and students to start reading *The Amazing Adventures of*

*Kavalier & Clay* over the summer and to incorporate it into assignments and projects in the fall. Michael Chabon will speak at the CSM theater at noon on Oct. 7th, courtesy of the President's Lecture Series.



Michael Chabon

Photo by Stephanie Rausser, 2007

## Faculty Book Review

*Waiting* by Ha Jin



Review by Joyce Heyman,  
Associate Professor of English,  
College of San Mateo

*Waiting*, a novel by the Chinese writer Ha Jin, was a great one to start on the airplane on my way to China this past winter. It helped me to anticipate aspects of the natural surroundings that I would soon encounter, and some of the food too. I would recommend it to anyone interested in a compelling love story that spans about twenty years and is

complicated by the constraints of a fascinating time, primarily the Chinese Cultural Revolution. The prose was lovely—lyrical and lush. There was a simplicity to the plot, yet a complexity to the main character and the two women—the wife and love interest—he has to choose between. Jin presents neither woman as a simplistic stereotype. They each surprise us along the way.

Themes of loyalty, tradition, and duty set against desire and romance are constantly at play. Though the dilemma may be a familiar one, it is unique. The main character's ambivalence becomes his distinguishing characteristic, one that makes him undeniably human.

*Waiting* won the prestigious National Book Award in 1999. The book is available in multiple formats including print, large print, cassette tape, book on CD and downloadable audio eBook through the CSM/PLS Library Catalog.

If students, faculty, or staff place a hold on an item that is located at another PLS library and choose to send it to the CSM Library for pick-up, the 75 cents hold fee is waived at the circulation desk when the item is checked out. For more information on placing holds, contact the CSM Circulation Desk at 650-574-6548 or Instant Message CSMref via Yahoo.

# New! Information Competency Requirement

Students who begin attending CSM for the first time in the Fall of 2010 will be required to meet the new information competency requirement for graduation.

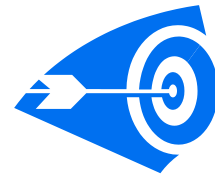
Information competency requirements have become standard at many colleges and universities. The requirement ensures students are aware of when information is needed and that they understand how to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively. Evaluating Web sites, avoiding plagiarism, creating and understanding

citations, and effective use of library research resources are examples of information competency skills.

An information competency assessment exam conducted by CSM faculty in Spring 2008 revealed that most students estimated their own research skills to be above average. In reality, students scored less than 50 percent on the assessment.

Students will be able to satisfy the requirement in multiple ways. Students can successfully complete LIBR 100:

Introduction to Library Research, or one of the approved courses from another department in which information competency has been infused into the coursework. More information on how to satisfy this new A.A. requirement will be available in the Fall 2010 catalog.

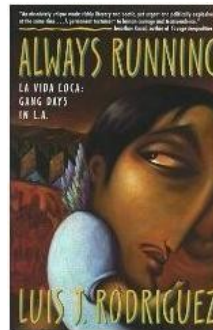


## Coming Soon: Athletes as Readers



Child Care Services Coordinator Louise Piper, Library Director Lorrita Ford, Head Football Coach Bret Pollack and Library Support Specialist Bryan Gerbig recently met to kick off planning for the CSM Athletes as Readers and Leaders Pilot Project. CSM athletes will read picture books to children in the Child Development Center to encourage reading and open a dialog about the importance of sports, exercise and academics. The project will also help athletes appreciate their influence as role models.

## Student Book Review

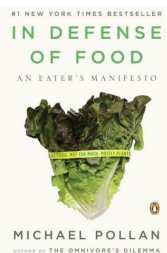


**Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.** by Luis Rodriguez

This is an absolutely inspirational book. It gives you a glimpse in the life of a gang member surviving in the harsh streets of Los Angeles. Once you start this book it's hard to put it down, with situations that are jaw-dropping and sometimes maybe leave you on the verge of tears. In this book Luis Rodriguez finds his true self by getting an education and putting his gang life in the past and speaks nothing but the truth.

Reviewed by Sara Marie French, CSM Student

## Library Staff Picks



**In Defense of Food : An Eater's Manifesto** by Michael Pollan

This book is a great follow-up to Pollan's *Omnivore's Dilemma*. *In Defense of Food* examines the Western diet and asks why there is such an epidemic of obesity and chronic disease in the United States. This book is a must read for all. Michael Pollan will speak at CSM on Wednesday, May 12, at 12 pm.

When you need to find resources for a certain subject, try these new research guides on the library website. Each LibGuide will show you databases, books, Ebooks, websites, and citation resources for subjects such as nursing, sociology, speech, English, demographics, psychology, accounting, and MLA citation. There are currently 15 LibGuides available and more are coming soon!

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Accounting

by Kalina Tabatt - last updated on Mar 05th, 2010

The Accounting guide has links to information about accounting standards and regulations, data.



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## State Budget Crisis: Really Bad News for the Library

For several years most funding to purchase library books, online databases, technology and equipment has been dependent on funds and grants from the State of California. During this current economic crisis, all of the state programs that supported community college libraries were reduced or eliminated from the budget.

Local budget issues triggered by the economic turndown have stalled plans to upgrade the library building, classroom, furniture, flooring, and technology. Reductions in library staffing have created work backlogs and reduction or suspension of several projects and services. Reserve funds will support online databases through June 2011 but beyond then, the future is uncertain. The library is in the process of identifying and pursuing other funding sources and opportunities.



## CSM Library: Then and Now

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