Greetings College of San Mateo Community,

As we finish up the 2014-2015 school year, the CSM Library would like to share some of our recent successes, and let you know about resources available for the coming school year.

This year was full of events and milestones. In August, we welcomed two new full time faculty librarians, Renee Bu and Stephanie Roach! If you haven’t yet been able to meet them, we invite you to drop by and say hello.

During National Library Week in April, we launched a Tool Lending Library as part of the CSM Library Makerspace. Tools ranging from cordless drills to knitting needles are available for checkout by students, staff, and faculty. We will be adding new digital resources in the next few months.

In May, we hosted a group of educators from Japan for a discussion about the role of community colleges in U.S. higher education and the use of e-resources in college and university settings. A special thank you goes out to our partners from CSM who helped make this event a success—James Peacock (CSM Bookstore); Peter Bruni, Yin Mei Lawrence, and Tania Beliz (XLO Project Team); Milla McConnell-Tuite (Office of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness); Michele Muller, Chris Phillips, and Rene Renard (KCSM); and Patrick Fisher (Student Ambassador). Slides from Librarian Stephanie Roach’s presentation can be found online.

During the summer the Library will be open while classes are in session. From June 15th-July 23rd, the library will be open Mon-Thu 9am-7pm. From July 27-August 6th, we will be open Mon-Thu 9am-2pm. Faculty can schedule summer library orientations now via our orientations web page.

As always, faculty can request that books owned by the CSM Library be set aside in our College Reserves Collection for use by students in their classes. Just fill out this form. Faculty can also bring personal copies of books that are not in our collection to be put on reserve. Students can search our College Reserves Collection by course or professor name search options to find books set aside for their courses.

Peninsula Library System library card holders have access to our online resources anytime via the CSM Library website. The website features databases with ebooks, audiobooks, videos, and full text articles from popular and scholarly resources. New this year is the Dance in Video, Volume 1 collection from Alexander Street Press. Classic databases such as LexisNexis Academic cover news, business, and legal research, while databases such as Academic Search Premier provide coverage in a broad range of subject disciplines. A variety of databases such as Nursing and Allied Health Source and Statistical Insights, which includes Statistical Abstracts of the United States, provide access to meet more specific research needs.

Drop by or make an appointment to consult with a librarian.

Happy summer everyone! We hope we will see you at the library.

All the best,
CSM Library Staff