Dear CSM Faculty,

It’s hard to believe it’s the eighth week of classes already. As you get into the middle part of the semester we want to remind you of some of the resources the library has available to support you and your students.

- **Library Orientations**  CSM instructors have remarked that their student prepare better assignments when they have participated in an library orientation session. Librarians can tailor orientations to help direct your students to appropriate resources in print or online formats for a specific project or assignment or provide a general introduction to information research. [Click on this link to book an orientation now!](#)

- **College Reserves**  Many students come to the library searching for their class textbooks. If you have an extra copy of your assigned textbook, please consider placing it on reserve. You can send your items via campus mail or bring them to the library circulation desk. [Click on this link](#) to and fill out this form to let us know how long you would like students to be able to check out materials you place on reserve.

- **Research Consultations**  for faculty and students are available in-person, by phone, email, and Instant Messaging during library hours. We enjoy collaborating with faculty to help design assignments that will lead students to explore resources that will reinforce and expand classroom learning!

- **Distance Education**  support for students and faculty in distance education classes is provided through the library’s online resources which include e-books and online articles and databases. If you are teaching an online class and would like to learn more about how the library can support you, please contact us.

- **CSM Learning 2.0**  A library sponsored CSM collaborative professional development effort focuses on supporting faculty and staff interested in learning new web technologies. Look for a kick off meeting later this fall. The community will formally start up again with an introduction session later this fall and a series of drop in support sessions in the spring. We’re also planning to offer a learning community for students.

- **New website**  Visit our new website which includes better search and navigation tools. Follow us on twitter or become a facebook fan at [http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/library/](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/library/)

- **Library Advisory Committee**  Please let your library advisory committee representatives know how the library can better support you. The next meeting will be October 29th. All our welcome to attend.

- **President Obama Proclaims October as Information Literacy Month.**  “Though we may know how to find the information we need, we must also know how to evaluate it ……”  For the complete text of the proclamation go to [http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/2009literacy_prc_rel.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/2009literacy_prc_rel.pdf)

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