

Library fast facts:

- The Library has 13 group study rooms
- The Library has 24 laptop computers available for student use including two MacBooks
- Although the Library subscribes to just 21 print magazine, the Library's magazines, journal and newspaper databases contain millions of articles in full-text
- The Library has three scanners available for student use

**Book Sale Prices**

- Hardbacks \$1
- Paperbacks 75¢
- DVDs, VHS, CDs \$1

# Library Update

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## New eReference Service Coming

Beginning this fall, "Text a Librarian" will enable the Library to offer mobile text message reference services. Students can text questions from their mobile phones to the Information Desk and the Librarians type answers on a web-based interface. Text a Librarian is not an instant messaging service like Meebo.

The Library is committed to meeting the information needs of students by utilizing the benefits created by evolving information technology.

According to Nielson research, in the U.S. today, about 200 million of the 259 million wireless users subscribe to or purchase text-message capability. Of these, 138 million use text-messaging on a regular basis. In fact, text-messaging has become

so pervasive that U.S. mobile subscribers now send and receive more text-messages in a month than they do phone calls.

"Text a Librarian Frequently Asked Questions." *Text a Librarian: Text Messaging Reference Software*. Mosio, Inc., 2011. Web. 18 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.textalibrarian.com/faqs.php>>.



## Friends Purchase Textbooks for Student Use

The SCC Friends of the Library recently opened a new book sale area within the Library. The new area provides the Friends the opportunity to better organize



and display their sale items. The books, DVDs, and CDs on sale are donated by SCC employees and community members.

The SCC Library accepts donations of books, DVDs and CDs on an ongoing basis. Materials not selected for inclusion in the SCC Library collection are given to the Friends for sale.

Funds raised by the Friends are used to maintain the Library

Reserve Collection. This Collection is composed of current textbooks used by many different classes. Reserve Textbooks are available to currently enrolled students generally for use in the Library for a period of two hours.

Consider donating your books, CDs, and DVDs to the Library and support the Friends of the Library and the Library Reserve Collection.

<http://www.sccollege.edu/Library/Pages/coursereserve.aspx>



eBooks are available remotely 24/7.

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## eBooks Migrate to EBSCO eContent

eBooks are moving ...

EBSCO has acquired the Library's eBook provider NetLibrary. In July, our eBook collection will be incorporated into the EBSCOhost suite of databases.

The Librarians believe that having periodical databases and eBooks on a single platform will create a more complete, fruitful one-stop research experience for students. EBSCOhost is the single most-used research platform in libraries worldwide.

eContent will now be available through the familiar EBSCO-host interface and can be combined in searches including magazines, journals and newspapers.

The Library currently owns nearly 15,000 eBooks. The titles were selected by the California Community College Library Consortium and cover a broad range of topics. In addition, the Library has access to 3,500 publically accessible eBooks which cover major works of classic literature

The Library's eContent collection is available remotely 24/7. The majority of books, magazines, journals and newspapers included in the collection are available in full-text.

To access the Library's resources from off-campus, use the *Search from Home* icon on the Library homepage and login with your webadvisor I.D. and password.

SCC Library Homepage  
<http://www.sccollege.edu/library>

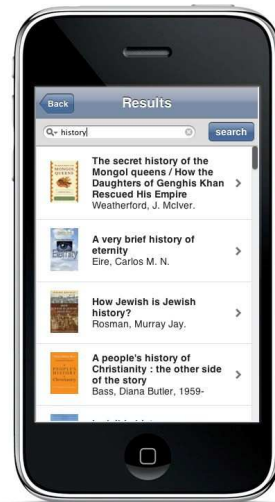
## Library Catalog ... Anywhere

This fall, the Library will launch “Library Anywhere” which will create a mobile catalog for our Library. It will provide both mobile web (which works on any phone with a web browser), and native apps\* for iPhone, iTouch, and iPad, as well as Android and Blackberry.

What can you do with Library Anywhere?

- ✓ Search the catalog
- ✓ View records
- ✓ Check holdings
- ✓ Place holds
- ✓ See what you have checked out
- ✓ Renew items
- ✓ See fines
- ✓ And many other account functions

\*“LibraryAnywhere Offer!” Advertisement. Bowker, R.R. Bowker LLC, 2011. Web. 18 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.bowkerinfo.com/offers/LibraryAnywhere/>>.



## Roving Librarians

Reference services are becoming more mobile as technology allows librarians to expand service points and outreach opportunities. This spring, with the assistance of the SCC Friends of the Library, the Library is purchasing two iPads to pilot a roving reference service. The multi-function use of the iPad makes it ideal for reference. It is a mobile catalog, a fully featured Web browser, a calculator, a dictation tool, a music player and much

more. Mobile technologies are untethering reference service from the Information Desk. Additionally, virtual reference allows the Librarians to continue virtual reference service while at other locations on the campus. The Librarians have incorporated an assessment activity to measure the success of the new service into the Library Assessment Plan.

Lotts, Megan, and Stephanie Graves. “Using the iPad for Reference Services: Librarians Go Mobile.” *College Research & Library News* Apr. 2011: 217-220. Association of College & Research Libraries. Web. 18 Apr. 2011. <<http://crln.acrl.org/content/72/4/217.full.pdf+html>>.