

Friends of the Library have sponsored numerous events and purchases to enhance the educational experience of SCC students:

- The Friends of the Library purchased a collection of 2,762 eBooks through the California Community College Consortium
- Martin Dugard, New York Times best-selling author of *Chasing Lance*, *The Last Voyage of Columbus*, *Training Ground*, *Killing Lincoln*, and *Killing Kennedy*, discussed the writing process
- Susan Patron, recipient of the 2007 Newbery Medal, discussed her book, *The Higher Power of Lucky*
- Lisa See, New York Times bestselling author, discussed her book, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*

**"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one."**

# Library Update

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## Discover SmartSearch!



Discovery (SmartSearch) has become a critical component within most academic library systems, playing a vital role in the effort to showcase the value of a library's collection, and changing the way resources are searched. As libraries have shifted focus from print catalogs and resources to e-journals, eBooks, subject indexes and full-text databases, it's become necessary for the perception and habits of the search experience to evolve as well.

SmartSearch provides a fast, streamlined search through a

single search box, but within the context of a greater experience that pulls together intuitive features and functionality and instant access to critical full text, leveraged from the leading EBSCOhost research databases, as well as from key information providers.

One of the most fundamental services provided by SmartSearch is the loading of the SCC Library's complete catalog, including books, eBooks, audiobooks and other materials available from the Library, so that it can be searched alongside

all other SmartSearch content as part of the unified search experience.

SmartSearch will allow the SCC Library to create custom search boxes and custom links within the discovery experience. For example, adding a widget to the Result List embeds instant messaging for Ask-a-Librarian functionality.

## After Hours Reference Assistance

In Fall 2008, the Library became the first department on campus offering service via instant messaging. Since then, the Librarians have answered thousands of IM (chat) reference questions.

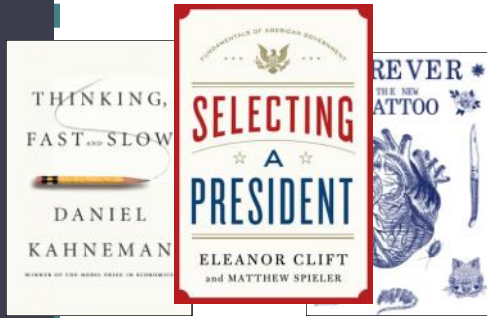
To meet the demand for reference service during high activity

periods and to meet the needs of online students, the Library is now offering IM reference service Monday through Wednesday until 10:00 p.m.

The Library building is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.



# Be a Friend to the Library!



Help the Friends of the SCC Library (in coordination with the SCC Librarians) add NEW books to the Library collection and get a tax deduction. It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Visit the Friends "Grab Bag" wish list or the "Focus On" discipline wish list on Amazon.com. The SCC Friends Wish List link can be found on the Library homepage. Lists will be replenished throughout the semester.
2. Choose the hardback edition when available and the "buy new" option.
3. Make your choice, add to cart, and proceed to check-out.

Choose the gift card option during checkout and include your name and email address if you would like acknowledgment in the form of a bookplate. The book will be delivered directly to the Library.

This is a great way to support our students in their curriculum needs, acknowledge a colleague's birthday, or gift something in honor or memoriam. Remember, donations are tax deductible and the tax information is listed on the wish list site!

*"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Design is knowing which ones to keep."*  
**Scott Adams**

## iMacs Support the Arts

Robbie Miller, Art Department Chair, in coordination with Corine Doughty, Dean of Business and Career Technical Education, purchased eight new 21.5" iMac computers for the Library with funds provided by a Carl Perkins grant.

The iMacs are loaded with the current version of CS6 (Creative Suite 6) and include Photoshop, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver.

While the iMacs, located on the second floor of the Library in the SIZ (Student Innovation Zone) area of the Library are available for use

by all students, priority will be given to students enrolled in digital media art classes.



## A New Out-look



The Librarians at SCC are continuously reviewing patterns and trends in academic libraries to maximize usage of the collection and space

within the Library. Sometimes, the results create a whole new out-look!