State Ballot Measures: Pros and Cons
Presented by the League of Women Voters

On Tuesday, October 28th from 11:10am to 12:45pm, the Baxter Library will host the League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Peninsula and San Pedro. The League’s speakers will present unbiased explanations of the state ballot measures voters will face on November 4th 2008. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. League speakers will present unbiased explanations of the measures along with arguments made by the proponents and opponents.

The presentation will take place in the library’s classroom/computer lab. If you’d like to bring a whole class, please call x4471.

Have a Question? Ask Your Librarian Online

Students, faculty and staff at Harbor College can now receive assistance from reference librarians at Baxter Library even if they cannot visit the library in person. And the librarians are available anytime of the day or night.

Anyone who needs help finding information may submit questions through a link on the library’s web site. Questions are answered by staff at the Baxter Library or by any librarian participating in our worldwide network of reference librarians.

“The service is very easy to use. All you do is click on the text <CHAT LIVE WITH A LIBRARIAN> at the www.lahc.edu/library website, and you’re on your way,” says library Chair Jonathon Lee. “In response to our users’ growing use of online resources and Harbor College’s growing online education offerings, the Baxter Library has partnered with this on-demand reference service.”

The Baxter Library provides this reference service through the QuestionPoint service, developed by OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), the Library of Congress and the 24/7 Reference Cooperative. This reference service spans all hours of the day or night, whether or not the physical library is open.
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Library Science 101: Library Research Methods
1.0 unit CSU/UC Transferable
An eight week class that introduces students to academic Library research methods. Emphasis is on locating information using online databases & catalogs, and evaluating information sources retrieved from the Internet. Students will learn how to develop search strategies for conducting research and how to cite resources in MLA style.

Library Science 102: Internet Research Methods
1.0 unit CSU Transferable
An eight week class that focuses on how to find and evaluate information and resource materials on the Internet. Students will learn how to critically evaluate what is found and how to cite Internet and Web resources correctly. Topics addressing intellectual property, censorship, and online publishing will be discussed.

Come into the library and schedule an orientation for your class!

I’m reading Generation Me by Jean M. Twenge (a LAHC library book). The author focuses on the current generation of young people born from the 1970’s to the 1990’s. Reading this books helps me understand the students we serve and they themselves would enjoy reading it. (The sub-title of this book is Why Today’s Young Americans are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled and More Miserable than Ever Before.) Pat Brough-Sanchez

I love everything Alexander McCall Smith writes. Intelligent, wise, funny, touching and insightful are words that do not even begin to describe the humanity evident on every page. 44 Scotland Street is the first book in a series. It takes place in Edinburgh and follows the lives of residents of a boarding house. Captivating and wonderfully escapist and almost as good as his No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency books. Marian Locascio

Italian Police Commissioner Aurelio Zen is dispatched to investigate a kidnapping in this “chilling masterpiece of police procedure and psychological suspense.” In Ratking main character Zen is the “perpetual outsider wherever he ends up”. This novel has been described by Ruth Rendell as “both subtle and horrific”. If you like good and gritty crime writing set in a nation where hidden power seems to be the norm, try Ratking. Sally Gogin

My Mother Marie
An original play about the first lady of science
Next March, in celebration of Women’s History Month, the Baxter Library will invite the American Association of University Women’s Readers Theater Players to perform their original play “My Mother Marie.”

As Eve Curie prepares to write her mother’s biography, she enlists the aid of her older sister Irene, and the two women reminisce about the exceptional life of this famous woman scientist. Dramatic scenes presented in flashback facilitate the telling of the story. As the narrative unfolds, the genius, the struggles, the humanity, and the amazing accomplishments of this two-time Nobel Prize winner are revealed.

SHOULD A PROFESSOR CARE TO HAVE THIS EVENT SCHEDULED AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO BRING A CLASS, PLEASE CALL X4471 SO THAT WE MAY ASSURE A LARGE AND INTERESTED AUDIENCE.