Laptops for Loan

Now that the Library offers wireless internet connection throughout the building, students may also be interested in knowing we provide laptop computers as well. Laptops, which can be checked out at the circulation desk, must be used in the Library. In order to check out a laptop, students must have current valid ID in the form of their student ID card or other valid photo ID.

JSTOR Scholarly Journals: New Research Tool for Students and Professors

The Library has purchased a new and very exciting database subscription. JSTOR, as described on this not-for-profit organization’s website, creates and maintains a trusted archive of important scholarly journals. JSTOR offers the ability to retrieve high-resolution images of journal issues as they were originally printed. The journals archived in JSTOR span many disciplines. Professors are encouraged to promote information literacy in students by assigning required readings using the JSTOR database or by requiring students use it when conducting research. “We cannot,” says librarian Marian Locascio, “expect our students to arrive at four-year schools fully information literate if they neither know how to read scholarly material nor how to research using a database like JSTOR”. Most quality, indexed scholarly communication is still fee based and accessible only through subscription databases.

The Baxter Library’s subscription contains, for example,  The American Anthropologist 1988-2000, Contemporary Literature 1968-2004, Film Quarterly 1958-2005, Political Science Quarterly 1886-2003, among hundreds of other titles. Access to our JSTOR collection may be found by choosing “Library Databases” from the Baxter Library homepage, and then scrolling down to “JSTOR”. ‘Username’ and ‘password’ are required for off-campus use, with instructors using the same information needed to access their campus email accounts. Durable url links to any chosen article may be easily added to digital course outlines or to distance learning material.

Find Journals by Title: Easy Title Access to the Library’s Entire Periodicals Collection

The Baxter Library is offering an easy way to determine whether or not we subscribe to a given print or electronic periodical title. Do we carry Society, Aztlan, or Hispanic American Historical Review? Find the answer quickly and then, if the title is in digital format, access it directly by linking to it in the database in which it is contained. From the Library’s homepage at www.lahc.edu/library choose “Library Databases” and then “Find Journals by Title.” From here simply type in a journal title. Alternatively, from this screen, you may browse titles by subject. Ask us for help if needed.
Library Welcomes Interns

Every year Library Chair Jonathon Lee selects Library Science student interns from the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at San Jose State, the local campus of which is located at Cal State Fullerton. “Interns in the SLIS graduate degree program complete 135 hours of on-site practical experience for course credit,” explains Jonathon Lee. “Baxter Library is a site which offers professional experience to SJU interns, and we have had the good fortune to have hosted some amazing interns.” Interns this semester are Susanne Vanderhoof and Mellanie Reeve. Susanne has a degree in Theatre Arts from Cal State Dominguez Hills and Mellanie a degree in Art from San Francisco State University. Projects they’ve worked on include the publication of this newsletter!

International Students Bring the World to our Library

For over 30 years employee Pat Brough-Sanchez has been hiring and supervising international and other student workers for the Baxter Library. Pat is head of the periodicals department, oversees the computer lab, and performs other administrative functions. One of her favorite duties is hiring and mentoring student workers. Often she works with International Student Advisor, Paul Grady in the hiring of Harbor College students from around the globe.

“I enjoy working with international students because they are eager to learn and are very optimistic about their futures,” says Brough-Sanchez. “They realize they have a rare opportunity and radiate lots of energy and have excellent educational backgrounds.” Currently Pat is working with four international students: Ke Yang Li from China, Naveed Zafar from Pakistan, Duclos Tchabo from Cameroon and Michelle Perera from Sri Lanka.

Past countries represented have been Brazil, Chile, Nigeria and Bulgaria.

International students are not allowed to work off-campus so they are very appreciative of on-campus employment. “Although I hire financial aid students and work study students too,” explains Brough-Sanchez, “many American students will end up finding higher paying jobs off campus.”

International students have a mountain of paperwork to fill out in obtaining social security numbers, driver’s licenses, apartments and jobs. “After the international student is at Harbor for six months things calm down and the student starts to like his or her classes and becomes really excited about Harbor College and the future,” says Pat. “I especially enjoy seeing those positive changes.”

BaxterChat: Our new Online Reference Tool
Available during Library hours

Harbor College students can now chat live with a reference librarian. BaxterChat uses Elluminate, which is a web based program that allows students and faculty to communicate with the librarians from the comfort of their own home. For instructions on how to use BaxterChat go to www.lahc.edu/library/chatinstructions.html
Remembering Camille L. Baxter

With a new Library and Learning Assistance Center scheduled to be built starting in August of 2009, now may be a good time to remember the woman after whom the Library is named.

Camille Baxter began her affiliation with Harbor College in 1955 as a librarian and teacher of world literature. She served as the Library’s Chair from 1968 until her death in 1976 at age 61. She graduated from San Pedro High School in 1932 and had two degrees from UCLA and one from USC. She was the moving force behind the planning and construction of our current building, which was completed two years after her death.

A founding member of the San Pedro Bay Historical Society, Camille Baxter was always interested in preserving the history of the harbor area. In eulogizing his former colleague during the Learning Resource Center dedication in 1983, Wendell C. Black said “the world is a better place because this learning center is here…this center reflects her vision, her curiosity, her willingness and desire to serve others….”

Nursing Resource Center: New Tool for Nursing Students

The Nursing Resource Center database is designed to meet the needs of nursing students at community colleges, universities, and vocational schools. The Baxter Library has recently purchased a subscription to this information tool. This resource brings together, in one easy-to-use interface, important reference titles from Gale and Macmillan with thorough nursing-specific texts from Thomson Delmar. Relevant journal results from top publications in the field and animated depictions of the human anatomy complement the core reference texts. The Nursing Resource Center provides information written in accessible language for students completing research papers, class assignments, and those preparing for their clinical experiences as they learn how to care for and treat patients. We are proud to bring this resource to our students and hope you will give it a try by linking to the Library’s databases page at www.lahc.edu/library/databases.html and then scrolling down to the heading Science Databases. Finally, choose Nursing Resource Center.

New Fall Online Library Courses:

Contact Librarian Ibtesam A. Dessouky
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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.
Section 7641, 09/02/08 — 10/25/08
Section 7642, 10/27/08 — 12/20/08

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.
Section 7645, 09/02/08 — 10/25/08
Section 7646, 10/27/08 — 12/20/08

Art at Los Angeles Harbor College’s Baxter Library

Previous Library graduate student Lauren McKinsey photographed and cataloged the Library’s extensive collection of museum reproductions which are currently on display throughout the Library. Handouts are available on the art reproductions providing information on the titles, history, and bibliographic information.
**Loan Periods & Fines**

Note: Most textbooks and class notes cannot be taken out of the Library. Students may take out up to 10 circulating books at one time.

Reserve Text Books:
- 2 hours to 1 week
- Fine 50 cents per hour!

Reserve Class Notes:
- 2 hours
- Fine 50 cents per hour!

Circulating Books:
- 2 weeks
- Fine 10 cents per day

Periodicals:
- 2 days
- Fine 10 cents per day

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**Databases, E Books & Text Books**

**Databases**
- Access Science
- Britannica Online
- CountryWatch
- CQ Researcher
- Expanded Academic
- Gale Virtual Reference
- Health Source
- JSTOR
- LearningExpress Library
- Literature Resource Center
- National Newspapers
- Nursing Resource Center
- Opposing Viewpoints
- SIRS Researcher

**E Books**

The Library purchases books in print but we also purchase books in electronic format. If you are a Harbor College student, use your username and password to access our e-book collection at [www.lahc.edu/library/databases.html](http://www.lahc.edu/library/databases.html)

Search by subject, author or title directly from that page. You will be asked for your username and password but you need not be in the Library. If you need help don’t hesitate to ask.

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**Computers, Study Areas & Photocopying**

**The Computer Lab**

The computer lab is open during Library hours unless an orientation has been scheduled. You must be a registered Harbor College student to use the Library lab computers and a username and password is required. The Internet, popular and class-specific software is available on every machine. Help using the lab is available at the periodicals desk.

**Group Study Room**

You can reserve a group study room for up to two hours at a time. Sign up in the binder located at the circulation desk. Meetings longer than two hours are allowed if no one is waiting.

The study room is located down the hall on your right as you enter the Library. Quiet areas are also located on the 1st and 3rd floors.

**Printing & Photocopying**

Printing in the computer lab costs 10 cents per page and a print card is required. Cards can be purchased in the Library. The Library also has 3 photocopiers which also cost 10 cents per page: payment is either by coins, bills or using your Library print card. The Library does not take part in the $5.00 unlimited printing offered in the Learning Assistance Center.