

### College Library Services: Your Partner in Economic Recovery

During the nation's current economic crisis, libraries across the US are experiencing a dramatic increase in the number of people relying on library resources. CSN's library is no exception. In just the month of September, there were 81,624 visitors to our campus libraries, 1,956 people received CSN library cards, and 38,217 searches were done in our library databases. Here are just some of the resources that the CSN community is taking advantage of:

#### Textbooks on Reserve

The campus libraries have copies of the most commonly used textbooks on reserve that students can use in the library. CSN's Student Government generously donated funds for these books, while many instructors donated their own personal copies. These textbooks can be checked out, usually for two hours at a time in the library, with a CSN library card.

#### Magazines, Journals & Newspapers

Have you cancelled your subscription to a magazine or journal because it's too expensive? CSN's library databases contain millions of articles from thousands of different periodicals. Under the "Find Articles and Research Information" link on the library home page, you can search by title to see if a particular magazine, journal or newspaper is in our databases. You can also search by keyword to pull up full text articles on a particular subject. All of the library databases can be used from on or off campus.

#### Career & Exam Preparation

Each campus library has books and DVDs with information about careers and job skills. In addition, our *Learning Express-Practice Tests* database is an online library of practice exams and tutorials covering many subjects and professions.

### NEW! Listen to an Article Through Speech Enabled Databases

A new feature called ReadSpeaker is available in several databases by Gale (*Academic OneFile*, *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and *Literature Resource Center*). Gale implemented ReadSpeaker in part to better meet the needs of students for whom reading

text on a screen was a challenge. You can listen to an article by clicking on the icon found at the top of most articles. You can also download an audio version of most articles as an MP3 file. Although a machine is doing the reading, the quality of the audio is good.

### Revised MLA Handout: Highlights of Changes



The Modern Language Association has published a guide to writing research papers and citing resources since 1977. The seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* was published in 2009. CSN's librarians have revised our handout, "A Guide to MLA Citation for CSN's Resources," to reflect changes in the new edition. Significant changes include:

- **Medium of publication:** In the past, it was assumed that the resource was print, unless otherwise noted. The MLA no longer recognizes a default medium and now calls for listing the medium (Print, Web, Television, etc.) for every entry in the works cited page.

- **Italics instead of underlining:** Italics are now used instead of underlining for the titles of books, periodicals, films and other independently published works.

- **URLs not required:** Web site entries in the works cited page no longer require URLs. A URL may be given if the citation information doesn't easily lead readers to the source.

- **Issue numbers required:** Journal articles in the list of works cited should include issue numbers (if given) as well as volume numbers.

Our MLA handout is available on the Library home page and also in the campus libraries. Librarians at the reference desk in the campus libraries can assist students with MLA citations.

### College Library Services Web Site: Take Advantage of our Instructional Features

A key component of the Library's strategic plan has been to enhance the instructional elements of the Library web site ([www.csn.edu/library](http://www.csn.edu/library)).

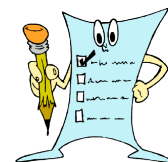
Our "Find Help and Tutorials" link assists students in gaining skills in every aspect of doing research. You'll find flash-based tutorials that quickly demonstrate how to find a scholarly

journal article and how to search specific databases. We also have research guides that provide help with writing a thesis statement, evaluating web sites, citing sources in MLA and APA style and more.

We will be adding research worksheets, quizzes, and other resources, so be sure to check this link frequently.

### November is Library Survey Month!

In order to continually improve our service to you we will be asking for feedback on your experience with the CSN Libraries. Our survey will be available in November on the Library home page and in the campus libraries.



## Meet the Library Staff

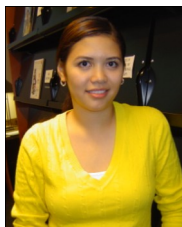


**Azadeh ("Azine") Erfani Neko** started as a student worker in March, 2009 and was recently hired full time as a Library Assistant I at the Charleston campus library. In her spare

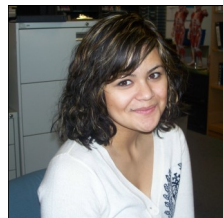
time, Azine plays the Persian hammer dulcimer and likes to read, swim and surf the Internet.

### Barbara Montero

began working for the Library in 2001 as a student assistant. She was hired full time in 2003 and has worked at the circulation desk



and interlibrary loan department at the Charleston campus. She is currently a Library Assistant III working mainly in technical services. When she's not working, Barbara enjoys cross-stitching, cooking, hiking, watching movies and reading.



**Gemma Andaya** was a student worker at the Cheyenne campus library for a year before being hired full time as a Library Assistant I. A long-time Nevadan and

mother of a four year old, Gemma is a psychology major with the goal of working in criminal investigations or with veterans after she earns a masters degree.

## Visit the Library Home Page

[www.csn.edu/library](http://www.csn.edu/library)

Renew your library books, read full text electronic books, get magazine, journal and newspaper articles and more...FREE!

Questions or comments about this newsletter?

Contact Christine Shore  
Reference Librarian at 651-3112 or  
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## Kant Collection Highlights Women's Studies

The Library at the Charleston campus in Building I is pleased to house a collection of books and DVDs that honors long-time CSN Social Sciences professor Dr. Candace Kant.

Dr. Kant was the founding faculty member of CSN's Women's Studies

program and also taught classes on goddess traditions and the history of witchcraft. She is considered a national expert on Zane Grey— father of the modern American Western novel— and

she wrote the book *Dolly and Zane Grey: Letters from a Marriage*. Dr. Kant retired from CSN in 2008, but continues to teach part-time.

The Kant Collection features books and DVDs donated by Dr. Kant and her friends and colleagues. Most of the titles are re-

flective of her research interests and areas of expertise. The library will maintain the collection by adding titles recommended by instructors Angela Holland and Linda Foreman.

Join us for an opening reception on Friday, December 4th, 1 to 3 pm in the Charleston Campus Library, Bldg. I

## Course Reserves Web Page for Faculty

Faculty: If you are interested in making material available in the library to all of your students, consider placing it on reserve at a campus library.

Types of reserve material include personal books, textbooks, articles, DVDs, videos, copies of sample tests, quizzes, research papers, and other supplemental materials. You can also arrange to have CSN library books, DVDs or videos placed on reserve for a

designated period of time to ensure availability to all of your students.

We now have a page on our web site that explains all the details of putting items on reserve. The web page includes a link to the form that needs to be filled out for each item, as well as links to web sites containing copyright guidance. Our "Course Reserves" page is on the Library web site under the link "About the Libraries."

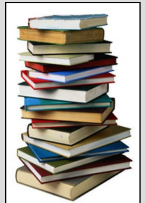
## Research Workshops

Library research workshops are held throughout the semester at the Charleston, Cheyenne and Henderson campuses.

Workshops cover the basics of locating and citing quality information using the resources available through CSN's library home page and the campus libraries.

The workshop schedule is on the Library home page at [www.csn.edu/library](http://www.csn.edu/library)

## Used Book Sales



Be sure to check out the ongoing used book sales at each campus library.

You might just find a treasure!

All proceeds go to purchase new books and other needed library resources.

## CSN Library Hours & Information: Fall, 2009

**CHEYENNE**  
Room 2100  
Circulation: 651-4014  
Reference: 651-4419  
HOURS:  
M-Th, 8 am to 8 pm  
F, 9 am to 3 pm  
Closed Sat & Sun

**HENDERSON**  
Bldg. A, Rm. 120  
Circulation: 651-3066  
Reference: 651-3112  
HOURS:  
M-Th, 8 am to 8 pm  
F, 9 am to 3 pm  
Closed Sat & Sun

**CHARLESTON**  
Bldg. I, First Floor  
Circulation: 651-5723  
Reference: 651-5729  
HOURS:  
M-Th, 8 am to 9 pm  
F & Sa, 9 am to 5 pm  
Closed Sun