

# Faculty Newsletter

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## *Audio Books for Your Students' Listening Pleasure*

Librarians at the Del Mar College Libraries recently purchased a group of audio books to enhance our support of the curriculum. We included classic literature, current non-fiction, and a few best-sellers to entice you and your students to listen to audio books, one of the fastest growing areas in book publishing. Some students learn better by listening, so the library is offering audio books as a way to reach them. Busy students and faculty can listen while driving, exercising, or multitasking. The new audio books are in a CD format that is MP3 compatible. That means you can download the CDs to your computer, transfer to your MP3 player, iPod or smart-phone, and listen on the go.

Find the new audio books by searching the catalog for “**audiobooks**” as a **keyword** search. You can also find them using a **subject** search (subject-keyword or subject-browse) for **audiobook** (singular or plural) . There are a few older titles available as cassette tapes; their call numbers will read “Audio Tape”, while the CDs are labeled “CD Audio”.

## *NetLibrary now Ebsco Ebooks*

In March 2011, Ebsco purchased NetLibrary and is now the host and supplier of Del Mar Libraries' collection of ebooks. You will be able to search within Ebsco for ebooks. Del Mar has over 31,000 ebooks from NetLibrary, and those will still be available under the Ebsco Ebooks. DMC Librarians have also purchased 376 new ebooks from Ebsco. The Library's new ebooks are concentrated in History, Literature, Nursing and Allied Health and Business.

A search of the DMCnet catalog will bring up any ebooks that are appropriate to that search. You can also search ebooks by choosing EBSCO from the Research Resources list on the Library's home page. A list will appear with ebooks as an option for searching. Also, doing a search in most Ebsco databases will include relevant ebooks in the result list.

Printing is limited to 60 pages per book per user. Only one user at a time may view an ebook. Please contact the Reference Librarians if you have questions or wish to learn more about using ebooks from the Del Mar College Libraries.

**Science Resources** Access Science will no longer be accessible as an electronic resource through Del Mar College Libraries. Our budget forced us to eliminate resources that were not highly used. We still have access to science resources online through Ebsco including Academic Search Complete, AGRICOLA, Encyclopedia of Animals, GreenFile and the Science & Technology Collection as well as Credo Reference (online subject encyclopedias in science and technology) and Britannica Academic Online. Please contact the Librarians (see contact information below) if you need help finding information on science and technology.

## Library Instruction

The Library continues to offer Library Instruction to classes whose instructors request it. These sessions can be held at the White Library on the East Campus or the Barth Library on the West Campus. *Call early with your instruction request to get on our calendar.* Research has shown that the best library instruction sessions are paired with a current assignment. Students are motivated and the information is used immediately. Because of our reduced staff, we may not be able to offer instruction at your preferred time and date, and we will not be able to accommodate any last minute requests for Library Instruction. As you are completing your class planning, please call us to arrange a Library Instruction session.

### Questions about the Library? Contact us!

Contact the Reference Librarians  
in several ways:

- phone, 698-1311 (East)
- phone, 698-1877 (West),
- email at [refdesk@delmar.edu](mailto:refdesk@delmar.edu)
- chat service, from the Library's home page and mobile site
- in person at either Library

## Staff changes

Recent re-organization of the library has resulted in the addition of Librarian Susan Harvey to the Reference staff. Formerly Head of Technical Services, Harvey brings a wealth of information and expertise to assist students with Reference questions. Former Reference Assistant Stacy Butler is now at the Barth Learning Resource Center on Saturdays. Darin Oliver, Ruth Dunn, and part-time librarian Rebecca Dillen are moving on to other opportunities, and we wish them the best.