We are excited to offer new and improved library services for our campus community this Fall semester! These include a new curbside pick-up option for students to use to check out print books and reserve textbooks, as well as the option for students to Zoom with librarians. This issue will focus on how library services will work this semester, as well as highlight some other new changes.

Please note that we do have an Off-Campus Research Guide (URL listed in the graphic above) with (1) up-to-date information about library services and (2) information on how to research at BC. There is a Students tab as well as a Faculty tab.
The library building is still closed to students, but we are delighted to offer curbside pickup of books and reserve textbooks for our students this year. To use curbside pickup, students should use the library chatbox on the library homepage to chat with a librarian and let them know they'd like to check out book(s). Librarians will help them find books on their topic, then will take the student's full name, BC ID number, and phone number, before passing that info along to a library staff member at Circulation.

Circulation will call the student to set up an appointment to retrieve their book(s). **Curbside pickup appointments are available Monday-Thursday, 8am-8pm.**

To pick up their books, students should come to the outside of the library by the traffic circle between the library and the administration building. A staff member will meet them to pass off the book. Students should make sure to bring a photo ID with them, and should wear a mask for the hand-off.

To return their books, students may use the library book-drop located in the traffic circle.
Librarians are available to help students with their research questions via library chat this semester. Students may access library chat by clicking on the "Ask Us" chatbox that pops up on the upper right side of the library homepage. When students use library chat, they are speaking with a BC librarian in real time, not a robot! Students are welcome to ask any questions they have about the library or about the research they need to do for their BC courses.

We hope BC faculty and staff will help us advertise this service to our students this semester as they brave research for their online courses.

Library chat hours for Fall 2020 are as follows:
Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm
Friday 8am-12pm
Saturday 11am-3pm.

We are also happy to begin providing students with the option to Zoom with a librarian if they prefer to talk to someone face to face. Students should use library chat to request a Zoom appointment with a librarian.
LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

The library offers several alternatives for its traditional F2F orientations this semester. Orientations have traditionally consisted of a one-hour library session customized to a class’s particular research needs.

For **Online Flexible courses**, faculty may request that a librarian create a course-specific LibGuide of library resources relevant to their course (for examples of LibGuides that have already been made, see the LibGuide page on the library website), as well as a tutorial-style PowerPoint. In addition, faculty may request a pre-recorded Zoom session and can share the link to the recording with their students. Be aware the recording only remains in the cloud for approximately 30 days.

For **Online Scheduled courses**, faculty may request that a librarian give a Zoom orientation for their course. The Zoom session would be very similar to a traditional F2F orientation, but would simply take place via Zoom.

To request either of these options, please email Library Chair Kirk Russell at krussell@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

The library will not offer F2F library workshops for the Fall semester. However, the library does offer online alternatives for all of these workshops.

All of our workshops are available as tutorials in our LibGuides. Find the link to those here: https://bakersfieldcollege.libguides.com/researchskills

In addition, the library has created Canvas modules for all of the workshops it currently offers. Faculty can download the modules into their Canvas courses for students to take. Each module is in 2 parts: a page with a tutorial on the workshop topic, as well as a 5 question quiz. To download the Canvas modules, simply to to the Canvas Commons, type in "Bakersfield College Library," and you will see all of the library's modules.

NEW! APA & MLA WORKSHOP MODULES

In addition to our regular workshop modules in Canvas, we are happy to announce that we now have 2 modules to help students learn APA style and MLA style citation.
GET OUT THE BC VOTE

The BC Library is partnering with BCSGA & the Kern County Office of Elections to Get Out the BC Vote this Fall! We will be releasing a schedule of events and activities to take place in October, prior to the November election, so please keep your eyes peeled for that announcement.

We will also be releasing an updated version of our Get Out the Vote LibGuide. This guide will contain information on how to vote this November, as well as information about the issues and people on the ballot in Kern County. Once we release the guide, we encourage you to share this with your students, as this election will be a little confusing due to the changes made as a result of the global pandemic.

A preview of some info on the guide
- Everyone in CA will receive a ballot by mail
- You can mail in your ballot, but it is better to do so early
- You can also drop off your ballot at various locations (location info to come).
- You can also vote in person at polling locations, but you must bring your mailed ballot with you.
- Polling locations will have health safety measures in place, and people will most likely have to wait outside in lines.