Cerro Author 2019-2020

We are delighted to have Erin Gruwell as our Cerro Author for 2019-2020. Erin Gruwell is a teacher, education activist, and the founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation. She created the Freedom Writer Methods, a progressive teaching philosophy and curricula designed to achieve excellence from all students.

By fostering an educational philosophy that valued and promoted diversity, Gruwell transformed her students' lives. She encouraged them to re-think rigid beliefs about themselves and others, reconsider their own daily decisions, ultimately re-chart their future. Through poignant student entries and her narrative text, her book The Freedom Writers Diary records the students crusade against tolerance and misunderstanding.

Ms. Gruwell will be on campus on October 2 to speak about her book. The schedule of events is as follows.

10:00 A.M | Student Lecture | Indoor Theatre
1:00 P.M. | Student Lecture | Indoor Theatre & LiveCast to Delano
7:00 P.M. | Public Lecture | Indoor Theatre

The library has 200 copies of The Freedom Writers Diary available to students for free on a first-come, first-serve basis. These are available at the reference desk. Students must bring a BC student ID to receive a copy.

For more information about Ms. Gruwell’s visit, please visit https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/cerro-authors
The schedule for the Fall 2019 Library Research Skills Workshops is now available in print at the reference desk as well as on the library website. We are pleased to offer 44 instances of our 8 different workshops on the Panorama campus, in addition to 16 workshops on the Delano campus.

This year, **the library has instituted a new policy of requiring students to register for workshops in advance.** This change is due to the increasing number of students attending workshops, which has rendered our previous first-come, first-serve policy inadequate. Students must register online in order to attend a workshop, and those who do not arrive on time may lose their seats. We thank you for encouraging your students to sign up for these workshops, and we hope you will work with us to remind students of our new policy regarding registration.

Students may sign up for workshops at [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/workshops/library](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/workshops/library)

We currently offer the following workshops:

- Strategies for Effective Research
- Finding Books and Ebooks
- Finding Articles in Periodical Databases
- Using Google for Internet Searching
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Evaluating Internet Sources
- Detecting Fake News
- Evaluating Books and Articles

For descriptions of each workshop, go to [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/workshop-descriptions](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/workshop-descriptions)

**Library Circulation Policies**

For all of the new faculty joining us this year (as well as any other faculty who might need a refresher!), our circulation policies are as follows.

- Students must present their BC student ID in order to check out books or study rooms from the library (including reserve books). We do not accept state-issued IDs, only a valid BC student ID.
- Students can check out up to 20 books at one time, with a check-out period of 3 weeks. Students are allowed to renew each book up to 2 times.
- Faculty are also welcome to check out books. Faculty are allowed 20 books at a time, for a check-out period of 105 days (essentially, a semester).
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BC LIBRARY STATISTICS

CIRCULATION (CHECK-OUTS & SEARCHES)

8,140 General Books
263,415 Ebook Searches
12,601 Reserve Books
986,041 Database Searches

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

185 customized library orientations

BCSW: 11
DELANO: 27
PANORAMA: 147

111 research skills workshops
4 sections of LIBR B1

COLLECTIONS

84,123 books inventoried in our collection (includes 10,671 ebooks)
690 titles added to collection (728 volumes)

LIBRARY TOOLS

93 LibGuides with 20,221 yearly views
30 videos with 3,474 yearly views
10 Canvas modules with 522 downloads

REFERENCE

9,547 Reference questions answered
Including 896 online chat sessions!
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