Ventura College Library

"This ain't no party. This ain't no disco. This ain't no fooling around." -- David Byrne

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is April 1, so it feels weird to bypass an April Fool's Day joke, yet at the same time it seems inappropriate to make light of anything given COVID-19. A month ago when I sent out the March Library newsletter, the Library doors were still wide open and students and classes were coming in on a regular and daily basis. On some days, our foot traffic in the Library alone topped 1,000 persons a day! So, given how much everything has changed for us and for you and also given that it is April 1, the Talking Heads quote above only seemed appropriate.

It is now April. So much as changed. Just as with your classes, all student services and all of our students, all VC Library operations have moved 100% completely online. Please find attached in the April edition of the Library newsletter details on how we are continuing to serve our students via new, innovative and creative strategies. My sincere and deep appreciation to all of my excellent colleagues in the Library for rising to the challenge and making our services available to students in this brave new world.

Briefly, here are ways that we can meet (and hopefully, exceed) your students' information needs during the time of COVID-19:

- Zoom sessions for Library orientations
- Real-time, live librarian Chat reference
- Access to free electronic textbooks
- Embedded librarians in your DE course shells
- Librarian-created Canvas modules
- Librarian consultation on effective library assignments

If you have questions about any of the topics listed above, please do continue to read this month's Library newsletter or reach out to any librarian listed on the next page. The newsletter this month is longer than usual and on the Library homepage you will see three versions of the newsletter -- a complete version that is 6 pages long and a copy of what is attached to this email, as well as one-page quick sheets, one designed for faculty and one designed for distribution to students by posting in your online course shells.

I hope that all of you are doing well and staying safe.

And, given that many of you know my favorite band it only seems fitting to end with another rock and roll quote: "We will get by. We will survive!"

Be safe and wash your hands,
--Peter

COVID-19 Special Edition:
Teaching & Learning with the Library from Home

Although we are not on campus, the library is still here to help the Ventura College community teach and learn. We are keeping our website updated with resources to help you and your students use the library remotely, get help from our library staff, and access new free online resources as they become available. We also have implemented a new chat reference service, so students can communicate with librarians in real-time to get help with their research.

On the next two pages, you will find flyers that outline all of this. The first flyer is designed for faculty and goes over all of the services and resources we have to help you teach online. The second flyer is designed for students and provides them with information on how to access library resources and get help.

After the flyers, you will see some pictures of from our library classified professionals and librarians showing off their home offices and work buddies. We hope these will bring some cheer to your day!

As always, if you have any questions about library services and resources, or would like a custom-made guide or Canvas module for your classes, please contact us!

We're Here to Help! Contact Us!

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ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES
for faculty working from home

CANVAS

[Canvas Commons](#)
The library created research modules that you can add to your courses. If you would like a custom-made module for your course or specific assignment, let us know!
[Embedding Library Content How-To](#)
You can also embed content from our [databases](#), [Library Guides](#), or our [YouTube channel](#).

LIBRARY CHAT

Live, real-time help from a librarian is now available on our website! Librarians will be online to help your students during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 8:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Check out this [video](#) to learn more!

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Librarians are available to Zoom into your classes for library instruction!

Contact Peter Sezzi to schedule a session.

HELPFUL GUIDES

[Online Resources for Faculty](#)
[Embedding Library Content in Canvas](#)
[Open Educational Resources](#)
[Services for Faculty](#)
[All Library Guides](#)

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

[VitalSource](#) and [RedShelf](#)
Free access through May 25 to electronic textbooks. Students may access up to 7 textbooks.
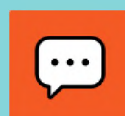[JoVE](#)
Free access to science videos through June 15.
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[National Emergency Library](#)
Free access to more than 1 million books.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

[OneSearch](#)
Search across all library databases at once.
[Databases A-Z](#)
Search individual article and ebook databases.
[Films on Demand](#)
Access more than 31,000 videos.
[Hoopla](#)
Create an account to access ebooks, audiobooks, TV shows, movies, and music.
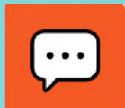
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📖 LIBRARY RESOURCES

OneSearch
Search across all library databases at once.

Databases A-Z
Search individual article and ebook databases.

Films on Demand
Access more than 31,000 videos.

Hoopla
Create an account to access ebooks, audiobooks, TV shows, movies, and music.

💻 FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

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National Emergency Library
Free access to more than 1 million books.

📍 LIBRARY GUIDES

Our Library Guides will help you with research in specific subjects. Browse through all of our Library Guides or take a look at a few that will help you navigate the library from home.

Library Resources for Distance Education
APA 7th Edition Guide
MLA 8th Edition Guide

🎥 LIBRARY VIDEOS

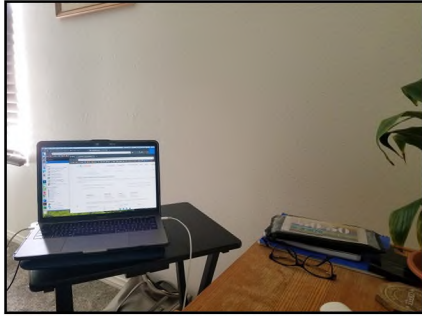Video tutorials on using library resources are available on our YouTube channel.

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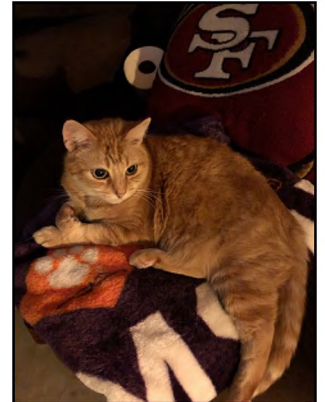| Peter H. Sezzi | Kaela Casey | Linda Kennedy | Circulation Desk |
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New Library Offices and Colleagues

Linda's office is quiet and peaceful with a couple of furry friends to cuddle with.

Dana's new office has a beautiful view of her garden. She also has an assistant, Beanie, who is on lizard-catching duty!
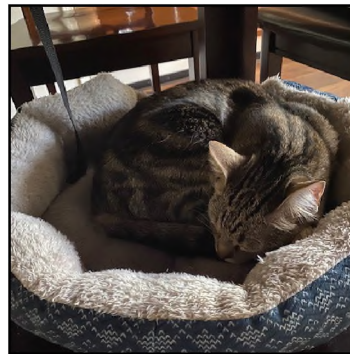

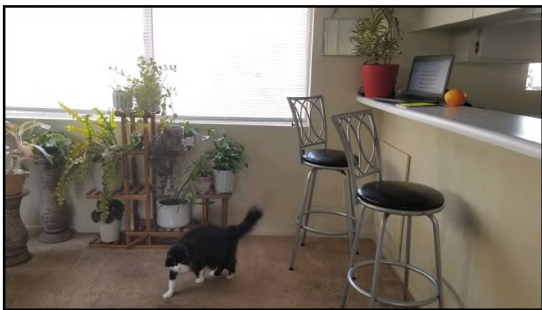Tea gets some help from her furry friend in her new office.

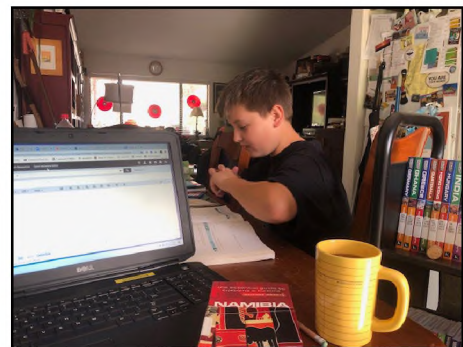# New Library Offices and Colleagues

Yvonne's office is a beautiful cabin getaway with her co-worker Shasta.

Kaela keeps her new office cozy. Her co-worker, Tortie, is a diligent worker, while Coco likes to sleep on the job.

Sarah's office brings the outdoors indoors with lots of plants and a furry friend.

Peter's new office lets him multitask with his co-worker.