In March, CRC students had the opportunity to participate in Women’s History Month at the CRC Library. During our WHM Essay contest, students checked out selected books, read them and wrote an essay responding to the book. The essay prompt brought in the Women’s History Month theme of considering how women challenge stereotypes and social assumptions about who women are and what they can do. This was the first activity of its kind at the CRC Library, and librarians were pleased with the interest and participation from students. Emily Bond, one of the contest organizers stated, “I was really pleased with the thoughtfulness and effort that students put into their essays. They were exciting to read!” First place was awarded to Oswaldo Vargas Diaz for his essay on *Different Daughters: A History of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Rise of the Lesbian Rights Movement*. Oswaldo and the second and third place winners, Christina Law and Adrienne Herana, were each awarded Hawk’s Nest gift cards made possible by a CRC Foundation grant! “We hope to hold the contest again. It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage students’ reading and writing, and loved being part of Women’s History Month at the college,” stated Emily. To learn more about the Women’s History Month Essay Contest check out this link.

Did you know...The Library now offers a Chat a Librarian service? You can easily get quick librarian help with just a few keystrokes. Just click on the yellow Ask a Librarian box on our library website!

### NEW FILMS AT THE LIBRARY!

(Grading finals got you fried? Check out one of these DVDs from the library!)

- **MLK: A Call to Conscience**
- **To Kill a Mockingbird**
- **The Theory of Everything**
- **Birdman, or, (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)**
- **Boyhood**
- **Seven Samurai**
HOME GROWN AUTHORS AT CRC

Look around you. Did you know that right here at CRC we have a crop of authors creating and sharing stories with the world?

Take, for example, Paul Francois. Paul is a mild-mannered member of CRC’s IT team by day, but by night he is a blossoming author who has written one novel with a second coming soon. You can check out Paul’s first novel, The Gatherer, from the CRC Library, and you can keep track of his upcoming novel, Shadowbane: The Age of Aelfborn, on his website.

Emmanuel Sigauke teaches literature to CRC students, unlocking beautiful language and stories written throughout the decades. Emmanuel not only celebrates the writing of others, but he also creates and captures stories himself. Emmanuel has published poetry and fiction in a variety of publications including two African Roar anthologies which are available to be checked out at the CRC Library. You can also read his most recent work, Mukoma’s Marriage and Other Stories. These stories provide an intriguing look at Zimbabwean life through the eyes of Fati as he tells the stories of his family.

A New Book to Support Your Discipline? ....We Can Get That!

The CRC Library always invites suggestions for purchase to help build our collection. The books and videos on our shelves (both real and virtual) are designed to support the programs and classes at CRC. If you find new material that would help boost your students’ success – ask us to buy it!

An online Purchase Request Form is now available on the library’s website. It’s easy to use and helps us track our communication with faculty. Since its creation in the fall 2014, we’ve already received more than 20 requests, and those new items like

“Mendez vs. Westminster,” “Jihad: The Origin of Holy War in Islam,” “The Power of One Voice,” and “Maus: A Survivor’s Tale” are available for checkout. Faculty requests receive the highest priority. We value your input.

Thus far in 2015, the library has been able to purchase over 1,160 new books and videos to support student learning at the college.

Consider checking out the works of one of these CRC authors for your summer reading!

Are you a CRC author? Tell us about your writing!
STUDENTS FIND GOLD AT THE CRC LIBRARY

During spring 2015, CRC library staff launched a Golden Ticket program for students. When students check out textbooks and other Course Reserves materials, they fill out a Golden Ticket with the call number of the items they are using. They hold on to their Golden Ticket and each time they check out those course reserves items they earn a stamp. With 6 stamps, they are entered to win a free print card. The purpose of the promotion was to help students access and come prepared to use the Course Materials they need. It was also an opportunity to reward student use of these valuable materials.

Since January, the library has recorded over 630 entries into the print card drawing, which means that these students have checked out Reserve materials more than 6 times! The Golden Ticket program has been so popular that we will be continuing it during upcoming semesters. Here are a few of the happy print card winners from spring!

BORROWING MATERIALS FROM SPL

By Henry Gordon

If you can’t find something in the CRC library, maybe the public library has it. Sacramento Public Library has a rich collection of current fiction and nonfiction books, audiobooks and DVD movies. They often have multiple copies of books that students need for assignments and faculty may find relevant videos, music and books to enrich instruction.

At Cosumnes River College, we are fortunate to have the Valley Hi-North Laguna Public Library branch right across the street on Bruceville Road. All you need to obtain a library card and access public library materials and services is proof of residence anywhere in California. Make sure you set up (and remember) the PIN number for your account.

Search for books and other media at http://www.saclibrarycatalog.org/ If you find an item that you want to borrow, click on the “Request it” button and have it sent to whatever library branch is most convenient. If you need an item immediately, and are willing to drive to the library branch where it is located, arrange for a “priority hold” by calling the Sacramento Public Library information number at 916-264-2920.

LIBRARY SYSTEM UPGRADE

The Los Rios libraries are in the process of upgrading our library system and user interface. The library system is the tool that we use to manage and run our libraries and it will be upgraded just after the spring 2015 semester ends. Students, faculty, and staff probably won’t notice anything during this transition, but there will be a small period of downtime when students will not be able to pay library fines (mornings of May 21 & June 3rd). The new library system will allow students to pay library fines online and will provide tools for better reporting and statistics by library staff.

The most exciting part of the upgrade is our updated OneSearch, which is the new library user interface. Using OneSearch, students, faculty, and staff are able to search books, eBooks, articles and more all through one simple search. They will be able to take a topic of interest and in just a few clicks find a wide variety of materials available from the CRC Library. To learn more about OneSearch check out our website or chat with a librarian today!

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Q: Does the CRC Library have eBooks?

A: Yes! The library has an extensive collection of eBooks related to course curricula which are easy to access from the library website. To find an eBook, search for your topic through our OneSearch box on the library homepage. Your search will automatically find books, eBooks, articles and more on your topic. You can limit your search to eBooks by selecting the Source Types option. You might have to “Show More” to see eBooks. You can also see eBooks by visiting the EBSCO eBook Collection database. This database allows you to browse a huge selection of eBooks or search by topic or title.

Oh and by the way… you can read next year’s OneBook in eBook format. Here’s the link to Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States by Seth M. Holmes.

To learn more about eBooks available from the CRC Library checkout this link!