LIBRARY GAZETTE

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WHAT'S NEW AND TRUE AT THE LIBRARY THIS YEAR?

Our primary periodical database, EBSCO, is a combination of various resources: magazines, journals, pamphlets, newspapers, biographies, reference books, and images. There are items of interest to researchers, both student and professional. Over 500 periodicals are on tap and take the place of the magazine archives BHS had before we included the Career Center as a part of the Library complex. Many of these periodicals go back ten years or more.

EBSCO & Novelist

If you would like to in-service your students on the use of the EBSCO database, you may access the very fine tutorial at <http://ehostvgw18.epnet.com/help/Quick_Tour.htm>.

FACTS.com is the historian/economist/scientist's dream come true. Resources included here are *World News Digest* (1980-2002), *Facts on File News Archive* (1950-1979), *World News Special Features, Reuters News* (last two weeks), *Issues and Controversies, Today's Science, World Almanac,* and the *World Almanac Encyclopedia.* Bearcats may access from the menu *Today's News, Maps, Photos and Graphics, Indexes, and a helpful About This Database.* Note a couple of the practical items just below.

Current events in science and social science

A brand new addition to the Cybrary is the MLA page which includes three interactive citation machines or engines to help our student (and faculty) researchers with that all-important "Works Cited" page. Not only do the sites on this page give MLA-specific instruction, but examples are given for each of the citation types, as well. Both sites are authored by respected educators.

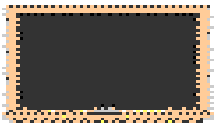
New Works Cited Helps

This year Bonita's Cybrarian has reorganized our Quick Reference selections to include BHS-specific resources by subject areas. Both Mr. Sornborger and Mr. Cunningham have taken advantage of the science links under the *Bonita Science Faire* page of the Science section. The disciplines covered include Business/Economics, Education, English: Literature/Grammar/Composition/Journalism, Fine Arts: Art/Drama/Music, Foreign Languages, Government/History/Geography/Social Science Issues, Mathematics, Sciences, Sports, and Technology.

Quick Reference by Subject Areas

Got a student who needs help with study skills? Design a plan for him/her at Joseph Frank Landsberg's *Study Guides and Strategies* site. Language is not a problem there since the site can be translated automatically into Kudos, Amharic, Arabic, Indonesian-Malayan, Chinese, Croatian, Deutsch, Spanish, French, Italian, Korean, Lugandan, Portuguese, Russian, Tamil, Turkish. Need I say more?

Study Guides for the Serious Student



The main navigational frame of the Bonita High School Electronic Library has been recently given a face lift to compact its offerings and make it more appealing to our Bearcats. The page that links to each icon or graphic follows through with the same artwork to create a learning connection. Your Cybrarian wants to cover all facets of Bonita's curriculum; so, if you feel that your discipline has been given short shrift, let her know and she will make accomodations for your subject area.

Reading in the Content Areas - An Invitation

Have you wanted to learn more about presentation software in order to help your students get started, but just didn't know how to get started yourself? Guess what; the Reading in the Content Areas page features tutorials on Microsoft Office; Adobe Illustrator, PageMaker, and Photoshop; plus others!

What's more, if you want to get together with a few staffmates and practice doing a few presentations of your own at the library computers on your conference period, you will be welcomed by your librarian who is also continually learning new things to help our Bearcats.

By the way, have some of your students missed out on Freshman Orientation, or at least seem as though they have? Do your kids just not seem to know how to use the library? Well, perhaps they need an information literacy refresher session.

Take a Pick: Two Library Orientations

When you bring them in for the first day of your yearly research project, make arrangements for them to do another mini-orientation. Your librarian will take you through the two available orientation lessons beforehand, and you can pick out just the parts that your students seem to need to get them back on track. We can also design an entirely new library lesson to meet your personal specifications, if you like.

I hate to admit it, but our library still doesn't have everything that your lieblings might need for your

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Suggestions for Library Collection Acquisition
2002 - 2003, Bonita High School

Department _____
Name _____

Items Suggested (Titles or types of resources needed)	What Content Area Standard does this item meet?	Will this item be used by the teacher in the classroom, or will the student check it out from the library?

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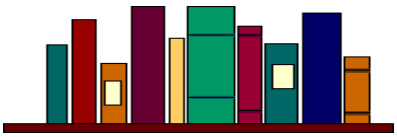
classwork. We are buying a huge number of titles this year, but there are always more, aren't there! Just in case we don't have what is needed for your class, it is nice to know that the La Verne Public Library up the street has access to the entire collection of the L. A. County Library System and can arrange for inter-library loans for your students. If they want to know what the La Verne branch can get for them, all they have to do is click on the icon found on our library page and get right into the L.A. catalog!



La Verne Public Library

By the way, our Cybrary has copies of many current issues of local newspapers for yourself and your students. At this time we have links to the *Daily Bulletin*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *USA Today*, the *International Herald Tribune*, which includes both *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

Extra! Extra! Online News and Periodicals

On the same Web page are current issues of such magazines/journals as *Byte, Campus Life, Converge Magazine, Current Issues in Education, Education Week, ERIC Digests, ESL Magazine, Field and Stream/ Outdoor Life, Golf Online, T.H.E. Journal (Technological Horizons in Education), Learning and Leading with Technology, MacWorld, Motor Trend, Multicultural Review, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Reading Online, Science, Science News Online, Scientific American, Smithsonian, Teacher Magazine, Time Magazine,* and many more.

It's That Time Again...Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Form for Library Acquisition Suggestions from the Library Today!

The Library's main emphasis this year is on print materials for student checkout, but that doesn't mean you can't get your "dibs" in for next year when more money will be spent on other circulating library resources.

Actually, with the increased number of books required to address the 20-books-per-student State goal, most of the money coming from the "regular library budget" will be spent on shelving the new print materials this year, along with Accelerated Reader quizzes to help boost our "at-risk students'" reading levels. However, next year "non-print" circulating library materials such as videos, CDs, etc., will be given a higher priority.

Also, we will be ordering a few "mainstay" periodicals this year, but we will not be storing them due to lack of storage room, nor will we be indexing them, since all periodicals needed for research here at Bonita can be found on our EBSCO database which comes with its own form of indexing.

After the next issue of a periodical comes out, next year, we will process the older one for checkout, thereby increasing our store of "Circulating Periodicals," or we will give them to classroom teachers. For this reason, we will be ordering only the most informative of magazine offerings. If this concerns you, check out the wide range of titles offered on EBSCO - you will be surprised just how comprehensive the selection is.

Next year we will be adding more databases to our existing collection, so please let us know your preferences so that we can plan ahead.

The Suggested Acquisitions Form above qualifies each request with its relationship to California State Standards for very good reasons. We have brought up the "easy" scores by successfully impressing our students with the importance of the tests put out by the State. Now we have the more difficult job in bringing up the scores earned by the students whose skills need a great bit of sharpening. One of the most important of these is our students' average reading level.

Please make your suggestions with reading levels in mind and you will not be disappointed this year or next. Remember, at this time the API is our paramount concern. We can do it, if we put our money where it counts!