



Cougar Reads

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Need Library Services? Text Us Your Questions.

Need to find a book or help locating information? Text questions from a mobile phone and receive an answer from a trained librarian within minutes.

Libraries are capitalizing on the popularity of texting to bring a new service, My Info Quest, to users. The Alliance Library System in East Peoria has initiated the campaign to



bring My Info Quest to area libraries, including the ICC library. While Alliance is coordinating the nationwide pilot program, ICC librarians Amy Glass, Gayla Martindale and Cate Parish are working hard to bring this traditional refer-

ence service to cell phone users in the ICC community.

My Info Quest operates using one central number for users to text from. Kick-off will be in September. Full information will appear in upcoming issues.

LibGuides offer online classroom assistance

The ICC Library is actively working to bring another educational resource to teachers and students.

LibGuides are online courses or subject-specific guides created by librarians. They can link to Black-

board for research assistance and as a classroom tool. They use certain Web 2.0 technologies and allow for live chat with a librarian. While still under construction, those interested can get a basic idea of LibGuides by visiting [\[libguides.icc.edu\]\(http://libguides.icc.edu\).](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The first Guides will be piloted this fall. To have a LibGuide created for a subject or course, contact librarians Amy Glass, Cate Parish or Wendy Xie.

Library Website Redesign Underway

With the start of the fall semester will come an enhanced library website. A complete redesign is currently underway to bring a simpler and more functional website to patrons.

The new website will feature a more modern look and streamlined design. It will work on mobile devices and have links to the library's new FaceBook, Twitter and Delicious accounts (premiering with the new website). LibGuides, a new online course-related resource currently under construction, will also be accessible through the new website.

The redesign is aimed at making the website more-user friendly. It also will utilize more modern technologies.

Staff Stoplight Outstanding Librarians

Each month, staff nominate a library employee who exemplifies outstanding service.

Winners are:

BEV MORRICAL

Nominated in March for outstanding service to patrons.

SANDY SCHATSIEK

Nominated in April for excellent participation in the Faculty Focus Committee.

EMILY BYRON

Nominated in May for exceptional customer service.



Downtown Campus Library Remodel

Staff at PDC have been remodeling to create a better workspace. Changes will be ongoing throughout the fall.