

Welcome new and returning faculty, students and staff to another exciting year (2019) at CCSJ! In this Newsletter, we will re-introduce you what the Library can support you in your teaching, learning and working!

CCSJ Specker Library has a wide range of materials and services that support our students, faculty and staff in their teaching, learning and improving. We have close to 10,000 books and journal back issues. We also have DVDs, AV equipment, and several online databases. EBSCO Online Databases, one of the most popular databases in the world, contain thousands of full text scholarly articles with reference and citation features. Interlibrary loan service (IL) enables you to borrow materials from other libraries nationwide. Library instruction, reference and research assistance are also available at the Library. Library instruction teaches critical thinking skills, and skills in designing and defining searching strategies, evaluating resources, critical reading and citing sources in various publication styles and more. Dr. Qi Chen, Library Director can also assist you with your course design, resource gathering and help your students with assignments, projects or research papers, finding good topics, interpreting literature, and writing to avoid plagiarism. Please come to see Qi!

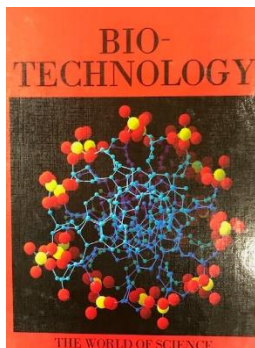
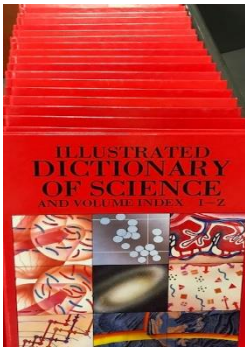
Library Staff Update:

Br. Jerry Schwieterman, Campus Ministry and Archivist is leaving us in 2019. Br. Jerry was a great help to the library, who helped us manage the front desk, answer questions, deliver text books and respond phone requests and more. The College held a farewell party for Br. Jerry on January 16th. Thank you Br. Jerry for all you have done for the Library and the College.



Library Collection Development

Recently, the Library has received a set of science books. This 24-volume set covers areas from human body to universe, chemistry, physics, solar system, medical science and more. This set



talks science from everyday life and will attract our students' attention and stimulate their interest and curiosity in science. These books will be cataloged soon and put on library shelves. Please come to check them out.



Community Involvement



During the Holiday Season, Library Director, Dr. Chen, who also serves as the Executive Director of the Chicago Chinese Performing Arts (CCPA), a non-profit organization, together with other CCPA members visited senior citizens and performed at Senior Citizen Home in Chicago Chinatown. It has been a tradition for CCPA members to visit and perform at



seniors citizen homes for the past several years during holidays including Chinese New Year (Jan.-Feb.), Mid-autumn Festival (October), Thanksgiving and Christmas.