Meet the Librarians!

Have you met the newest members of our library team? Faith Bradham and Sondra Keckley joined us in August 2015, while Mindy Wilmot arrived in September 2014. Anna Agenjo still reigns supreme as our benevolent Library Chair, and Kirk Russell maintains his duties as the excellent Technical Services Librarian.

**Mindy Wilmot**

Mindy is a Kern County native, born in Taft and raised in Arvin. She earned a BA in English from CSUB and a Master's of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Mindy spent 7 years teaching at Highland High School in Bakersfield as an English teacher and then as a Teacher Librarian.

**Faith Bradham**

Faith is new to California, having been born and raised in Texas. She holds a BA in English, with minors in classics and comparative literature, from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master's of Library Science from Indiana University. Faith joined the BC community directly out of graduate school.

**Sondra Keckley**

Sondra holds a BA in biology, with minors in social science and secondary education, from Alma College in Alma, Michigan. She earned a Master's in Education, in curriculum and instruction, from CSUB. She taught biology at Stockdale High School for 11 years, then became the Teacher Librarian at Independence High School in 2008, where she taught for 7 years. She also holds a school library services teaching credential from Fresno Pacific University.
Cerro Author 2016 Announced

The Grace Van Dyke Bird Library is beyond excited to announce the 10th Cerro Author—Andy Weir. His name might not ring bells, but his book will. Weir is the author of *The Martian*, which the *Wall Street Journal* called the “purest example of real sci-fi for many years.” **Weir will visit campus on Tuesday, October 25th and Wednesday, October 26th, 2016.**

You may already know that Ridley Scott directed the film adapted from the novel, released in October of 2015, and Matt Damon just won a Golden Globe for his portrayal of Mark Watney, the astronaut abandoned on Mars. We believe the novel will engage students; and the story is relevant to disciplines from English to biology and astronomy and agriculture to psychology.

Weir describes himself as a “lifelong space nerd,” and his background supports that assessment. Raised in California, he began working as a computer programmer at the Sandia National Laboratory at age 15. A computer science major at UC San Diego, he left college before graduation and worked as a programmer at a variety of companies, including Blizzard, where he worked on the video game *Warcraft II*. While in his 20s, he began writing fiction, self-publishing it on his website Galactanet, where he published *The Martian* in serial form. He prides himself on the scientific accuracy he achieved in the novel. When his readers clamored for the novel in book form, he published it as a 99 cent Kindle book before he was approached by a publisher. It debuted on the New York Times bestseller list at #12 and had a mercurial ascent to #1 in various categories.

You can still follow Weir’s writing on Galactanet, and he is amazingly active on his Facebook page as well. **But, even better, if you would like to consider adopting *The Martian* in one of your courses, you can request a free examination copy from Anna Agenjo at the library. We hope to have an array of activities to support Weir’s visit that will further engage your students’ interest in Andy Weir’s *The Martian.***

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**Getting hip with the kids: social media at the library!**

Did you know that the library now has 3 (count ‘em) social media accounts? We are delving wholeheartedly into the digital world our students inhabit, and hope that this social media presence will allow us to engage with BC students in a more personal and connected manner. We maintain accounts on Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and we encourage all of you to follow us and to tell your students about these accounts! We use these accounts for library news, general library know-how, and fun library tidbits. We also encourage students to ask us reference questions over these platforms.

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🔗 @LibraryAtBC
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Anna was the first librarian featured in #MeettheLibrariansMonday!
https://www.instagram.com/p/BA-yGEPvq8a/
We are delighted to report the opening of a part-time library at the Delano Campus as of April 11! We are thrilled to begin offering library services for our Delano students. The library shares a building with the Delano Writing Center and Tutoring Center so that students can access all student services in one location.

Our Delano library hours are **Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm**. The library includes a reference collection and a small browsing collection, as well as several workstations and space for quiet study. The library offers library orientations for classes in Delano, and will eventually begin offering workshops as well.

Adjunct librarian **Elisabeth Sundby is our librarian on the ground in Delano**. Any questions about the Delano library can be directed to her at elisabeth.sundby@bakersfieldcollege.edu, or you can call the library at **661.720.2015**.


