

# Check It Out!

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## Professional Development Collection



The Merritt College Professional Development Collection, designed for professional educators, contains books that will enhance your knowledge of hot topics, best practices, conducting assessment, creating online courses, and more! The collection is located front-and-center as you enter the Library. Come on by and check out a book or two!

Want to enhance your professional knowledge or build new curriculum like Jennifer (story to the right)? You can request titles you'd like to read via email! Submit a [Purchase Request Form](#), located on the "For Faculty" page of our website, to [merrittlib@peralta.edu](mailto:merrittlib@peralta.edu) and let us know how we can support your professional development!

## Spotlight



Chemistry instructor Jennifer Shanoski (pictured above, top left, with students) recently requested **Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking** for inclusion in our Professional Development Collection. She explains how this title will benefit her instruction and her students: "Last summer I received a scholarship to attend a weeklong workshop on Food Chemistry sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The PDC supported this effort by paying for my travel. My reason for attending this conference was that I want to develop a general education food chemistry course with the ultimate goal of encouraging a wider audience to learn about and love chemistry. 'Modernist Cuisine' is something of an encyclopedia of the science of cooking; it consists of six volumes that cover the techniques, history, and chemical processes of cooking. I will use these books to help develop my curriculum."

Thanks for the suggestion, Jennifer! We will be purchasing this set and making them available for you and your students very soon!

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## Library Liaisons



We have launched a program to better support faculty's instruction needs. Our Library Liaisons are your personal guide to library resources and services. They will be reaching out to faculty periodically to solicit book recommendations, ask for input on services offered, and learn more about how the Library can enhance your students' learning. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your liaison about anything the Library can help with!

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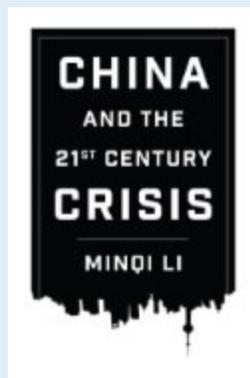
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## E-Books

We have recently updated our collection of E-Books, nearly tripling the amount we have access to! You can find E-Books on a variety of topics by visiting the [E-Book page](#) of our website. You can download books to read at home, offline, or on your tablet or e-Reader!



One of the newest books in our collection is **China and the 21st Century Crisis**. By Minqi Li, this book explores the impact of China's politics on its economic environment and how the imbalance in the system could lead to its collapse. Check out this title and more today!

## Africana Center and Ancestry.com



The Library is pleased to announce a partnership with the Africana Center to provide you access to ancestry.com! Discover your roots with ancestry.com's rich resources including historical documents, photographs, and a family tree database. Ancestry.com's 16 billion historical records include birth, death, military, and census records. You can search obituaries, find out the meaning of your last name, and trace your family tree using the 70 million recorded trees available. Thank you to Siri Brown and the Africana Center, Dera Williams, and the Office of the VPSS for making this service available to the community!

Access\* this wonderful resource today  
at [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)

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