

AUG/SEP 2025

VENTURA COLLEGE LIBRARY

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Welcome to Fall 2025!

Within the first two weeks of the semester, 397 students borrowed equipment, and all Chromebooks, hotspots, and film cameras have been checked out. The Library would like to thank the Ventura College Foundation for their purchase of 63 Chromebooks

The Library has continued to support ZTC courses with more than 1000 textbooks and 400 English course readers checked out so far. Our East Campus Library has also supported EC ZTC courses, with more than 300 textbooks checked out so far.

Our group study rooms were popular right from the start of the semester, so please remind students to reserve them in advance whenever possible. Reservations can be made from the [library website](#) up to 30 days in advance. Rooms can be reserved up to 2 hours, twice a day; and, rooms 227-230 include a TV screen for casting from personal devices.

The Library is excited for this new academic year and we are here to support you! If you have any questions, suggestions, ideas for collaborations or events, reach out to us!



Check This Out!

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

As a librarian, one of the most common questions you receive is "What's your favorite book?" Sometimes this is followed up with a "Why that book?" but most of the time, the query ends with the first question. Just last week a student on a scavenger hunt asked me this very question. My response to this student was the same as it always has been since I was first asked this question 20+ years ago in my first librarian job: "Fiction or Non-Fiction?" The student replied "Fiction" so the answer I'll give you here is the same I gave to her. It is an answer I can give without a moment of hesitation: Elena Ferrante's *My Brilliant Friend*, book 1 of her 4 volume Neopolitan saga. Much like Proust's *À la recherche du temps perdu* was to the 20th century, Ferrante's series is the best book of the 21st century. If you have read it, you likely will agree with me. And if you have read it and disagree with me, come up to the Library — I'll make you a coffee — let's talk about it! If you haven't read it, check it out, crack it open and start reading. You can thank me later. (Also, ask me next time you see me in person what my fav non-fiction book is — it is also an answer I can give without a moment of hesitation.

~ Peter Sezzi, Librarian



New Module on AI Literacy



The newest module of the Library Research Workshop series, All About AI, has been launched! The goal of this module is to develop students' AI literacy skills. Topics covered include:

- Basics of generative AI
- Prompt engineering
- Thinking critically about AI

The critical thinking piece is the most important, going deeper into concepts like bias, privacy, authorship, copyright, and the environmental impacts of generative AI. Additionally, the module highlights the importance of the learning process and academic honesty.

Like the other modules in our series, after completing the module, students will receive a digital badge. Faculty may assign this or any module and request students provide the badge as proof of completion.

The workshop series is a self-enroll, self-paced Canvas course. Each module takes 30-60 minutes to complete. Students can take one or all, in any order.



Students can enroll anytime at:
<https://vcccd.instructure.com/enroll/RLB99E>

Questions? Contact [Kaela Casey](#).

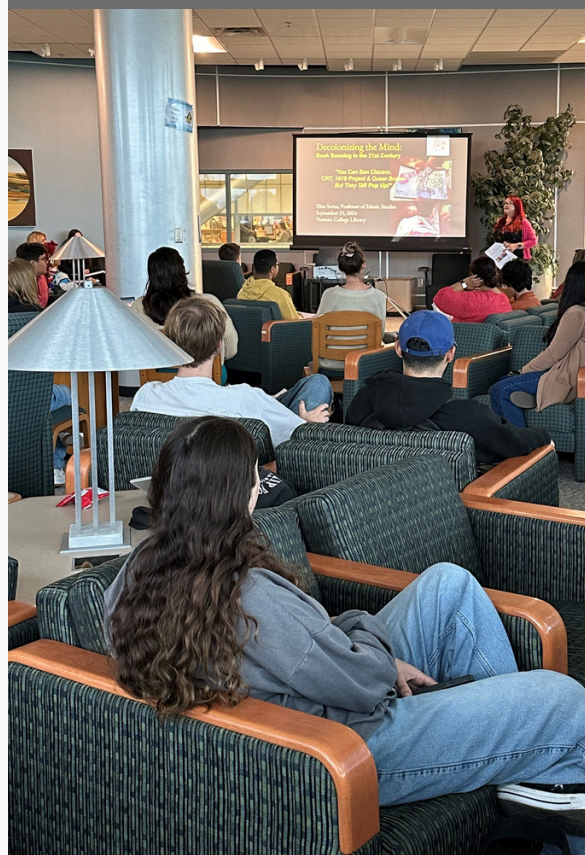
Upcoming Displays and Events

100TH ANNIVERSARY
Rotating display every month

NATIONAL HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 - October 15

MIDDAY MUSIC
September 16

BANNED BOOKS WEEK
October 5-11
Faculty Panel Discussion
October 9, 10am



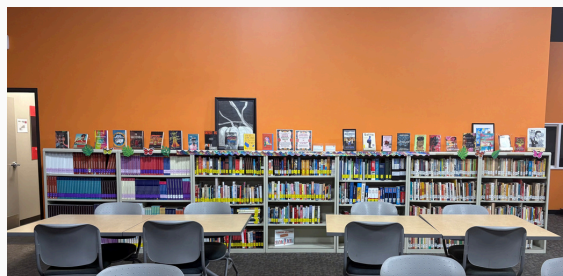
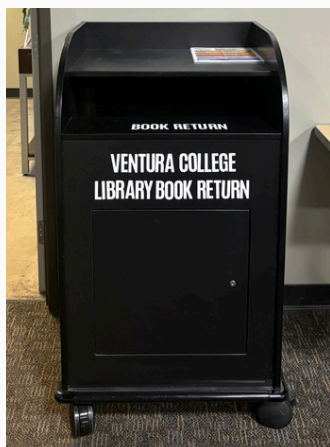


Visit the Remodeled VCEC Library!

The Ventura College Library – East Campus in Santa Paula has gotten a makeover! Over the summer, IT removed outdated desktop computers and replaced them with 18 new computers and desks for students to use to complete their coursework. Four new cubicle offices were installed in the LRC to accommodate staff from our Veterinary Tech, PACE, and Dual Enrollment programs, allowing for expansion of the services provided to students.

Most excitingly, the Library has a brand-new circulation desk where students can check out books from our growing collection, textbooks for class or get their questions answered. The new circulation desk is also accompanied by the addition of an indoor book drop located at the LRC main entrance.

While you are checking out the newly remodeled space, make sure to make time to browse our book display which features a new theme each month. This month showcases works by Latinx authors in celebration of Latinx Heritage Month.



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