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El Camino College to Present "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries"

The El Camino College Schauerman Library will join libraries across the state by participating in "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries" on Oct. 4 to show how important academic, public, school, and special libraries and library systems are to California.

This first-ever "Snapshot Day" was developed by the California Library Association (CLA) and is designed to show how libraries provide invaluable services to California citizens.

As part of the project, Schauerman Library staff will spend the day compiling statistics and comments from patrons, coordinating tours, and gathering relevant data – chronicling a typical day in the campus library. The results will be added to those of other libraries across California, to show how libraries provide important services to California citizens.

"Every kind of library provides unique and irreplaceable services; we know this because in communities across the state library usage is rising, and demand is growing for books and other resources, knowledgeable staff assistance and computer/Internet access - despite budget cuts, reduced hours and programs," said Kim Bui-Burton, CLA president and director of the Monterey Public Library. "We believe this California libraries 'snapshot' will show the essential library services and life-changing experiences that California's communities depend on, especially during these times of severe economic distress."

For more information, contact the Schauerman Library at 310-660-6483.