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# Check Out the Library

## HSU Library Seismic Retrofit Project Update

*Strengthening the Library and Inspiring Students to Transform the World*

By Cyril Oberlander,  
Dean of University Library

The Library Seismic Retrofit Project's primary objective is to update the structural safety of the Library. We will strengthen the columns along the southern side of the building to ensure uniformity between the Library's two buildings, relocate and permanently brace stacks, replace the roof, the elevator, and the fire alarm system, and improve ADA access. These required improvements also provide opportunities to enhance learning spaces and services to more effectively meet evolving student and faculty needs. We are developing innovative programs and spaces to foster and support learning, research, and publishing scholarship. This renovation allows us to create dynamic work spaces such as a Digital Media Lab that enables students to create websites, high-quality videos, animation, and podcasts for their research or creative works. Collaboration areas are equipped with large display screens for students to practice or give presentations. Renovated library spaces are key to supporting creative learning and sharing by empowering students with a variety of technologies that showcase their high-quality research and scholarship. Programs such as Library Scholar Internships combine research and hands-on learning with digital publishing designed to share research findings and creative works worldwide with HSU Press in print and digital scholarship.

The Library Seismic Retrofit Project is a series of crucial updates that provides timely opportunities for much needed renovations. With support and funding, here is what to expect of your Library in the coming years...

### WINTER BREAK – SPRING 2016

- 1st Floor: relocate the Tech Help Desk to improve service visibility; create a Digital Media Lab in L120; relocate current periodicals and newspapers near the Library Café.
- 2nd Floor: create the CoLab in 205, an experimental teaching space and collaborative computing area for students; expand group study areas.
- 3rd Floor: add seating in the quiet study areas along the windows.

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- Outside: brace south columns; replace roof; paint external walls.
- 1st Floor: integrate Reference Collection into main stacks to create more tutoring space; relocate Maps/Atlases to 3rd floor.
- 2nd Floor: add 20 new group study areas; relocate low-use journals to the basement where they will still be accessible from ILL as digitized articles or requested from the checkout desk.
- 3rd Floor: relocate California Documents to create space for the Humboldt Scholars Lab.

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- 2nd Floor: relocate media, microforms, and Children's Literature Collection to create space for another event room like the Fishbowl.
- 3rd Floor: begin construction of the Humboldt Scholars Lab and the Teaching and Learning Center.

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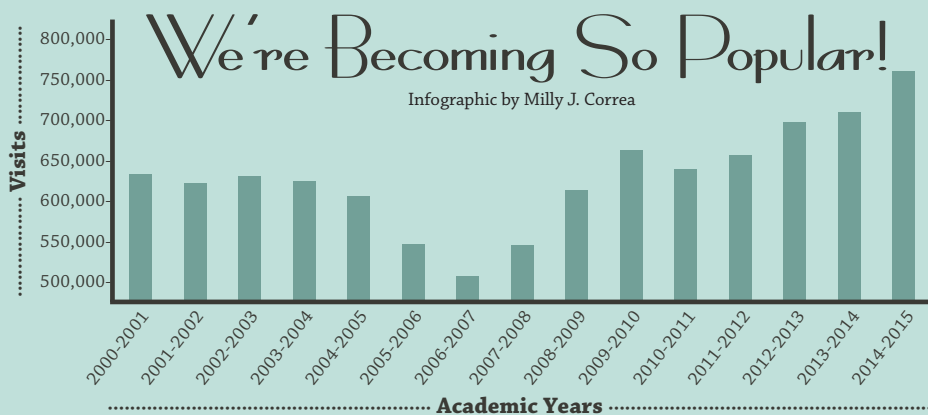
Final stages of the Library Seismic Retrofit Project include;

- All Floors: permanently brace all library shelves
- 3rd Floor: complete Humboldt Scholars Lab; build Special Collections and University Archives space to house primary sources and rare materials for teaching and reading; finalize the Teaching and Learning Center with construction possible in 2017/18.



*Library exterior west, Seismic Retrofit rendering*

The HSU Library does not plan to close during this project. We are committed to empowering community, lifelong learning, research, and scholarship, connecting people and ideas to inspire learning through curiosity and creativity. The opportunity to invest in students and knowledge at the HSU Library is open. If you are interested in hearing more about the Library Seismic Retrofit Project, or supporting Digital Media Lab, Humboldt Scholars Lab, Special Collections renovation, or Teaching & Learning Center, please contact Dean Cyril Oberlander: [cyril.oberlander@humboldt.edu](mailto:cyril.oberlander@humboldt.edu). To follow the Library Seismic Retrofit Project or share your ideas visit [library.humboldt.edu/about/retrofit.html](http://library.humboldt.edu/about/retrofit.html)



Number of visits have increased by **21%** in the past 15 years!

Thank you for making the Library your second home



## Technology at the Checkout Desk

By Bill Folden

Now more than ever, students are able to conveniently access the tools in the Library they need to succeed. Based on student feedback, the Library checkout desk now offers several new items for students to borrow for up to four hours including laptops, headphones, and TI-84 Plus and TI-30X IIS calculators. The laptops are equipped with everything the lab computers have plus wireless printing! With printers now available on each floor of the Library, you never have to walk too far to print out your papers or class notes. Laptops and headphones are for use in the Library only, but you can take the calculators to class. Come to the Library and speak with our friendly, helpful staff and students working at the checkout desk. We can help you find textbooks on reserve or tell you about all the great workshops and events happening in the Library. How else can the Library meet your needs? Please send your feedback to Circulation Supervisor, Bill Folden at [william.folden@humboldt.edu](mailto:william.folden@humboldt.edu).

## Borrow Longer

Undegraduates and alumni can now borrow books for 16 weeks. Graduate students, faculty, and staff can borrow books for one year. Videos and DVDs can be checked out for seven days.

[library.humboldt.edu/services/borrow/loanperiods.html](http://library.humboldt.edu/services/borrow/loanperiods.html)

## News from the Lower Library: Learning Center Showcases Alumni

By Arianna Thobaben, Illustrated by Milly J. Correa

Employing over 100 student leaders to work as Tutors, Writing Consultants, and Supplemental Instruction leaders, the Learning Center hires and trains more Instructional Student Assistants than any place on campus. We recently contacted some of our alumni to see what they are doing in life after graduation and to see what they learned while working for us. Learning Center alumni state they "actually rely on skills learned at the Learning Center daily." These skills include public speaking, creating engaging presentations, knowing how to study, and being able to explain complex ideas to others.

Drop by the Learning Center whenever you need any assistance. We hope you will join us during **I♥LEARNING** Week, February 8 - 12.

### Advice for Current Students

Bite the bullet and read the book.  
- Michael, Intern at UC San Francisco doing Stem Cell Research

Never have I encountered another place like the HSU Learning Center. Students who spend time there, in whatever capacity, will come away with lessons useful for the rest of their lives.

- Marco, Ph.D. in Literature, published his first book in 2013 and is a Professor of Literature at Grant MacEwan University

Work hard, don't give up, there is a light at the end of the tunnel (it's called a real job with a real pay check!)

- Haley, learning to treat muscular dystrophy at Stanford University School of Medicine

Take advantage of every possible opportunity at HSU. Once you've graduated, those opportunities are gone! Graduate school has been a nose-to-the-grindstone experience, without much time for outside activities. If you're considering taking that scuba class, or volunteering with the Botany Club, or even just hiking up Strawberry Rock - DO IT! Before you're living in New York and it's too late!

- Allison, Ph.D. Candidate at the American Museum of Natural History's Richard Gilder Graduate School in New York City

# Students are Talking!

## Library Skillshops

By Milly J. Correa

Last fall, the Library initiated a valuable opportunity to strengthen the lives of students. The Library has been working closely with other centers on campus such as the Learning Center, Office of the Registrar, and many more to bring you SkillShops. These are workshops that help you in five fields: Academic, Life, Professional, Research, and Technology. These SkillShops are a free and advantageous service. Not sure how to cite information? Want to find fellowships? Need to update your resume? These SkillShops are here to help you with this and so much more.

Not only are you learning vital information to help you with your academic and professional career, but you are also given the chance to connect with fellow students and faculty on campus. This means that if you ever need further help, you can reach out to them.

I have attended several of these workshops including: Finding and Reading Scholarly Articles, Financial Skills for College and Beyond, Zotero, and College Tech Knowledge: MS Word 101 and MS Excel 101. Even if you think you already know all the basics of Word or how to cite research articles properly, you may be surprised by what more you can learn. Each and every workshop I have attended has improved my life and given me the opportunity to learn more about other student support services on campus. Starting this spring, the opportunity for the Professional Development Certificate and Specialist Certificates will be available to students campus-wide. By attending more of these free and insightful workshops, you can earn an accomplishment to add to your resume. Take advantage of these new opportunities and bring your friends.

You can view the full calendar of SkillShops on [humboldt.libcal.com/workshops](http://humboldt.libcal.com/workshops).

# Astronomy: A Cultural Gaze from Latin America at the HSU Library

By Garrett Benson, Astronomy Major, SPAN 280

Thanks to the World Languages and Cultures Department, this fall, Humboldt State University hosted a seminar on astronomy from both scientific and cultural perspectives. This seminar featured a public talk from Dr. Mario Hamuy, Chair of the Astronomy Department at the University of Chile and leading international scholar in the study of Supernovae. This was inspirational for both the students studying humanities and those studying science. This seminar promoted diversity and was inclusive not only to the students and faculty but also to the public; a definitive example of how science is a universal language.

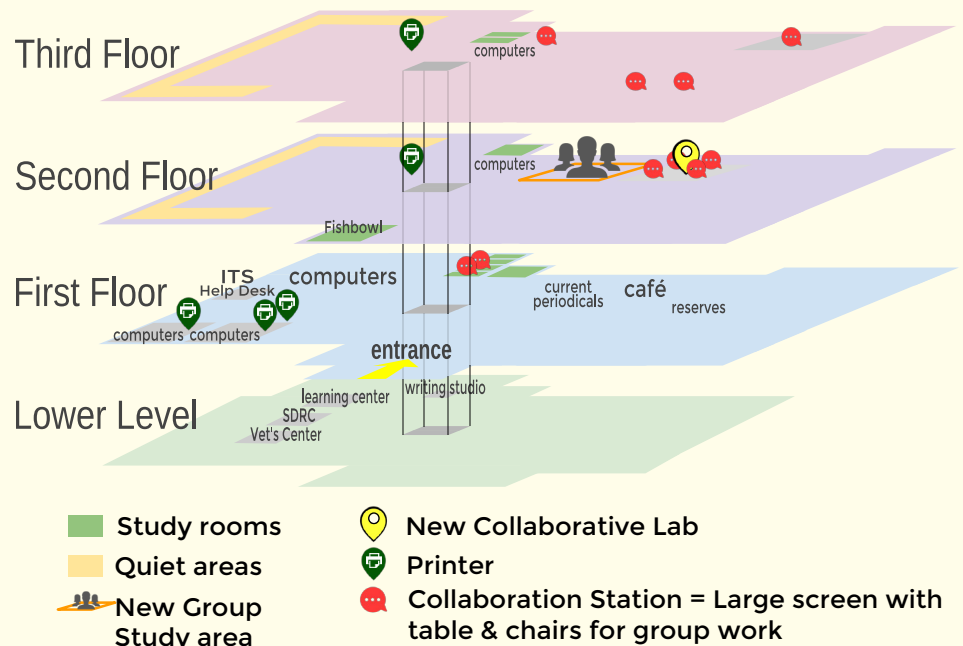
A few HSU students had the pleasure of curating an exhibit in the Library with everything astronomy, ranging from the Physics and Astronomy Club's telescope, to books on planets, to a homemade digital picture-frame made out of an obsolete Plasma TV and a RaspberryPi, (the tiny personal computer not the tasty dessert). With a stunning slideshow



HSU students with Dr. Hamuy in front of the exhibit

dedicated to Supernovae, the Library's patrons stopped to take in a short lesson on stellar astronomy. Even the keynote speaker for the seminar, Dr. Mario Hamuy, was highly impressed with the students' exhibit and utilized it for further discussion of astronomy with the seminar's attendees. As one of the students who created the exhibit, I want to thank the Library for helping us and I hope everyone who got a chance to see the exhibit was inspired to look towards the night sky.

## Quick Glance: Find What You Need in the Library



Have a story to share with the campus? Writing for the Library newsletter could not be easier! Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to contact [libmarketing@humboldt.edu](mailto:libmarketing@humboldt.edu) to learn more about sharing a story in the next newsletter.

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# Upcoming Events

## HSU Authors Hall Celebration

Join the Humboldt State University community this February for our second annual HSU Authors Hall celebration. This event showcases the published works of HSU faculty, students, staff, and alumni in 2015. A ceremony will be held to honor these authors, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

([library.humboldt.edu/about/hsuauthors.html](http://library.humboldt.edu/about/hsuauthors.html))

HSU Authors Hall

(2nd floor, near Helen Everett Reading Room)

February 12, 2016, 3pm - 5pm



Angela Compton, English & Writing Practices  
Graduating spring 2018  
Contributing author at the 2015 celebration

## unConference

The unConference is a series of brief (5 mins), low-risk, high-return, participant-driven discussions open to everyone.

([humboldt.edu/unconference](http://humboldt.edu/unconference))

unConference: *How I Learned to ...*

Library Fishbowl & CoLab 205

March 4, 2016, 11am - 2pm

## IdeaFest

Over 100 students and faculty from HSU's three colleges will present their finished and ongoing research.

([humboldt.edu/ideafest](http://humboldt.edu/ideafest))

Helen Everett Reading Room

& HSU Authors Hall

April 22, 2016, Noon - 5:30pm

Reception 3pm - 5:30pm

For a complete list of Library events and exhibits, visit [library.humboldt.edu/news/exhibitsevents.html](http://library.humboldt.edu/news/exhibitsevents.html)

# Using the Library Archives as Inspiration

Short story by Robert Papadopoulos

During World War II, Humboldt State President Arthur Gist maintained regular correspondence with the hundreds of Humboldt students who left school to join the war effort. Approximately 1,000 letters from 365 service men and women are included in the the Gist Collection, which is available in the Library's Special Collection on the third floor. During the Fall semester, students from Janelle Adsit's English 315 class used these letters as inspiration for short stories. Robert Papadopoulos's story "Out In the Pacific" was voted by the class as the story most worthy of publication. Below is an excerpt from his story. To read the entire story, visit the Humboldt Room website: [library.humboldt.edu/humco/holdings/gist.htm](http://library.humboldt.edu/humco/holdings/gist.htm) "Any word from Johnny, Ma?"

The mother, Dolores, put the spatula down rather forcefully on the counter spraying thick soup broth over the white linoleum countertop.

"For the 30th day in a row, Henry, no. There is still no word from your brother." She turned around to look at the boy, Henry, that everybody called Hank, and a few peo-

ple called Hanky -- Like the handkerchiefs people keep in their pockets. She fixed him with a stare that dared him to continue his current line of questioning.

"Do you think he's okay?" Henry asked, completely oblivious to her frustration.

"Honey he's stationed somewhere in the Pacific. I don't think they have trenches there. I'm sure he's doing fine." She paused a moment. "...plus if he was sick or dead I'd hope that we'd've heard something."

"You don't think he's sick or dead though, do ya ma?" Her absent minded remark exposed her poker face for what it was and worried Henry.

"Would you stop pestering me? You make it worse by asking every darn day about your older brother. Leave it be, boy. When God wants us to know, we'll know."

"God or the God Damned US Government." Hank said, crossing his arms and staring at the floor.

"You watch your mouth or I'll put you in this pot, boy." She picked up the spatula and started using it as a means to emphasize her point. "You know better than to take the Lord's name in vain in this house." She said, jabbing the spatula in his direction, flinging

soup at Henry.

Henry felt bits of hot soup hit his cheeks and run down his face. He didn't want to wipe the soup off in front of his mother. She took her faith quite seriously and Henry's remark had made her seethe. She was so angry she was trembling. Henry realized if he stayed around much longer he very well may end up in the soup as she had threatened. He climbed the stairs and went up to his room. He pulled a shoebox out from under his bed and examined the contents. Inside of it was his baseball card collection, twelve dollars, a cigarette he had stolen from his brother before he left, and two letters which his brother had wrote to him. They were the only two letters he had gotten from his brother in the last two years. He had read them over a hundred times each."

