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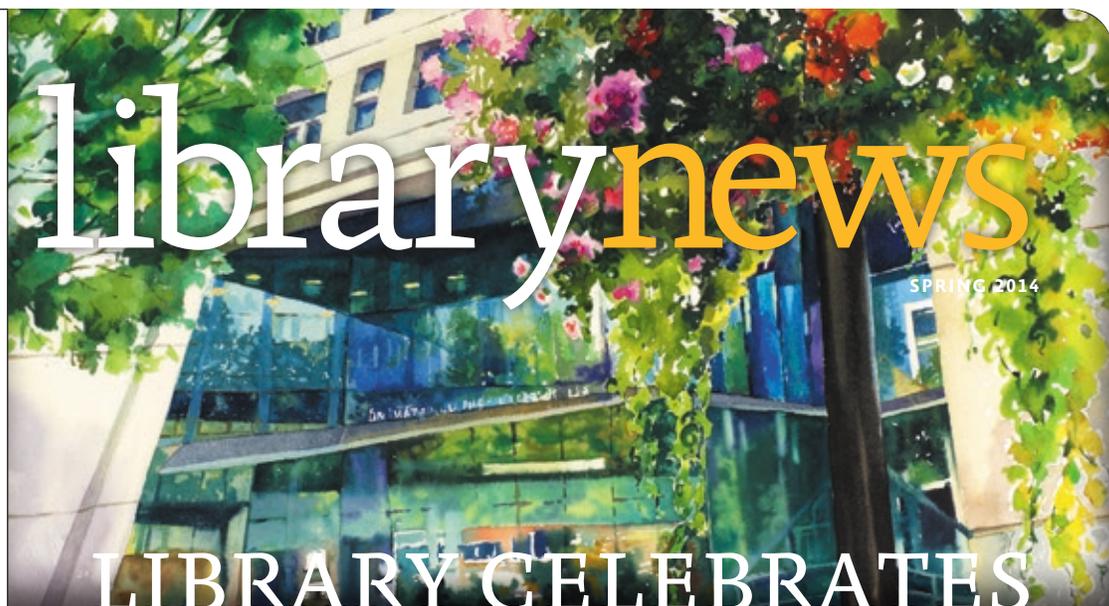
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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library represents a unique collaboration between San José State University and the City of San José. Since 2003, the library has combined academic and public services in the nation's largest joint library. Serving as both the university library for San José State and the main branch of the San José Public Library System, the King Library provides resources and services for a lifetime of learning.



SPRING 2014

LIBRARY CELEBRATES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Accolades abounded during the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. In September, the major milestone was marked by a month-long set of events that included live music, art exhibits, contests and games.



The kick-off event on September 5 included local dignitaries, library donors, faculty, staff, students and members of the community. Mayor Chuck Reed, SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi, SJSU Library Dean Ruth Kifer, and SJPL Director Jill Bourne spoke about the origins of the joint library concept and the continuing success of the King Library's city-university collaboration. Capping off the kick-off event was the opening of a time capsule that had been buried in the old King Library in 1970.

While the celebration included a variety of events, there was an emphasis on showcasing some of SJSU's student talent. Vocal performances by The Choraliers and Pitch Please filled the library's atrium with music, and had audiences listening and looking down from every floor. On the fourth floor, a beautiful watercolor exhibit displayed art created by students in the SJSU Department of Art and Art History. Each painting was unique and depicted a different angle of the exterior or interior landscapes of the King Library.

The King Library has the honor of being the largest joint library in the United States. From August 1, 2003, until the present, it has provided both SJSU students and the general public a large digital and in-print research collection in almost 500,000 square feet of space. As the library continues to evolve, students, faculty and staff will find that both space and resources are being adapted to their needs, making the library a hotbed for research, study, collaboration and innovation. ♦



Top: Watercolor by Lan Liu, '13 MFA Pictorial Art

Above right: SJSU Library Dean Ruth Kifer and San José Mayor Chuck Reed

Above: Pitch Please

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the new year and to a new issue of *LibraryNews*! This issue highlights some library accomplishments, as well as several changes that fall in line with both the library and university goals of evolving to meet learning needs in the 21st century.

One of our most noticeable achievements was the completion of the new Student Learning and Resource Center

("the Mezz") in early 2013. The Mezz is located in the mezzanine of the library and is well used by students for individual and collaborative study. This student area is equipped for technology use and has been enthusiastically received by all.

In addition to the redesign of the mezzanine, there are newly repurposed spaces in other areas of the library. On several floors, book stacks have been relocated to make room for bright, open study

areas fitted with comfortable seating and worktables. All of these changes make the library a welcoming and resource-filled destination for students and faculty.

The library has much to celebrate and much to be proud of! Last fall we celebrated the King Library's 10-year anniversary, the SJSU Annual Author Awards, and many wonderful exhibits and events. Moving forward, we are in the process of developing our five-year program review, which is due to be published in May 2014. This document will provide an opportunity for everyone to see what has been accomplished and take a look at future goals and plans.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter. The library is committed to supporting students and faculty in their learning, study and research needs. As always, I welcome your questions and feedback regarding your library!

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A rare glimpse **behind the scenes**

Retired and emeritus faculty members caught a glimpse of the abundance of work the King Library does through a special tour offered to invited guests in November 2013.

These 19 invited guests, who came from SJSU's Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association, wanted to see the new and innovative projects the King Library is working on and learn how the building has changed over the last 10 years to meet the needs of SJSU students.

Going "behind the scenes" at the library, guests were able to see the new technology in the SJSU Student Learning and Research Commons ("the Mezz"), the process of creating and cataloging digital images from printed photos found in the SJSU

Special Collections, and the server room that hosts websites for both the King Library and the public library system. They explored the climate-controlled Special Collections vaults, toured the collaboration classrooms, and were able to view the entire building through the library's security monitors.

Offered occasionally to members of the Library Dean's List, behind-the-scenes tours take guests away from public spaces and into the working areas of the library to interact informally with library faculty and staff. They are unique events that weave between multiple floors of the library.

These special tours are normally reserved for members of the Library Dean's List, a group of special donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the university library. If you would like to participate in a behind-the-scenes tour or other events designed especially for Dean's List members, contact Dean Ruth Kifer at 408-808-2419 or ruth.kifer@sjsu.edu. ♦

Coming events and exhibits

For more information about these and other public events, visit the King Library website at library.sjsu.edu/events/.



Tours of the King Library

Every Thursday,
11:30 am–12:45 pm

Welcome Desk, first floor

Drop-in tours covering the King Library building's design, collections, and art are offered every Thursday at 11:30 am on a first-come, first-served basis. Where else can you see a revolving secret door, a low-rider table complete with hydraulic lifts, or a set of tables shaped like the seven continents? These pieces and more comprise 34 public art installations designed to provoke curiosity and encourage exploration throughout the King Library. Sign up for a tour at the Welcome Desk on the library's ground floor. For more information, call 408-808-2181.



"Clavichord to Fortepiano" concert

Every Tuesday through June 24, 2–2:30 pm
Beethoven Center, fifth floor

This weekly mini-concert and presentation features the historic keyboard collection of the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies. Dr. Richard Sogg demonstrates the fundamental differences between the three most common keyboard instruments of the Baroque and Classical periods—the clavichord, the harpsichord, and the fortepiano—in comparison with the modern piano.

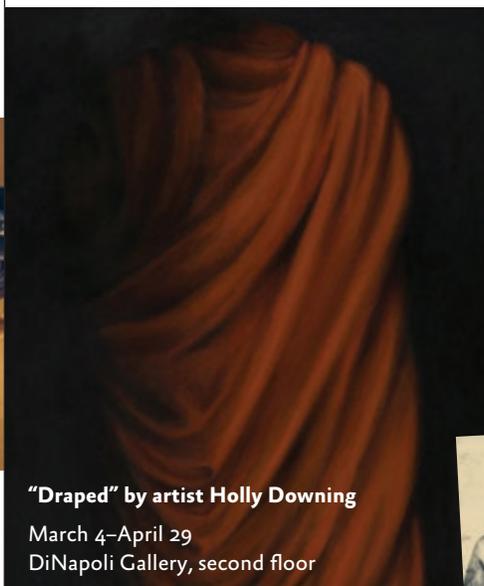


"Triathletes and Their Awareness of Doping and the Anti-Doping Movement" talk

February 26, noon–1 pm

Rooms 225–229, second floor

Supported by a World Anti-Doping Agency grant, SJSU Department of Kinesiology professors Matthew Masucci and Ted Butryn studied female triathletes and their awareness of doping and the anti-doping movement. Butryn and Masucci will talk about their research in this University Scholars Series event.



"Draped" by artist Holly Downing

March 4–April 29
DiNapoli Gallery, second floor

This exhibit will display paintings and drawings related to drapery and indigenous textiles. Some of these paintings relate to drapery in Western European art, while others are political.

We May Choose author event

March 5, 7–8:30 pm
Schiro Room, fifth floor

In this First Wednesday event, author Don A. Dugdale will speak about and sign copies of his book *We May Choose: A Novel of California's Santa Clara Valley*. Sponsored by the California Room.



Champion of Choice author event

March 19,
noon–1 pm

Rooms 225–229,
second floor

In this University Scholars Series event, Cathleen

Miller of the SJSU Department of English and Comparative Literature will speak about her book *Champion of Choice: The Life and Legacy of Women's Advocate Nafis Sadik*. Sadik came to be the first female director of a United Nations agency and the world's foremost advocate for women's health and reproductive rights.



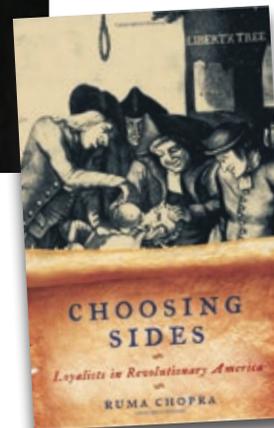
Steinbeck fellows reading

April 2, 7–9 pm

Rooms 225–229,
second floor

In this special First Wednesday event, the Steinbeck Center presents 2013–2014 Steinbeck fellows Vanessa

Hua, Tommy Mouton and Dallas Woodburn, who will read from their respective works-in-progress. A reception and question-and-answer session will follow.



Choosing Sides author event

April 30, noon–1 pm

Rooms 225–229,
second floor

In this University Scholars Series event, Ruma Chopra of the SJSU Department of History will speak about her book *Choosing Sides: Loyalists in Revolutionary America*. The book

details arguments given by America's original colonies, including slaves and Native Americans, against the formation of the United States.

"Singing Beethoven" concert

May 7, 7–9 pm, Schiro Room, fifth floor

This First Wednesdays series event will feature Beethoven's vocal music.

New databases, new research opportunities

Electronic databases provide access to information and scholarly research in many disciplines. The university library subscribes to hundreds of electronic databases and continues to add new databases to support faculty and student research.

Like other library databases, the selected new resources below may be accessed from both the library's online catalog and the library's Articles & Databases web page at library.calstate.edu/sanjose. Community members may access these resources when visiting the King Library.

Alternative Press Index & Archive contains journal, newspaper and magazine articles from international, alternative, radical and left-leaning periodicals. Some of the areas covered include socialism, revolution, democracy, anarchism and new social movements.

Ambrose Video offers unlimited simultaneous use of streaming videos that cover educational material in the humanities, sciences and social sciences. One of the many series offered is the BBC Shakespeare Plays with closed captioning.

CINAHL Complete contains more than 1,300 full-text journals to support nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. This resource also provides access to healthcare books, nursing dissertations, conference proceedings, evidence-based care sheets, quick-lesson disease overviews and continuing education modules.



Declassified Documents Reference System is a multidisciplinary source that includes previously classified government documents from the White House and a variety of U.S. government agencies. Through these documents, which cover the post-World War II period through the 1970s, users can explore the political, economic and social conditions during domestic and foreign events of these influential times.

The International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text, initiated by the American Society for Theatre Research and the Theatre Research Data Center, provides a fully indexed, cross-referenced and annotated databank of more than 60,000 journal articles, books, book chapters and dissertation abstracts on all aspects of theater and performance in 126 countries.

L'Année Philologique is a bibliography on Greco-Roman antiquity that includes citations to all known scholarly work on the topic. Coverage begins with the second millennium BCE (pre-Classical archaeology) and ends with the period of transition from late antiquity to the Middle Ages (roughly 500-800 CE). Many of the volumes prior to 1969 are available in the King Library's second-floor reference collection (call number PA 2 A56x).

Left Index is a complete guide to the diverse literature of the political left, with an emphasis on political, economic, social and culturally engaged scholarship inside and outside academia. Coverage includes more than 507,000 citations and abstracts (some with full text) and spans from 1982 and earlier to the present.



Literature Online, Reference Edition contains up-to-date, fully searchable criticism and reference resources in addition to the full text of poetry, drama and prose fiction from the seventh century to the present day. It not only provides the materials for the historical study of almost every period and genre of literature in English, but also features increasing numbers of works by the major authors of the 20th century. Contemporary criticism is available through the full text of more than 320 current literature journals that can be accessed through the literary index *Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature*, which contains nearly one million records of literary criticism from 1920 to the present.

MAS Ultra, School Edition contains full text for nearly 500 popular high school magazines. It also provides more than 360 full-text reference books, 85,000 biographies and 107,000 primary source documents; an image collection of more than 510,000 photos, maps and flags; and expanded full-text archives (back to 1975) of key magazines.

The Military & Government Collection offers current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government, providing a thorough collection of periodicals, academic journals and other pertinent content. This resource provides cover-to-cover full text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals, and indexing and abstracts for more than 400 titles.



Primary Search provides full text for more than 70 popular magazines for elementary school research dating back to 1990. All full-text articles included in the database are assigned a Lexiles reading-level indicator.



psycTESTS contains more than 7,000 master test profiles and more than 5,000 actual tests or test items from 1910 to the present. The database also serves as a source of structured information about tests of relevance to psychologists and professionals in related fields such as psychiatry, management, business, education, social science, neuroscience, law, medicine and social work.

speechBITE is an evidence-based practice collection that lists all treatment research studies in the field of speech-language pathology. Each month, *speechBITE* staff search eight databases (such as *MedLine*, *PsycINFO*, and *CINAHL*) and then upload only those papers that list empirical evidence and are relevant to speech-language pathology.



STUDENTS COLLABORATE “ON THE MEZZ”

The SJSU Student Learning and Research Commons, also known as “the Mezz,” is an SJSU student workspace designed to foster achievement through both individual study and collaborative interaction with fellow students and faculty. The workspace can be found on the King Library’s mezzanine.

To cultivate group work and creation, the Mezz is equipped with a variety of technology components, the highlight of which is the state-of-the-art media center. This center allows up to four devices, such as laptops or tablets, to be plugged in and displayed on a larger screen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The library has more than 400 electronic databases and 130,000 journal titles that are searched more than 30 million times a year.

In addition, the Mezz contains the following amenities:

- 17 desktop computers with a variety of software installed
- 10 mobile, double-sided, dry-erase whiteboards
- 3 charging stations for handheld devices and smartphones
- Access to laptops and iPads that can be borrowed for four hours or one week
- 42 desks and tables, and 129 chairs

One library staff member is available on the Mezz to assist with general questions, to check laptops and iPads in and out, and to check student identification cards, which are required for entrance.

Dedicated in 2013, the Mezz was set up to easily adapt to students’ needs, and so far student requests have driven its design and services. The mezzanine is just one of several library spaces that have recently been reconfigured and put to new use in order to keep pace with the changing needs of students and faculty. ♦

NEW LIBRARY ENDOWMENTS CREATE LASTING LEGACIES



Left: Diana Morabito and Keith Ball. Center: Nancy and Kenneth Wiener join a friend at the Library Dean's List dinner. Right: Lionel and Bernie Goularte with friends at the Dean's List dinner.

Three new endowments will fund library collections and support library staff through professional development, which is vital to the university's educational mission. The Nancy and Kenneth Wiener Social Work Collection Endowment, the King Library Digital Collections Endowment and the Library Professional Development Endowment were all established in 2013.

Endowments play an important role in providing the library with a sustaining source of support through the generosity of alumni and friends. The principal or original gift amount used to establish a fund remains intact, and a percentage of the interest income from the investment is made available for expenditure on an annual basis. Because the principal is never spent, it is forever a source of revenue for the library, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

Established by and named after long-time library supporters, the **Nancy and Kenneth Wiener Social Work Collection Endowment** supports teaching, learning and research in social work. The idea for this endowment emanated from Nancy, who received her Master of Social Work degree from San José State in 1975. Her degree opened the door to a varied and fulfilling 40-year career in social work, administration and project management. Nancy believes that the library's resources were central to that process.

Founded by library donors Diana Morabito and Keith Ball, the **King Library Digital Collections Endowment** will support existing library database subscriptions as well as new

subscriptions for electronic journals and e-books. Diana and Keith were first-generation students who each managed to patch together funding from scholarships, loans, grants, work-study and part-time jobs to pay for their education. They both received their graduate degrees from State University of New York at Binghamton and left with a passion for reading and learning. They recognize that technology does and will continue to change the ways in which students, faculty and the community learn and research.

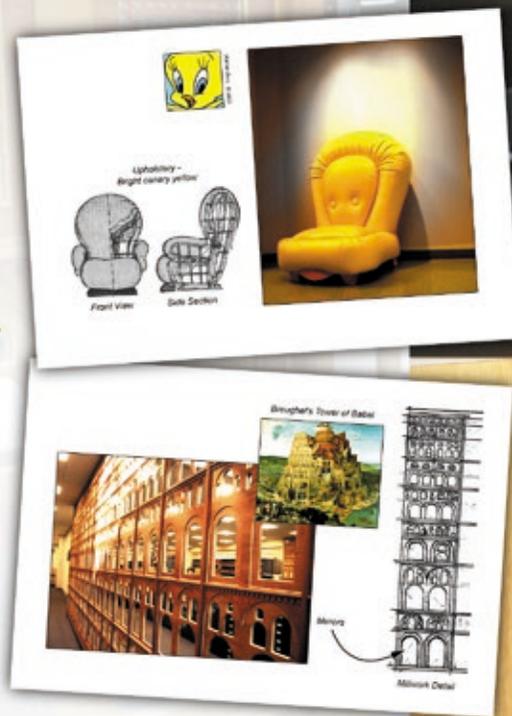
Long-time supporters and friends of the library, Lionel and Bernie Goularte have founded the **Library Professional Development Endowment** to support professional development for our librarians and staff. The profession of librarianship is evolving, influenced by a range of developments, from the Internet and media technologies to diverse patron groups with increasingly complex information needs. Professional development opportunities provide a productive and effective way for librarians and library staff to keep up with constant change.

Lionel and Bernie are San José State alumni and prominent members of the local Portuguese American community. The Goulartes' numerous contributions to the library include founding the King Library's Portuguese Heritage Endowment in 2007.

If you would like to contribute to the growth and vitality of the SJSU library collections and services by making a gift to one of these endowments—or by creating an endowment of your own—contact Library Dean Ruth Kifer at 408-808-2419 or ruth.kifer@sjsu.edu, or Sabra Diridon, the library's development director, at 408-924-1510 or sabra.diridon@sjsu.edu. ♦

Dean's List dinner
features artist

Mel Chin



Above: Special guest speaker Mel Chin, creator of the King Library's *Recoleciones* art collection. **Below:** Sabra Diridon, Dick Rolla, Gen Rolla and Nancy Wiener.

Festivities for the King Library's tenth anniversary celebration continued with the sixth annual Library Dean's List dinner, featuring guest speaker Mel Chin, internationally recognized artist of the King Library's public art collection, *Recoleciones*.

The event began on the second floor with an appetizer and wine reception. As the evening continued, guests moved to the eighth-floor Grand Reading Room, where SJSU President Qayoumi greeted and welcomed them to the university library. Vice President of University Advancement Rebecca Dukes reported on the success of the campus-wide Acceleration campaign, which exceeded its targeted goal by raising \$208,863,349 for SJSU's students, faculty and community. Also, Library Dean Ruth Kifer reflected on the success of the King Library and thanked guests for their continued support and the role they play in keeping the library vibrant and current in the 21st century.



Guests enjoyed dinner at sunset, with musical accompaniment by SJSU alumna and harpist Ruthanne Adams. The evening ended on a high note, with artist Mel Chin enchanting and amusing all by reminiscing about the planning and the process for creating his unique and thought-provoking artwork that is installed throughout the library.

The Library Dean's List is a group of special donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the university library. If you would like to become a member of the Dean's List and attend next year's dinner event, contact Dean Ruth Kifer at 408-808-2419 or ruth.kifer@sjsu.edu. ♦



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Above: The bookplate created for the SJSU Special Collections and Archives Endowment.

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Leave a lasting legacy with a named endowment

Endowments help fund library programs and collections that are vital to the university's educational mission. By providing supplemental funding for the library in perpetuity, endowments provide an annual income to enhance library services and resources in ways that go far beyond base budgets.

The Special Collections and Archives Endowment will provide support to SJSU Special Collections, one of the most beloved areas of the King Library. Located on the fifth floor, Special Collections is the repository for materials that are unique, to be found in no other library. They include the university archives, extensive resources in the realm of California history, and the personal papers of local political leaders and community changemakers.

If you would like to contribute to this endowment or establish an endowment of your own to honor a particular area of interest or special person, visit library.sjsu.edu/giving-library/library-endowment or contact Dean Ruth Kifer at 408-808-2419 or ruth.kifer@sjsu.edu. Your support can help ongoing efforts to enrich the library's collections and offer enhanced services that will foster student success for years to come.