What’s New: Spring 2017

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Library Design Lunchtime Sandwich Summits

The Library is holding design sessions facilitated by Will Baty, an academic library space planner. All faculty, students, and staff are welcome to attend. Sandwiches and beverages served. RSVP encouraged but not required: library@sonoma.edu. The sandwich summits will be in Schulz 3001.

Thursday, February 2, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Public Space, Students, and Learning
What does the Library need to serve students and faculty for the next two decades?

Thursday, February 16, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Technology for All: The Library and Access
What’s next for technology in the Library?

Library Exhibits, Spring 2017

RSVPs for the following receptions are welcome but not required. Exhibits may be viewed whenever the Library is open (see library.sonoma.edu for hours).

A Creative Stream: 30 Years of Photography. Library Gallery. Exhibit January 17 through March 10. Reception: Wednesday January 25, 4 – 6 pm. This exhibit features the exquisite California-themed photography of Aryan Chappell (Sonoma State University alumnus, 1992, and former student of John LeBaron).

Also in the Library Gallery, there will be an exhibit of personal artifacts of Dr. Judy Sakaki from March 20 – May 31. Stay tuned for more about this exhibit.

Revolutionary Grain: Celebrating the Spirit of the Black Panthers. 2 North Exhibit Space (Library Second Floor). Exhibit March 13 – May 31. Panel Discussion and Reception, Monday March 27, 4 pm – 6 pm. Suzun Lamaina spent five years interviewing former Black Panthers from around the country to produce a book of photo-essays. She will be joined at the book talk by former Panthers Barbara Easley Cox, Billy X Jennings, Elbert Howard (Big Man), and Emory Douglas.

Pan y Café is Back! ¡Pan y Café está de vuelta!

Last fall the Library kicked off informal, inclusive monthly conversation circles called Pan y Café to honor our Latinx colleagues and students and encourage connections among our campus community. The events have been so successful we’re continuing Pan y Café this spring. Join us for pan dulce (Mexican sweet bread), coffee, hot chocolate, and conversation. All are welcome!

Pan y Café dates for this semester are Wednesday 2/1, 3/1, and 4/5, 10:30am – 12 noon.
What’s New in Special Collections

Our Dust Bowl Migration Archive recently acquired the David Kinkead Papers. In the 1930s and 1940s, Kinkead managed many California migrant camps. In addition to Kinkead’s camp manager journal, letters, a quilt made by his wife Evelyn Jacobs, and unique government documents, the collection includes letters written by O.C. “Cotton” Davis, whose stories and songs were recorded for the Works Progress Administration. Thanks are due to the donors, B.J. Blanchard and Donald Kinkead, and to SSU History Department intern Jayelene Lyons, whose work made this collection accessible to researchers.

On the Horizon

To foster awareness of scholarly communications issues on campus, the Library will be spotlighting three events over the next semester: Love Your Data Week, February 13-17; Fair Use/Fair Dealing Week, February 20-24; and Open Education Week, March 27-31.

Plans for specific happenings and workshops are under way, so keep an eye on the Library website and Facebook page.

Database Name Change

One of our primary streaming video collections, VAST: Academic Video Online is changing its name to Academic Video Online. Faculty, please check any links you might have put in a Moodle course or your syllabi and let us know if there are any access issues! Academic Video Online is the most comprehensive video subscription that delivers 62,000+ titles, spans a wide range of subject areas, and includes more than 17,000 titles exclusive to Alexander Street Press.

New Library Catalog

This summer the Library will be unveiling a new library discovery website to replace the existing All Search and library catalog. The new interface brings together books, articles, journals, media, and everything else the library provides in one unified and easy-to-use search tool. You will now be able to see not just what SSU holds, but what the other CSU libraries hold. This new library discovery site is part of the CSU Libraries’ migration to a unified library management system that will enable more streamlined resource sharing among all the CSU libraries. Look for sneak previews and other information this semester.

Makerspace - Coming Soon!

The makerspace the Library piloted in early 2016 in collaboration with a Science 220 class will reopen next fall with more space and equipment, thanks to a significant NSF grant received by the School of Science and Technology.