Schulz Information Center Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary

This fall, the Jean and Charles Schulz Information Center welcomes everyone in the Sonoma State University community to help celebrate 15 years since the Center’s opening with a grand Birthday Party on the second floor of the University Library, Thursday, September 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The party kicks off with a birthday sing-along under the clock tower. After that, enjoy cake, lemonade, and sparkling wine, explore the exhibit “You’re an Open Book, Charlie Brown” in the Library Gallery, play games and win prizes, and have your photo taken with Snoopy. All that plus a special performance by the Sonoma State University Dance Team, the Sapphires! More anniversary events to be announced later this fall.

Library Gallery Exhibit: You’re An Open Book, Charlie Brown

In honor of Jean and Charles Schulz, whose generous support was crucial to building the Information Center, the Library teamed up with the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center to create the special 15th anniversary exhibit “You’re an Open Book, Charlie Brown.” Opening August 17 in the Library’s gallery and running through December 15, this exhibit invites visitors to view facsimiles of original strips and connect with examples of the books and records Schulz kept in his studio for inspiration. Visitors can try their hands at drawing as they immerse themselves in the media that inspired the iconic Peanuts strips. Join us in honoring the legacy of a beloved Sonoma County resident and his impact on Sonoma State University.

Karen Brodsky retires

Karen Brodsky retires September 1 after a distinguished career at SSU. As the Instruction Coordinator, she developed an ambitious program of collaborating with faculty to introduce freshmen to using information in critical and meaningful ways. Karen’s vision for the Arts and Lectures program connected disciplines and departments for programs such as It Matters! Engage. Participate. Vote. and gallery exhibits from student work and student curators. Karen’s farewell party will be Thursday, September 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Library.
Library Adds New Scholarly Electronic Resources

The University Library recently added innovative and unique digital resources to its collection, spanning subjects from biology and chemistry to history, civil rights, and linguistics. New e-resources include The Times of London Digital Archive, History Vault: the Black Freedom Struggle in the 20th Century, the Journal of Visualized Experiments in Biology and Chemistry, the 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection, Historical Statistics of the U.S., the Dictionary of American Regional English, Sage Research Methods Case Studies, Human Rights Studies Online, and several thousand new ebooks from Springer. The Library also licensed campus-wide computer/tablet access to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Changes to Library Fines and Renewals

Enjoy more time with the materials you need! We have removed daily overdue fines for most regular circulating items, including books and DVDs. We also added a second renewal period for nearly all items. We still want our materials back so others can use them; items with lengthy overdue periods will continue to trigger replacement charges and temporary blocks on library accounts.

A Brand New Library Website

The Library website has a shiny new face, designed to be cleaner, easier to read, and mobile-friendly. We welcome your feedback. If you have suggestions or problems, please contact our Web Services Librarian, Laura Krier, at laura.krier@sonoma.edu.

Two Librarians for 2015-2016

The University Library welcomes Alyson Barrett-Ryan and Hilary Smith as full-time temporary librarians for 2015-16. Alyson Barrett-Ryan has a background in history and archives. Hilary Smith brings rich experience from teaching Information Literacy courses at Santa Rosa Junior College, and also serves as a Sonoma County Library Commissioner.

New Administrative Assistant, Janelle Rossi

The University Library welcomes Janelle Rossi as the Library’s administrative assistant. Janelle brings deep experience as a corporate executive assistant and seminar and special events manager to her role.