

## Campus Updates from 9/26/24 COLD Meeting in San Jose

Please summarize/bullet your campus updates (alpha order):

### Bakersfield

Announcement of 6th permanent president, Vernon B Harper. Effective as of 9/25/24

Many [events and exhibits](#) coming soon this semester.

Celebrating 30 years in our library building, newsletter and related events coming!

### Channel Islands

### Chico Meriam Library

- New Business Librarian started in September
- Reorganization of Academic Affairs task force moving forward
- Current Interim Dean is for one year only; no decision yet from Provost on Meriam Library leadership moving forward
- SWOT analysis and iterative strategic planning are focused on two efforts this year: library safety and coordinated outreach/communication.
- Will know more about this year's library budget by end of October

### Dominguez Hills UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- Several campus building projects: 1. An additional residence hall, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Health and Wellness Complex
- CSUDH has joined in a partnership with the American Tennis Association to build 17 additional tennis courts to be used in the next Olympics.
- Nicole Wood joined as the new Collections and Acquisitions Coordinator in early September. Also, we are completing a search for a Health, Human Services & Nursing Liaison librarian.
- The Gerth Archives & Special Collections has joined into an agreement with Adam Matthew for the Underground Newspapers Project to digitize newspapers from our LA Free Press Collection.
- The Library has undertaken a "re-imaging" project to leverage opportunities to improve core functions and to develop different ways to offer academic support services in light of new budget realities.

### East Bay

- University reorganizing to form a "College of Health"-- College of Education and Allied Studies will likely cease to exist after this AY.
- Library and SCAA (tutoring) will engage in a collaborative strategic planning effort
- Will continue to develop the "entrepreneurial hub" with stakeholders across campus
- Provost search underway as well as 3 academic dean searches

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### Fresno State Library

- Donation of George Whitmore Papers along with a significant cash donation to support processing and programming.
- New gift collection - the library of Dr. Eloise Quiñones Keber, a major scholar in Pre-Columbian Aztec and Colonial Mexican art. Dr. Quiñones Keber's collection includes over 6500 volumes, including many out of print, difficult to find volumes. We expect the collection to arrive in mid-October. It will require approximately 3 years to fully process.
- Flat funded this year. Preparing for ~10% budget cut next year. Hiring freeze but can hire temporary/emergency hires (and we've done a lot of that).
- Programming and exhibit for Banned Books Week. Post about it on Facebook went viral—and not in a good way. So far we've received a lot of vitriol but no credible threats.

### Fullerton, Pollak Library

- New President started at end of August, Dr. Ron Rochon from S. Indiana
- Conducting a nationwide search for Provost
- Concluding a search for an Education Librarian, we have our finalists
- Strong collaboration with current head of IT as we modernize and update our Makerspace by taking oversight of all Makerspace tools (ending separation between two areas)
- Consolidated all Study Rooms in one reservation system, ending additional student confusion.
- Archive and Special Collections are in danger and working on the previous hopes of a renovation.
- Strong collaboration with our Diversity and Inclusion Resource Centers (DIRC)

### Humboldt

- Submitted [3 IMLS Preliminary Grants](#); 3D Exhibits4Learning, GIS Data Archive, and Next Level Learning Works
- Institutional Research Compliance staff starting in the library; IRB and IACUC, and other research services to be added to the library.
- Launching Hall of Simulation with new Digital Wall and FAA Flight Simulator - [check out the presentation](#) to retired faculty and staff, if of interest.
- [Discovering Humboldt project](#): Google Maps views at over 67M views and counting, learning a lot about [Google Trends](#) and search engine optimization for google search and recruitment.
- 3D Digital Herbarium: <https://3dherbarium.org/>

### Long Beach

- New AD - Kyra Folk-Farber from Channel Islands

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- New Student Engagement and Success Librarian - Kari Darby from University of Illinois, UC
- New tenure-track line, Digital Archivist, recruitment beginning
- Per my previous email, CSULB Library is creating a Library Certificate with our CPaCE with an anticipated rollout in Fall '25
- Facing 3.5% budget cut '24
- Banned Books programming covered in student newspaper and city newspaper
- Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer Prize Winner, presenting for Latine Heritage Month

## **Los Angeles**

- New Head of Learning, Research & Engagement Services Librarian started in August
- New VP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management started in July
- Interim VP for Administration & Finance Started in August.
- Provost Search underway. On-campus interviews tentatively scheduled for early December.
- Updated Library strategic objectives for 2025-2026.
- Campus facing a 12.4% budget reduction resulting in an overall collection budget reduction of 25%-30%
- The Library's \$15M capital project to create a Center for Academic Success and the Center for Faculty Excellence that will be located in the library is on hold.
- Hiring Freeze announced September 23
- One of three CSU campuses participating in the Alethea Early Adopter Program. Financial support provided by the CO. Thanks Leslie!

## **Cal Maritime Library**

- A proposal to integrate Cal Maritime and Cal Poly SLO is currently before the Board of Trustees. There will be a vote at the November meeting.
- Beginning in Fall of 2024, the Corps of Cadets is Opt-in for non-licensed students. This includes International Security Studies, International Business and Logistics, and Oceanography.
- There have been many organizational structural changes due to the budget crisis.
- The Provost and Library Dean positions were eliminated at end of May (along with many other administrative positions on campus)
  - The Provost position was replaced with an Executive Dean of Academic Affairs. The Interim Dean of the School of Engineering was selected for this position and continues to also serve as the Dean of the School of Engineering.

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- The Library was placed under the Dean of the School of Letters and Sciences and a Supervising Librarian position was created. The current staffing for the Cal Maritime Library is:
  - 3 Faculty Librarians
    - 1 Supervising Librarian
    - 2 Instruction Librarians
  - 2 Staff
    - Circulation/ILL
    - Technical Services/Electronic Resources/Technology (on leave until December)
  - 7 Library Student Assistants

## Monterey Bay

- Search for systems and instruction librarian is underway
- Dean search will launch late fall
- Library building usage is up. Earplug usage is up. Successful outreach? Cramped living quarters?
- We have a [Therapy Dog Corner](#)! (see p. 4)
- Sarah Dahlen, Nelson Graff, and Kelsey Nordstrom published a new article titled: “At the intersection of information literacy and written communication: Student perspectives and practices related to source-based writing” in the Journal of Academic Librarianship
- Diversity audit of print collection using statistics students as research assistants
- \*Shameless plug\* for [Kenny's survey](#) on the DEIA Scorecard (he is looking for as many responses as possible—yes to multiple responses from one campus :))

## Northridge

- CSUN facing 8% budget cut on top of permanent and one-time reductions due to GSIs and we cut collections, student assistants/hours, and travel budgets (enrollment internal target down 2%)
- Lower level flood remediation completed and spaces released back to library and other depts early August (affected Map Collection & special collections overflow room access but no collections damage)
- Interim Library Dean started 8/21 (Kathy Dabbour), Interim Library Associate Dean started 8/20 (Justin Kovalcik), keeping most of his Director of Library IT duties
- Both interims are 1-year appointments; we are down 1 MPP
- Perm Dean search opening in fall 2024, perm AD search opening ~fall 2025
- 3 librarian positions filled: Ethnic Studies, University Archivist, Systems
- In the process of filling STEM librarian
- English librarian retiring end of year, backfilling with lecturer librarian, filling vacancy on “pause”
- Academic Affairs used to allow the Library to keep vacant positions' lines; no more! ;-(

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- Laptop/tablet and hotspot lending moved to Circ Desk
- Applied for approval for 1-unit for credit experimental library course to make permanent, no GE credit
- AI Working Group of librarians formed
- Creative Maker Studio celebrated 10 year anniversary (President attended and spoke)
- 12th annual Banned books readout held this week (125+ attendance)
- Therapy goats outside(!), midterms and finals

## Pomona

- Interim Dean begins October 1st (6-month appointment); there will be a search for the permanent dean in coming months
- Science Librarian also starts on October 1st
- There will be a search for an Ethnic Studies Librarian and an Associate Dean (newly created position)
- No other permanent MPP in the dean's office given resignation of Senior Director of Library Operations & Development
- One of the three Alethea campus early adopters (Thank you Carlos for the reminder. Thank you Leslie for funding!)
- 5.2% reduction

## Sacramento State University Library

- We are in the midst of our provost search; candidates on campus 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Oct
- On the cusp of opening up our Data | Technology Lab; its focus is on faculty support for data and data visualization, but will also be accessible by students. Waiting on the 12x7ft video wall to be placed on the wall. It is part of our [StingerStudio Makerspace](#) that has been quadrupling use every semester. For that reason, we are hiring another staff position to support our classroom support in this space.
- We had a faculty position approved; scholcom librarian. In light of budget cuts, I am returning this position and have moved one of our librarians into this role.
- Sacramento State is involved in a number of innovative new programs. EX: this summer we were designated a Black Serving Institute (BSI) along with being an HIS and AANAPISI designated campus. We are in the first semester of our new Black Honors College which is tightly connected to the library in its initial educational activities.
- The Library building is getting a sign (two actually, one north and one south-facing). Now they just have to figure out how to hang it on our tall bldg!
- Sac and San Bernardino are exploring a shared staff/cataloging proposal. It will be a proof of concept project to see if we CAN work across campuses.

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### San Bernardino

- Scholarly Communications Librarian, SB's first, began this spring and has been awarded an NSF grant centered on research data management in the CSUs. Watch for details on how CSU librarians can apply to participate!
- Like many of us, coping with impact of unfilled positions due to budget issues.

### San Diego State University

- New Social Sciences Librarian (July 2024), Assessment Librarian (August 2024), and Associate Dean for Collections and Discovery Services (September 2024) have started; soon to launch a search for a tenure-track Principal Cataloger (update: Cataloger search has launched)
- Concluded NEH-funded Summer Institute for Teachers on Using Comics to Teach Social Justice (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDA8btNknuo>); beginning work on new NEH-funded grant supporting collaborative digital collections project with municipal archives in Tijuana; preliminary proposal submitted to IMLS for national forum on international digital collection collaboration
- Second annual Student Read-Out for Banned Books Week is happening this week (but I am at COLD); great event last year, hoping for a new tradition ([https://www.instagram.com/reel/DAR04SEyUCc/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D&fbclid=IwY2xjawFhOMNIeHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHWk6lnr-B1DqI\\_FVLhucUH14eeyF-HTb\\_4QS78i0fEgw9n46t5ZcQ9FrCw\\_aem\\_p9w9YQQ31hmq0k5C1bY7nw](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DAR04SEyUCc/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D&fbclid=IwY2xjawFhOMNIeHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHWk6lnr-B1DqI_FVLhucUH14eeyF-HTb_4QS78i0fEgw9n46t5ZcQ9FrCw_aem_p9w9YQQ31hmq0k5C1bY7nw))
- Summer upgrades to the buildIT makerspace and the Esports Engagement Center
- Significant recovery from June flood largely complete as of this week, I hope, with final approval of repair to flooring in compact shelving area

### San Francisco

### San José State University

- [Open Searches:](#)
  - AD Student and Faculty Engagement, AI Librarian, Science Librarian. Please share widely. 2 more faculty searches and 2 more staff searches will be posted later this year.
- Opening the [Digital Humanities Center](#). Currently in pilot, and formal opening will take place on October 15
- Published our [2024-2025 Annual Report](#)
- Lots of [BBW programming](#)

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- Moved our technology lending to our main circ desk
- Exhibits: [Sounds of South Asia](#), [Low Riders](#)

## Cal Poly SLO

- University Year-Round Operations implementation delayed until summer 2027. The change in moving the implementation of YRO to summer 2027 allows for planning a robust launch of YRO, while also allowing the completion of the Quarter-to-Semester (Q2S) conversion and integration of Cal Maritime and Cal Poly (pending board approval in November). Over the next decade, the university will add about 4,100 beds to [campus housing](#) in nine eight- and nine-story buildings.
- Library is wrapping up a comprehensive strategic planning process. We have worked with Buro Happold since May 2024 and expect to complete the process and launch a new plan by the end of the year.
- Completed recruitment for an Exhibits and Art Curator
- [Annual Report published](#)
- Library received funding for two new tenure-track positions (University Archivist and Metadata Librarian) as part of the university wide DEI cluster hire initiative with recruitments to commence this fall.
- In October we will commence the search for an Associate Dean for Collections, Systems and Digital Strategies.
- The [renovation project](#) is on schedule and the planning for moving collections and staff back to the building has started. The library building will open to the public in fall 2025. You can follow the project progress on [Instagram](#)

## San Marcos

- The library dean search has ended, and we had three fantastic candidates! It will be difficult, but whoever is chosen will be a great new addition to CSUSM and COLD. The rest is in the hands of the provost. Hopefully, we will have a new, permanent library dean by the new year.
- The [Kellogg Library building](#) turned 20 this year (last spring)! We are celebrating this fall, October 10th.
- [Context Library Exhibit Series](#): artist and activist Salvador de la Torre will do an artist talk and printmaking workshop on October 1st.
- [Makery](#) update - we had more than 1,600 visitors to our maker space (Makery) in its first 2 months of operations in Spring 2024, and we've already had over 800 visitors since the start of fall semester. Big success!

## Sonoma State

- New Access Services Librarian, Debra Sampson, started Sept 16

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- Preparing to accept a donation of bindery equipment to expand our Makerspace to include a Book Arts lab and Digital Creation Space.
- Scholarly Communications Librarian, Rita Premo, participated in a panel discussion on algorithms and information literacy as part of the campus' It Matters election series.
- Just started processing a new collection in Special Collections from the National Women's History Project
- Associate Dean Laura Krier started this fall.
- Currently have an interim president, Emily Cutrer; should be conducting a search this year
- University is in the process of implementing a significant reorganization, moving from 5 schools to 3 colleges, bringing departments together into interdisciplinary schools. The library's account tech was moved into Financial Services. We are also making some organizational changes in the library in response to several retirements and positions that are not being approved to hire. People are beginning to work across teams more than they did before.
- Have started a strategic planning process, as our current plan goes through 2025. Really focusing on looking closely at our services and emphasizing ways to be more efficient and make better use of the limited human resources we have.

## Stan State University Library Update

- Library's Strategic Plan 2024-2027 completed and now discussing how units and individual library personnel contribute to it. [Library's Strategic Plan 2024-2027](#)
- Special Collections & University Archives exhibition, [This Woman's Work](#), reception date September 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. on Library 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- Special Collections & University Archives: [SCUA 2023-2024 Annual Report](#) is completed and uploaded on the University Library
- Bring Your Own Banned Book Event in the library – September 26 – a read aloud and read silently event
- Outreach can be fun: Jammie Jamboree event featuring Monster's University was well attended
- IP Migration-all major resources are corrected and available.