LETTER FROM THE AUDREY GEISEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Fiscal year 2020–21 was monumental at UC San Diego and the Library. As we grappled with significant changes across our campus due to the pandemic, I was proud to see the innovation, collaboration and commitment on display by our students, faculty and staff. In the Library, we invested in new digital resources and implemented a sweeping “digital-first” strategy that is now serving as the new foundation for how we provide services in our buildings and online. In addition, we partnered with campus colleagues like Transportation Services to offer Curbside Pickup, and Student Affairs through the Triton Health Ambassador program.

Throughout this year and for the last three years, UC San Diego, along with our nine sister campuses and the California Digital Library, have worked toward the implementation of our new systemwide discovery tool—UC Library Search—which officially launched in July 2021. This project has unified the catalogs of UC Libraries, making over 50 million physical books more readily available to our students, faculty and staff. I am so proud of the leadership displayed by the many UC San Diego Library employees who played a role in this endeavor.

From September 2020 to June 2021, we led the campus and community-wide virtual celebration of the iconic Geisel Library building’s 50th anniversary, which opened to the public in September 1970. Memorialized through our website (geisel50.ucsd.edu) and a digital timeline, our programming included six signature events—including talks with esteemed authors Tara Westover, Kevin Young and Min Jin Lee—the “Create Your Own Geisel” artistic contest, and the cultivation of written and photographic memories from current students, alumni and current and former campus employees.

In honor of this milestone anniversary, we launched Library Associates, a membership program to connect with our donors and support essential library programs. This giving society is made up of dedicated individuals who recognize that the Library is at the heart of UC San Diego’s entire academic mission, and the program continues to thrive beyond the anniversary celebration year.

We are excited about the much anticipated renovation of Geisel Library’s 2nd (main) Floor. This long-planned revitalization project will redefine how we serve our students by creating additional space for learning, making library services more accessible and by providing a location to showcase creative and research output of the university. I look forward to unveiling our project plans and new spaces in the 2022 calendar year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Erik T. Mitchell
The Audrey Geisel University Librarian

BY THE NUMBERS

The UC San Diego Library is a central hub for various academic activities on campus. With diverse programs, services and resources, the Library supports students, researchers, faculty and staff. Here is a glimpse of some of the data collected over the last fiscal year.

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In FY 2020–21, the Library prepared for the launch of what turned out to be a largely virtual year of instruction and research. Bolstered by digital access to more than 13 million e-books through the HathiTrust Emergency Access program, the Library also spent $75,000 to acquire digital content to further support instruction and research. Throughout the year, we implemented and adjusted services to meet emerging needs. In October 2020, we launched a study hall in our Biomedical Library Building, a service that gradually expanded before shifting to Geisel Library for Summer Quarter 2021. Guided by our digital-first strategy, we launched “Ask Us!,” a unified virtual service platform that brings together the many services of the Library under a single umbrella. Coupled with a refresh of the Library’s website, this service has fostered greater collaboration among Library departments and continues to help us serve students from wherever they are in the world.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DIGITAL COLLECTION SPOTLIGHTS

The Chinese News, the inaugural content of the Sally T. WongAvery Collection, features a digital archive of the newspaper created from the print archive donated by Stanley Ting in partnership with UC San Diego alumna, lawyer, educator and philanthropist Sally T. WongAvery.

The Cell Image Library features multi-scale microscopy data encompassing cellular networks, cellular and subcellular microdomains, and their macromolecular components imaged by Mark Ellisman, Steven Peltier, David Orioff and Willy Wong. By providing long-term preservation and access through our digital collections, the Library is ensuring this unique collection is available for future generations.

The Art of Science contest was hosted by the Library’s Research Data Curation program to highlight the connection between scientific images and artistic expression captured in the work of many UC San Diego researchers and scholars. All submissions were preserved in the Library’s digital collections repository.

The Pauline Oliveros Papers contain the personal and professional writings, compositions, correspondence, sketches and teaching materials of the experimental musician and composer. Oliveros was a key figure in the development of electronic music and founder of the Deep Listening philosophy.

View these digital collections and more at lib.ucsd.edu/dc.
Elsevier

UC announced a pioneering open access agreement with the world’s largest scientific publisher, Elsevier, making significantly more of the university’s research available to people worldwide. The deal will put more UC research into the hands of individuals across the globe at a time when international collaboration to fight COVID-19 has illuminated the value of open access to scientific findings.

Springer Nature

UC secured another open access agreement with the world’s second-largest academic publisher, Springer Nature, which launched in January 2021. Under the agreement, research published by UC authors in these journals is made freely available for anyone to read.

Canadian Science Publishing, Company of Biologists and Royal Society

Three additional agreements were announced by UC in FY 2020–21 with Canadian Science Publishing, Company of Biologists and Royal Society. All three-year agreements cover both hybrid and open access journals.

Grounded in the planning work completed in FY 2019–20, the Library engaged in key recruitments and established a leadership development program in FY 2020–21. With the successful recruitments of Dani Cook, Heather Hernandez and Roger Smith, we have fulfilled our newly defined leadership structure.

The leadership development program established this year builds on the findings and recommendations from our FY 2019–20 work and includes focused training in the area of conducting crucial conversations. With the success of this year’s pilot program, the training will be extended in FY 2021–22.

This year, our Library employees were prolific in service and scholarship. Some example accomplishments include:

- **Dani Cook** co-founded and led the Conference on Academic Library Management.

- **Alanna Aiko Moore** was named Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Visiting Program Officer for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs and distributed American Library Association (ALA) COVID-related grants.

- **Bredny Rodriguez** received the Medical Library Association’s (MLA) 2021 President’s Award for contributions to the MLA COVID-19 response page.

Starlight, a tool for sharing digital exhibits with users. In August 2020, the Starlight development team received the Larry L. Sautter Golden Award for Innovation in Information Technology, a prestigious UC systemwide honor.

Surfliner kicked off in November 2018 with the goal of leveraging each campus’ strengths and resources to develop digital library products meeting common needs in a sustainable way.

Additionally, the Surfliner team began work on Comet, which will enhance curators’ ability to manage digital collections. Development also continued on Shoreline, a management and discovery platform for geospatial data, and across the globe at a time when international collaboration to fight COVID-19 has illuminated the value of open access to scientific findings.

The UC San Diego Library, in collaboration with colleagues from UC Santa Barbara Library, continued their work on a suite of open-source digital library products known as Project Surfliner.
Seuss Art Collection

In 2021, the Library received 255 original works of art created by Theodor Seuss Geisel through the Geisel estate. This generous gift included additional archival content that will be added to the existing Dr. Seuss Collection in Special Collections & Archives.

Dr. Seuss Foundation

The Dr. Seuss Foundation’s generous $500,000 gift during Geisel’s Library’s 50th anniversary allowed us to fully fund the renovation of the main floor of Geisel Library and support the digitization of the Dr. Seuss Collection for preservation.

The Turner Collection

Featuring more than 300 items including rare photographs, pamphlets, photocards and posters collected by Steve Turner ’82, UC San Diego’s inaugural African Americana collection sheds new light on the experience of Black Americans migrating west during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
During the yearlong celebration, more than $2 million was raised in current use and in-kind gifts to support the Library’s strategic priorities in the coming years. Thanks to the generosity of the following donors and sponsors in FY 2020–21, the Library was able to complete the Chancellor’s $1 million matching grant in support of the renovation of Geisel Library:

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- Jeanne Jones
- Sally T. Wong
- Avery ‘75 and Natasha Wong
- The Dr. Seuss Fund at The San Diego Foundation

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- Jeanne L. Herberger
- Mark A. Johnson ‘88 and Melinda W. Johnson
- Brian and Sherri Schottlaender
- Sandra S. Timmons ‘81 and Richard L. Sandstrom ‘72, PhD ‘79

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- Carol and Jeff Chang
- Karen Dow
- Jack C. Fisher, MA ‘03, MD
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- Charles H. Marston ‘78 and Rosa Luevano
- Philip and Gayle Tauber
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