

Marc Gittlesohn receives Emeritus title

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UCSD LIBRARIAN RECEIVES "EMERITUS" TITLE

Marc Gittelsohn, for 13 years the librarian of the University of California, San Diego Cluster Undergraduate Library, has been conferred with the title Emeritus Librarian. He retired in December 1984.

"This honor, which is testimony to your widely recognized dedication to education, formally acknowledges your distinguished career as a (University of California) Librarian," said University of California President David P. Gardner, who conferred the title.

Gittelsohn said it is the first time in UC's history that someone in the Librarian series has been given that title. "It's very nice," he said.

Noted for putting undergraduate students at ease in the library, Gittelsohn said, "Students have information needs related both to their course work and to their lives as educated citizens."

Gittelsohn, a resident of Del Mar, graduated with a degree in history from UC Berkeley, where he later received his master of library science degree. He worked for 15 years in UC Berkeley libraries, and transferred to the UCSD campus in 1971.

Gittelsohn continues to be a student of history, saying it is a very book-related and library-related discipline. "If you had a room full of librarians and told everyone with a history or literature background to leave you would only have about five left," he said.

Currently, Gittelsohn is doing collection development at the UCSD Central Library in the fields of English and American literature. He is enrolled in the docent training program for the Torrey Pines State Preserve, and is involved in developing his personal collection of modern American first novels and plays.

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