

Friends of the UCSD Library to hold open house May 25

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Collections of books featuring the story of San Diego and Baja California will be displayed at an open house of the new University of California, San Diego, Library from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 25.

All San Diegans who are interested in books are welcome to attend the event, sponsored by The Friends of the UCSD Library. It will be held in Building B, the new seven-story University structure southwest of the stoplight at Miramar Road and U. S. 101.

The "Story of San Diego" will be illustrated by 50 books from the private collection of Mr. Wilmer B. Shields of San Diego, who is lending part of his extensive library to UCSD for the exhibit.

An exhibit of Baja Californiana-- one of several special University-owned collections which will be displayed-- contains some 30 volumes, according to Mrs. Russell W. Raitt, Chairman of the Friends. It was compiled after consultation with Ellen Barrett of the Los Angeles Public Library, who has published what is considered the definitive bibliography of Baja California.

Another feature of the open house will be flower prints from the collections of Mrs. George Heyneman and Dr. Francis Smith. They will feature fine books printed in the heyday of flower prints-- from the 1740s through 1825.

Many UCSD collections will be displayed in a special area on the third floor of Building B, which has been designated the special collection room. It will contain the Baja California collection and eventually house other collections to be built up by the Library.

Saturday's open house will also feature many of the 450 books donated by the Friends to the Library; Californiana; the San Diego authors collections; historical material, including old photographs, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography; the new medical library; and the new undergraduate library.