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President's Message

Carol LaRussa

December is a good time both to look back at events of the past year and to look forward to future ones. 2002 has been a productive year for the Sierra Nevada Chapter. We held meetings and workshops on a variety of interesting and useful topics, including: usability testing for web sites, licensing of electronic resources, twenty-four hour reference, library space planning, selling unneeded books on a library web site, and the Patriot Act. Our Nevada members co-sponsored a workshop in Reno on legal websites for lay people. In January Gabe McAuliffe and I represented the Chapter at the winter meeting in Chicago. We and many other Chapter members were fortunate to be able to attend the annual SLA meeting held this year in Los Angeles.

Next year promises to be another good year for the Chapter. President-Elect Karen Andrews and I will go in January to New Orleans for the winter meeting. Jackie Siegel is planning our annual membership recruitment meeting for early February. The topic will be library humor; please be thinking about people you would like to invite to come. Judy Lane is hard at work on a workshop on copyright to held in the spring. The SLA annual conference this year is in New York and should be an exciting event in a fascinating city.

Make 2003 the year you volunteer for a chapter position. We need *you* to volunteer for Education Chair (Nevada) or Archivist or Consultation Chair or Affirmative Action Chair or Business Manager. Take your pick! I'll be happy to explain the duties and all our current officers will all be glad to help you. You'll get to know a great group of people!

Best wishes for a great New Year!

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| Single-Issue Rates | |
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| Quarter-page ad | \$25 |
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Additional opportunities for reaching area information professionals can be found by sponsoring Sierra Nevada Chapter programs. The Chapter holds seven meetings or workshops during the Chapter year. Evening dinner meetings are scheduled in September, October, January, April and May. All-day workshops occur in October and April.

Vendors which sponsor Chapter programs are noted in the program flyer, in the Chapter's newsletter (both before and after the programs), and at the Chapter event itself. Sponsors are invited to send up to two representatives whose registrations and attendance at the Chapter event are included in the price of the sponsorship. Those representatives are 1.) invited to set up demonstrations of products and services before the program, 2.) are acknowledged during the program by Chapter officers, and 3.) are invited to speak briefly before the program speaker begins.

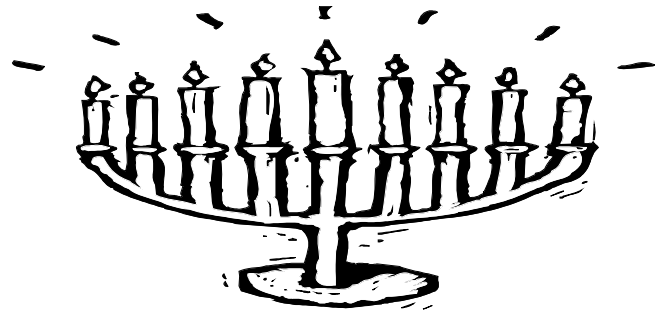
Chapter programs may be sponsored for \$250. Contact Ava Goldman (916/658-1533).

New Series About SNC Libraries Begins Buzz Haughton

If you like the series or there are things about it you find lacking, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me: bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu.

Beginning with this issue of the *Gold and Silver Gazette* is a series of articles telling readers a little about the libraries in the service area of the Sierra Nevada Chapter. Because of its status as the state capital, Sacramento and the region surrounding it are home to a wide array of libraries, many of them represented by members in the chapter. As your editor I thought it would be worth knowing a bit more about some of these libraries, and the Board agreed, so I am inaugurating the series *About the Chapter's Libraries* with an article about UC Davis, where I work.

Be warned, though: I'll be approaching librarians in months to come, asking you to write up your library's brief history, subject scope and notable features and achievements for future issues of the *Gazette*. Be assured I will allow writers at least a month's lead time.



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About the Chapter's Libraries: UC Davis **Buzz Haughton**

UC Davis became a general campus of the University of California system in 1956. Prior to that year, Davis was called the University Farm and was part of the Berkeley campus; those who got their degrees at Davis actually had diplomas from Berkeley. The land that comprises the Davis campus, the largest in overall area of any campus of UC, was largely the result of the efforts of Peter J. Shields, a Sacramento superior court judge, who saw to it that the land was purchased in 1908 by the legislature for bequeathal to the University. UCD's main library of the General Library system is named after him. For more information about Judge Shields, see: <http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/memorial/shields.htm>.

Since its inauguration as a general campus, UCD has grown steadily. It now enrolls about 21,230 undergraduates and 5,900 graduate students, making it the third largest UC campus in enrollment behind UCLA and Berkeley. The General Library, comprised of Shields Library, the Physical Sciences and

Engineering Library, Carlson Health Sciences Library and its satellite, the UCD Medical Center Library, and the Agricultural Economics Library, together hold about 2.5 million volumes. The Law Library is administratively separate from the General Library system.

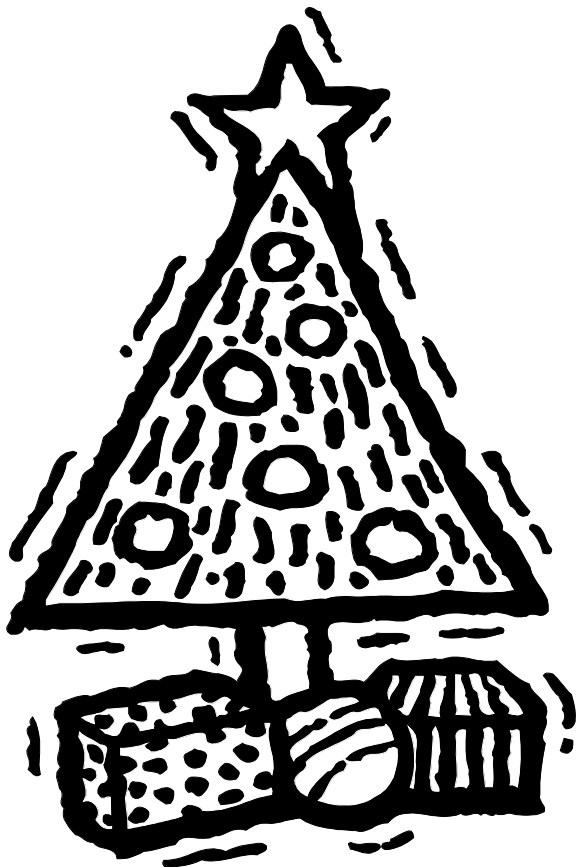
The General Library has a number of outstanding academic library collections, among them life sciences and medicine, physical sciences, agriculture and agricultural economics. Shields Library is home to probably the world's largest collections of materials in the subjects of bee culture and viticulture and enology; the latter collection is housed as part of the Biological and Agricultural Reference Department on the third floor of Shields.

As a legacy of its farm and home advisor tradition, UCD has traditionally actively participated in interlibrary cooperation and loan; it has been a member of the Mountain Valley Library System practically since that system's inception. The State Library and Shields Library's Government Information Department ship state and federal documents to one another as needed.

Last year the General Library purchased its first integrated library system: Aleph, marketed by the Ex Libris Corporation. This followed “interviewing” of four contenders. The California Digital Library, successor to the Melvyl system, also purchased Ex Libris’ product, and so sometime in 2003 the CDL online catalog interface should resemble Harvest, UCD’s new online catalog. For those of you who haven’t tried our new catalog, please see: <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/HARVESTCATALOG>. The Harvest Portal incorporates the ability to search the Internet at the same time as Harvest and the Melvyl system. To access the Harvest Portal, please visit: <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/HARVESTPORTAL>.

The General Library now has about 6,000 subscriptions to electronic journal titles, and the number is growing all the time. These issues are available to students, faculty and staff from their computers at home and in their offices.

SNC members who would like a tour of one or more of our libraries should get in touch with me (<mailto:bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu>). I would be happy to give you a brief tour or to turn you over to specialist and/or branch librarians who know their territories better than I.



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The U.S.A. Patriot Act and Implications for Libraries: a Report on the SNC November Dinner Meeting

Karen Andrews

Thirty-five people came to Andiamo Restaurant on Thursday, November 14 to hear Lee Tien, Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Mr. Tien is a first-amendment specialist with the EFF, working on privacy and freedom of speech issues in the electronic realm.

He began by reviewing key provisions of the First and Fourth Amendments and Title III. These include the right to anonymously read information, and the general practice of getting judicial approval for any wire or phone taps, search warrants and other secret monitoring activities. He noted the specificity of information required under criminal procedures to get permission to monitor communications. For example, specific phone lines or computer machines have to be named, a person’s address must be listed and details given of the exact nature of information sought.

Under the U.S.A. Patriot Act, the controls and balances are greatly weakened when done in the name of national security and intelligence gathering rather than criminal procedure. Certain monitoring activities can be done without judicial review; authorization can come from local police or FBI divisions. Monitoring can be enacted on a person, rather than a machine or phone line. As the person moves around, all kinds of equipment and locations can be “tapped.”

How might libraries be affected by this legislation? Some libraries have taken the precaution of not retaining records about the materials patrons have used. However, now the government can request that libraries make copies of information or hold onto the records of targeted individuals. Mr. Tien reviewed key provisions of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) and the federal wiretap statute (commonly known as “Title III”) and how these have been modified by the Patriot Act.

Most of us left feeling a bit chilled about the future, with increased opportunities for abuse of basic rights and potential loss of privacy by innocent individuals. The talk gave us information and a deeper understanding of the issues, which has helped when reading news articles about the Patriot Act and its implications.



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