Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fall issue of the UC San Diego Library's Domain newsletter. I hope you like our updated Domain masthead to go with our new name, the UC San Diego Library. We celebrated our 9th Dinner in the Library event on Sept. 14, in which we succeeded in raising more than $70,000 to support library collections. A sell-out crowd came to hear the noted author and LA Times book critic David Ulin. To those of you who attended this year's dinner, thank you so much for your continued support. I hope you found the evening as enjoyable and thought-provoking as I did. Please see the article on the dinner in this issue for more information and photos from the event.

This fall, we have another very special event that I wanted to call your attention to. On Nov. 7, the Library and the Life Sciences Foundation will explore the lessons learned from the past and wisdom gleaned for the future about the biotech industry in San Diego. "What's Past is Prologue: Creating the Life Sciences Industry in San Diego," will feature conversations by three legendary San Diego venture capitalists and is co-sponsored by Connect and Sughrue, with community partners, Biocom and San Diego Venture Group. For more information about this event, please see the article about it in this issue of Domain.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Brian E. C. Schottlaender

San Diego Biotech Founders in Conversation

What’s Past is Prologue: Creating the Life Sciences Industry in San Diego

Three legendary San Diego venture capitalists will discuss past lessons learned and thoughts about the future of local commercial biotech ventures during the first in a series of planned "conversations" Nov. 7 in
Nov. 5
"Legalism and Memory: The Post-WWII Identity of Jewish Survivors in Budapest."
Talk by Dr. Andrew Peto. Holocaust Living History Workshop.
Geisel Library, Seuss Room. 5 - 7 p.m.
For more information:
(858) 534-7661
Webpage

Nov. 14
"A Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust."
Holocaust Living History Workshop.
Geisel Library, Seuss Room. 5 - 7 p.m.
For more information:
(858) 534-7661
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Nov. 21
"Annual Turkey Calling Show."
Scott Paulson and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra
12 - 1 p.m.
Geisel Library, Seuss Room. 5 - 7 p.m.
For more information:
(858) 822-5758

Dinner in the Library
David Ulin Sheds Light on the Art of Reading

A fascinated audience of 125 friends and supporters of the UC San Diego Library heard David L. Ulin, Los Angeles Times book critic and author, discuss the relevancy of reading during the ninth annual Dinner in the Library held Sept. 14 in the Geisel Library.

Ulin said that while trying to edit a book section of the Times, he found himself in a quandary of trying to shut out the constant "noise" from Twitter, Facebook, and the Internet. A series of articles on how to address the concentration-sapping overload led to his award-winning book, "The Lost Art of Reading," in which he answers the question, "Why is reading important?"

Collector Q&A - Marty Bloom
An Obsession with Opera

Marty Bloom's passion for opera has taken him to opera houses
Marty Bloom with one of his opera scores

around the country and in Europe and inspired him to train and perform as an opera choral singer. But the apogee of his devotion to opera is a world-class collection of opera treasures that fills two rooms in his La Jolla home. They include vinyl records (78, 45, and 33 rpm), biographies of singers and composers, issues of the venerable Opera News dating back to 1939, and posters and photographs signed by opera stars. His most treasured holdings are opera musical scores, and the most precious of those are "piano vocal scores" that singers study to learn their parts. Bloom has one of the largest existing collections of these scores, which has made him something of a legend with opera lovers far and wide.

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Ranney Bequest

Trailblazing Doctor Makes Lasting Impact on Library

UC San Diego professor emeritus Helen Ranney, M.D., was never one to let barriers get in the way of her success. Tenacious and caring, Ranney—who passed away in 2010 at 89—became the first woman to head UC San Diego's Department of Medicine in 1973. She was also the first female president of the Association of American Physicians. And adding to her many historic "firsts" as a pioneering female physician, Ranney left a landmark bequest of $470,000 to support the UC San Diego Library's biomedical resources.

"I came to this university because it looked as though it was going to be very interesting because of the very good people they had. My devotion has been to new things that were getting started, and there was a lot of building to be done," Ranney once said of UC San Diego.

Underscoring her passion for the campus she helped shape, Ranney's cumulative gifts to UC San Diego totaled more than $1 million. The bequest was recently used to establish a collection endowment, the Helen M. Ranney Fund for Biomedical Library Materials. This legacy fund will provide continual support to maintain current and up-to-date materials relating to the biomedical field.

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Pirate Exhibit

"Pirates in Print" Exhibit Showcases Hill Collection
The word conjures up skullduggery, black eye patches, and the odor of rum. But history shows that pirates often were skilled mariners and erudite explorers who helped redraw the world map of civilization.

"Pirates in Print: Seafaring Treasures of the Mandeville Special Collections Library" will showcase first editions of seminal books about the Golden Age of Piracy. The Geisel Library exhibition will run October 1 through February 3, and it will draw from the 2,000-plus works in the Library's Hill Collection of Pacific Voyages. Considered the world's most extensive collection of books on early voyages of exploration and discovery to the Pacific, the collection was donated to the UC San Diego Library in 1974 by Kenneth E. and Dorothy V. Hill.

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Student Spotlight - Lauren Smyle

Outstanding Research Skills Lauded

The topic was a highly charged government issue with a myriad of shapes and angles, and bringing it all together would be a challenge. But Lauren Smyle, an urban studies and planning major, decided that she wanted to determine, through her senior thesis, whether Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) could compensate for the elimination of redevelopment agencies.

That decision, and the many hours of research into the conclusion, ultimately led to Lauren's receiving the second place 2012 Undergraduate Library Research Prize for outstanding research skills in the Social Sciences/Arts/Humanities category. The Prize is co-sponsored by the UC San Diego Library, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the UCSD Alumni Association.

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