Dear Friends,

The new academic year began on campus with a rush of activity—as it always does. This fall has been as busy as ever at the Library, and we have much great news to share with you. Those of you who attended our Dinner in the Library in September heard the entertaining talk delivered that evening by Noël Riley Fitch, who gave us a behind-the-scenes view of the iconic Julia Child and the many facets of her persona as cook, author, wife, and pioneering woman. This issue includes a wrap-up story on the dinner—including many photos—of what has become the Library’s signature event for the community. Those who missed it can watch the highlights on our Library Channel on UCTV: http://www.uctv.tv/library-channel/

Some of you have already met the Library’s new Director of Development, Julie Sully. This is Julie’s first quarter at UC San Diego and I am delighted that she has joined our team. We’ve included a more detailed profile of Julie in this issue, who is a seasoned external relations professional who understands libraries and the University of California culture.

If you haven’t already seen the fabulous coverage the UC San Diego Library recently received in the fall issue of our alumni magazine, Triton, you can read the article here. The article—Books & Bytes—was featured on the cover, and provides an in-depth review of the “Digital Shift” that most libraries (including ours) have been experiencing, including the pros and cons of books and bytes. As the article notes, the UC San Diego Library is a national leader in managing this evolution on behalf of our many and diverse users.

This fall marks the first anniversary of our Library Channel. If you haven’t been keeping up with our programs, click on the Library Channel link above and take a look at the many videos we have added recently, from “Here Be Pirates: The First Citizen Scientists” to “Leo Szilard: The Man Behind the Bomb.” We have a number of compelling UCTV programs in store for 2015, so stay tuned!

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are so much the better for it.

My best,
Guests at this year’s *Dinner in the Library* enjoyed an entertaining evening and fascinating talk by internationally renowned biographer and historian Noël Riley Fitch, the author of *Appetite for Life*, the only authorized biography of culinary icon, Julia Child. Before more than 100 guests sat down to a delicious dinner in Geisel Library, they enjoyed cocktails and had the opportunity to bid on a wide range of items in a silent auction. The event raised more than $170,000 for Library collections and services, thanks to the generous support of Audrey Geisel and the Dr. Seuss Fund at the San Diego Foundation, and many other generous sponsors.

Fitch’s talk centered on her experiences in writing her 1997 biography of Julia Child, and the strong friendship she developed with her during the process. While often thought of as a blue blood New Englander, Julia McWilliams had a privileged upbringing in Pasadena, marked by country club memberships, ski trips, and summer vacations in the exclusive St. Malo community north of San Diego, where she spent many hours swimming in the Pacific Ocean. Julia came of age in what Fitch jokingly called “The Golden Age of Food Processing,” when Julia, as a student at Smith College, would ravenously consume jellyfilled donuts, brownies with chocolate sauce, and other “tasty junk food.” At 6’3,” said Fitch, Julia was always hungry but was not all that interested in food per se. It would be many years before Julia became interested in French cuisine, laboring for a decade on her first book, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, which launched her as a culinary icon.

Those who missed this year’s *Dinner in the Library*, can watch Fitch’s 30-minute talk on our UCTV Library Channel at: [www.uctv.tv/librarychannel](http://www.uctv.tv/librarychannel).

Collector Q&A

**Gita Morena & All Things "Oz"**

Dr. Gita Dorothy Morena is a transpersonal psychotherapist, certified in Jungian Sandplay Therapy, as well as a marriage, family, and child therapist. She is also the great-granddaughter of L. Frank Baum, one of the world's most beloved authors of children's books, including the magical and unforgettable *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. A practicing therapist in the San
Dr. Gita Dorothy Morena has been a resident of the Diego area for more than 40 years. Morena is a collector of all things Oz, and has been the keeper of the family's treasure trove of her grandfather's memorabilia. As a practicing Jungian psychologist, she appreciates many of the enduring themes that run through Baum's works, including wisdom, compassion, and courage. His writings tell us, she says, that each of us wants to find "home," but that we don't often realize that peace and contentment already reside within each of us. We each must take our own journey to find it.

[Click here to read more.]

**New Library People**

**Introducing Julie Sully - Director of Development**

The Library has recruited a new Director of Development, Julie Sully, who began working in Geisel Library in August 2014. Some of you may have already met Julie, who attended our recent *Dinner in the Library*, and has been reaching out to Library friends and supporters, and UCSD alumni. Julie, who will work on behalf of the Library as well as other campus initiatives, replaces Barbara Brink, who retired last December.

"The Library is fortunate that Julie has chosen to continue her career at UC San Diego, where she will collaborate with me and others on fundraising initiatives to build and enhance the Library's world class collections, services, and facilities," said University Librarian Brian Schottlaender.

"I am honored to represent the Library and UC San Diego at this juncture in my career" said Sully. "There is a unique and exciting energy to the campus, and the Library most certainly reflects that energy, and also has a rich history of its own. As the Library continues to transform itself in the digital age, there is a compelling story to tell and many opportunities to become involved in supporting its continuing growth and success."

[Click here to read more.]

**Holocaust Living History Workshop (HLHW)**

**Award-Winning Historian to Shed Light on Women of the**
This year’s Holocaust Living History Workshop (HLHW) series explores the themes of “Hidden Stories: Legacy of Pain,” with a provocative line-up of speakers who will shed light on those lost, forgotten, or poorly documented stories and experiences, promoting a richer understanding of the Holocaust’s myriad dimensions.

On November 13, 2014 historian Wendy Lower will explore Hitler’s Furies: Ordinary Women? Lower, an award-winning professor of History at Claremont McKenna University, delves into the lives and experiences of German women in the Nazi killing fields. Her research chillingly debunks the age-old myth of the German woman as mother and breeder, removed from the tough, male-dominated world of politics and war. The women Lower labels “furies” humiliated their victims, plundered their goods, and often killed them. And, like many of their male counterparts, they got away with murder.

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Student Spotlight

Library Prize Recognizes Outstanding Student Research Skills

Earlier this year, four UC San Diego undergraduates were recognized for the superior and strategic skills they demonstrated in using Library resources while conducting research projects. This annual competition, a partnership between the UC San Diego Library, Student Affairs, and the UC San Diego Alumni Association, provides the winning students, who must be nominated by faculty members, with cash prizes.

“This year’s winners of the Library’s Undergraduate Library Research competition demonstrated the outstanding research skills needed to excel at a major research university such as UC San Diego,” said Brian Schottlaender, the University’s Audrey Geisel University Librarian, at a reception held in honor of the prize winners. “Good academic research does not happen without careful,
studious, and strategic library research; these students have clearly learned that. Learning how to conduct research as an undergraduate is such an important part of our students’ education. I’m very pleased that we can continue to support and recognize, with our partners in Student Affairs and Alumni Affairs, these achievements.

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