

Library Student Advisory Council Meeting Notes April 15, 2025; Geisel Library-Seuss Room

Welcome

Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed the Library Student Advisory Council members for the penultimate LSAC meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year. She also highlighted some updates for the Council.

- T-shirts opt-in coming soon
- Check email for information on participating in Library social media
- Floor 7 of the Library is now closed for HVAC
- Library internal re-structuring is continuing, more to share potentially in May
- [LSAC applications](#) for next year are now open
- [Undergraduate Library Research Prize](#) applications also now open
- For [Giving Day](#), the Library is focusing on textbook affordability
- Request for LSAC to participate in the Common Read program

Library Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Cristela Garcia-Spitz & Vanessa Colonia Medina, co-chairs of the Library Diversity and Inclusion Committee (LDIC), presented on the mission of the committee, the history of the committee, the activities of the committee and the ways the committee would like to collaborate with LSAC in the future.

Group Photo

Jade Johnston, Library Administrative Office Assistant, gathered the Council for the group photo.

Triton Weeks of Welcome

Jen Cormier, Events and Outreach Coordinator and Timothy Chu, First Year Experience Librarian shared with the Council the ideas around a Triton Weeks of Welcome Event. To help them prepare for the event, they split the council into two groups and asked for each group to give feedback and give a top 5 rankings for the following questions:

What did you wish you knew about the Library when you started classes at UC San Diego?

Group 1

#5- Special Collections

- Anyone can access special collections

#4- Tech Lending

- Borrow phone chargers/laptop chargers
- That you can rent electronics (headphones etc.)

#3- Student Jobs

- Library Jobs + Job opportunities

- We're usually told to check Handshake but its not very easy to navigate and we're less likely to see it

#2- Subject Librarians

- Research support/ resources
- Subject librarians available to students
- Call number organization
- Library of congress book organization

#1- Library functions

- How to check out books (I still don't really know how)
- Study rooms
- About the Data/GIS Lab + Maps @ Geisel
- You can request for books from other universities/ to buy as well
- TLC
- 24/7 Chat bot

Other Responses

- Workshops on how to navigate different library resources
- Understanding all the different kinds of spaces available
- More info geared toward transfer students- we are here for a shorter amount of time so we see things pretty late
- Outline of what each floor offers- noise levels, seating types, services, calm cave, etc.
- I wish I knew that most textbooks are provided by the Library- maybe providing video tutorials on how to access course reserves OR highlighting them as a resource for incoming students
- Destress events
- It's not scary (LOL)
- Printers
- It closes early on Fridays
- A bunch of academic resources are available on Geisel's website
- More info geared towards transfer students to become familiar with Library
- Destress events

Group 2

#5- Specialized services

- The special archives
- Scheduling with library specialists via library website

#4- Printing/Tech

- Where/how to print
- Different amenities like being able to check out chargers/power banks

#3- Catalogue/books

- How to search books up on the catalog
- How to find scholarly sources through the UC Library Search
- I wish I was informed about how to borrow books

#2- General Info

- The different resources such as the Writing Hub, Teaching & Learning Commons & the research help
- The different resources and free software we have

- What resources are offered
- How to book study rooms
- UCSD “Ask a Librarian” and Study Rooms
- I wish I knew about all the different kinds of rooms in the Library
- What is unique about every floor/ the layout to expect

#1- Tech Access

- Subject Specialist Librarians
- The different events the library hosts
- I’m a transfer and commuter student therefore it was a bit harder for me to enjoy the library to its fullest potential. Unless I saw something on social media/email, I wasn’t aware of library events. I guess making events more known.
- Scanner (course reserves)
- TLC/Writing Support
- Subject Specific Librarians for class projects
- Interlibrary loans for books/textbooks
- Course reserves
- NYTimes Access
- Course Reserves
- Kanopy
- Tech Lending
- Course Reserves

What Library processes and/or services were hard to learn or understand at UC San Diego?

Group 1

#5- ILL & Circuit

- How to borrow and Request Books

#4- The Hold System

- Material requests
- Book checkouts
- Holds expire

#3- Classification System

- Call Numbers

#2- VPN

- Had a hard time figuring out the VPN to use for databases off campus- video would have been helpful to follow directions
- Accessing digital reserves/collections

#1- Data & GIS Lab

- Accessing maps/data GIS at the Library

Other responses

- Using UCSD email for library offered newspapers
- Finding specific rooms (Suess Room, Classrooms, study rooms)
- Reserving a study room in advance
- Special collections
- Poster making service (?)
- Subject specialist librarians

- Special collections was a bit harder to navigate the more specific item I needed

Group 2

#5- Subject Librarians

- How to schedule an appointment for research/citation help
- Access a subject specialist
- How to cite a specific source in a specific style
- How to schedule with a specific subject specialist

#4- Study rooms

- Where to book study rooms- website?
- How to book a study room
- Booking a study room
- How to book a study room
- Booking study rooms

#3- Books

- How to find a specific book
- How to find books
- Find a book/resource
- How to borrow a book from another institution
- Book aisle/number (finding a book in the library)
- How to find and borrow books

#2- Tech Access

- Printing
- VPN
- Did not know computers were available for students
- Access to VPN
- How to Print

#1- Searching

- Navigating databases
- How to use Library Search bar
- Understand the search tool for books on the website
- Databases
- How to look up research articles/books in the library
- How to find research
- Course reserves
- How to search the library by genre in person

How well do you understand the difficult to learn processes now? (5 is most comfortable, 1 is least comfortable)

VPN (off-campus access)

Most are somewhat or very comfortable

1- 2

2- 1

3- 4

4- 3

5- 7

Printing (Wēpa System)

Most are quite comfortable

1- 1

2- 1

3- 0

4- 5

5- 11

Book Checkout

Most are somewhat or very comfortable

1- 2

2- 3

3- 2

4- 3

5- 5

Study Room Reservations

Most are quite comfortable

1- 2

2- 1

3- 2

4- 6

5- 6

How to Get in Touch with a Librarian

Most are moderately comfortable/uncomfortable

1- 0

2- 2

3- 6

4- 6

5- 2

How to Search Library Resources

Most fall between slightly and very comfortable

1- 0

2- 4

3- 3

4- 5

5- 6

Interlibrary Loan/ Circuit

Most are not comfortable at all, while some are quite comfortable

1- 8

2- 3

3- 1

4- 1

5- 5

Hold Shelf

Some are quite comfortable and others quite uncomfortable

1- 6

2- 1

3- 1

4- 3

5- 5

Data & GIS Lab

Most are not comfortable at all

0- 1

1- 16

2- 1

3- 1

4- 0

5- 0

Call Numbers

Most are not comfortable at all

1- 9

2- 3

3- 0

4- 0

5- 4

CCR Check-in and Questions

Roxy Haji shared the instructions for how to check in for Library Events for credit for the CCR.

Library News & Events

- Find the schedule for **yoga** and **De-Stress with Pups** in the library [here](#), and explore additional de-stress activities and offerings [on the Library's website](#).
- Starting **March 31, 2025, Floor 7 of Geisel Library closed** for approximately 10 weeks to accommodate continuation of the Geisel HVAC [renewal project](#).
- View the UC San Diego [Library Annual Impact Report](#) for a glimpse at the Library's many successes of Fiscal Year 2023–2024.
- **Check out these featured online resources:** [O'Reilly for Higher Education](#) includes more than 45,000 books from O'Reilly and 200+ publishers covering programming languages, cloud computing, software architecture, security, artificial intelligence and machine learning and other IT topics, as well as business, data science and management, mathematics, science and engineering and professional development/soft skills. It also offers more than 10,000 videos and audiobooks, plus courses and curated playlists prepared by experts in their fields. [This resource doesn't use VPN; instead, select UC San Diego from the list of institutions and log in using Single Sign On]
- [Gale Primary Sources](#) is organized into modules defined by format and theme. Examples include Archives of Sexuality and Gender, Latin American & Caribbean History, 18th- and 19th-century collections online, and various collections of historical newspapers. Find this resource under Gale Primary Sources on the [Databases A-Z list](#).
- **EVENT** - May 15 from 5-6:30pm (virtual only), as part of the Library's Holocaust Living History Workshop: [Schindler's Listed: In Search of a Buried Past](#) featuring Randi Biederman | Hirsch Biedermann, born in 1925, was number three on Schindler's famous list. A native of Lodz, Poland, he endured years of ghettoization, imprisonment, and forced labor before being liberated in 1945. After the war, he left Europe not only with profound trauma, but also with a valuable coin collection that his father had buried before deportation.
- **Two Library exhibits** – one for [National Poetry Month](#) and the other entitled [Taiwan Through Words: A Literary Showcase with the National Museum of Taiwan Literature](#) 透過文字看台灣：國立台灣文學館文學展演 – remain available through the end of April. See details of all of the Library's in-person and digital exhibits [here](#).

The next LSAC meeting is **May 20, 2025** in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library.