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Greetings
Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends.

As we move into the last few weeks of an amazing year, we hope you’ll try our convenient new book chapter delivery service for researchers. And do take a break to enjoy this month’s student-inspired, community-linked, interactive events. Invite your students to join you!

As always, please share your feedback with us. We are grateful your ideas and support.

Anna Gold
University Librarian
Kennedy Library

New service: Chapter book lending
Faculty often need only a chapter rather than the entire book. We can now deliver chapters electronically using RAPID ILL. All you need to know is the page numbers or chapter title, plus the ISBN, and we can deliver chapters just like an electronic article. The service works for both print and electronic book chapters. The new service was implemented in late March, and as of the end of April, the library has already processed 50 requests. We are the third California academic library to join more than 60 libraries nationwide in this new service. Request a chapter via our interlibrary services portal.

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Open Science Café presents Steve Duenes from The New York Times, May 9
Steve Duenes, the graphics director for The New York Times, presents “How to use data and design to tell stories,” from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the second floor café lounge. Duenes will explain how the graphics team research, design, and develop the interactive maps, data visualizations and motion graphics for The New York Times’ digital platforms and printed newspaper. This event is the first Open Science Café, a new competition inspired by the fifth anniversary of Cal Poly Science Café. Open Science Café awards a student proposal with a public programs mentor and budget. This year’s winner is art and design senior Ali Albani, who is leading this event. Partners include the Department of Art and Design, Journalism Department and AIGA Santa Barbara.

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Cal Poly Science Café presents Binary Dance at San Luis Obispo Mini Maker Faire, May 10
As a member of the library’s leadership team, Jessica arrives at a Cal Poly Science Café will be at the second annual San Luis Obispo Mini Maker Faire to host “Binary Dance,” an interactive event on the stage at Mission Plaza. The gaming experience is designed by Pete Hawkes, an interactive designer. Hawkes will lead participants in a dance to toggle a symbolic bit value in a simple binary sequence: 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16. The dance shows how computers store complex data with simple 1s and 0s. Pete Hawkes works at Oblong Industries in L.A. and has designed interactive experiences for Nokia, Ogilvy Interactive, KFC, Liz Claiborne, Boeing, and the Sci-Fi Channel. The San Luis Obispo Mini Maker Faire is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 10 in Mission Plaza.

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Opening reception for spring exhibit, Objects of Affection, May 23
The “Objects of Affection” exhibit draws upon the personal papers of families featured in the Re/Collecting Project, an online archive and ethnic studies memory project featuring families of California’s Central Coast. Re/Co digitizes and makes publicly accessible the rich history of the diverse communities of the region, which includes San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties. The exhibit is in collaboration with Dr. Grace Yeh and The Re/Collecting Project, Ethnic Studies Department, Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies Program, MultiCultural Center, Filipino American National Historical Society—California Central Coast Chapter, and Cal Humanities. Join us for an opening reception featuring spoken word and musical entertainment as well as authentic Filipino cuisine, May 23, in the 2nd floor Learning Commons, 3-5pm. The exhibit is open May 12-June 6.

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