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## Kennedy Library Update, June 2014

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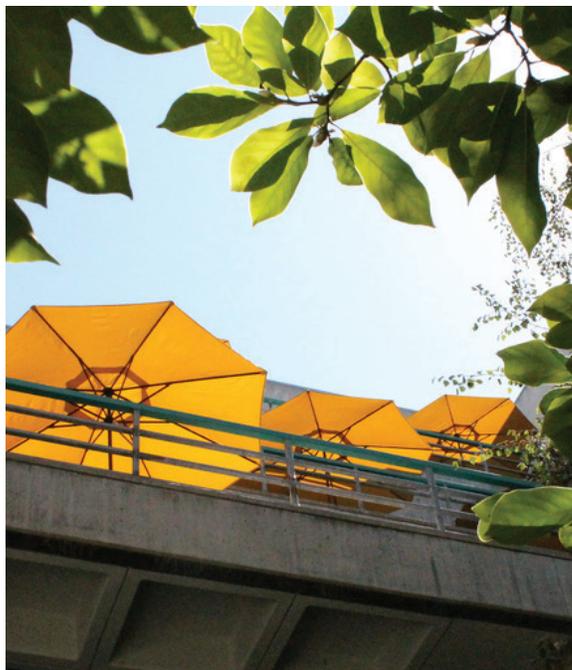
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## Greetings

### Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends.

With spring commencement in the air, there's a lot to celebrate at Cal Poly this month!

In June's update, I'm pleased to share our good news about new online access to the back issues of high-use research journals. We also thank you for partnering on a great workshop to explore using open and affordable learning materials.

For the library, the summer is a fertile time for renewal and planning. We look forward to offering even more ways for you and your students to connect with each other next fall.

Have a great summer!

**Anna Gold**

University Librarian  
Kennedy Library

### Deeper access to the research you need: 250+ journals now available

Using a data-driven evaluative process, Kennedy Library, with special one-time funds, purchased perpetual access to a large number of high-demand electronic journal back files. This means that faculty, students and other users can have access to all content for hundreds of scholarly journals. Our subscription plan allowed access to these journals from 1995 forward, but we discovered that Cal Poly users were attempting to access content from years prior to 1995. A total of 252 journals have been added to the Elsevier Science Direct platform. [Read more.](#)

### Symposium launches, highlights student research publishing

*Symposium: Student Journal of Science and Math* is a student-written, student-run, open-access academic journal founded by Lauren Young (BIO '14). The journal's annual issues promote discussion on the topics the students of the College of Science and Mathematics (COSAM) investigate in their classes, labs, research and senior projects. [Read the inaugural issue.](#)

In addition, an Earn by Doing digital communication and publishing student assistant position was created this year. [Read more](#) about how Natalie Rich (GRC '14) supports Kennedy Library's academic publishing initiatives.

### New award to recognize faculty scholarship in Learn by Doing

A new faculty award, recognizing outstanding faculty scholarship on Cal Poly's signature pedagogy, will be given for the first time in spring 2015. A committee of faculty from all colleges, co-chaired by CIO Michael D. Miller and University Librarian Anna Gold, has begun meeting this spring to define the award criteria and to share the opportunity with Cal Poly faculty.

Details and criteria for the award, established by Information Services' external advisory board and administered by the Kennedy Library, will be announced in fall 2014.

### Faculty fill the room for Open Textbook Workshop

On May 19 Kennedy Library held our first open textbook workshop for faculty, led by the University of Minnesota's Open Textbook Library. Twenty-five faculty members (the maximum the workshop could accommodate) joined two guest presenters for a thought-provoking presentation and discussion about the current state of educational resources and the potential of the open textbook model for students, faculty, and administrators. The workshop was a huge success, and we look forward to facilitating future opportunities to continue this critical conversation around issues of equity, access, and affordability.

If you are interested in exploring the adoption of open resources for your courses, or if you are simply curious about these materials, please contact Dana Ospina, Open Education Library Fellow at [dospina@calpoly.edu](mailto:dospina@calpoly.edu).

### It's time for Senior Projects

We're dedicated to supporting Cal Poly student success by making senior projects available in our online archive DigitalCommons@CalPoly. By participating, your students will have a digital record of their culminating work at Cal Poly and provide a way for your department to showcase exceptional scholarship. If senior projects have incorporated primary resources from Kennedy Library, Special Collections and Archives is eager to highlight those efforts. Please encourage your seniors to participate! [More information about the submission process.](#)

### Summer hours

With the students away campus can be quiet, but it's a great time to visit the library!

Please note the library's summer hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-7:00 pm; Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm; closed on Saturdays; Sunday: 10:00 am- 5:00 pm. The 24-hour space remains open; Poly Connect Lab is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Research Help Desk is open Monday-Thursday, 11:00 am-5:00pm, Friday 2:00 pm-5:00pm.

[More information, including holiday hours.](#)

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