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Kennedy Library Update, January 2015

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Happy New Year,
Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends.

We hope your winter holidays were relaxing! The library is beginning this quarter to engage Cal Poly faculty, students and staff in developing a new library strategy plan. We hope we can count on your input over the next few months.

Also new in 2015 is a new faculty award for scholarship on Learn by Doing Scholar; also, read here about a new service to help graduate students complete their masters theses. Retired Cal Poly honors program director and CSE professor Dr. Erika Rogers offers one-on-one thesis consultations on Thursdays from 3:00 to 8:00pm in Kennedy Library room 303 or by appointment. We invite faculty to encourage grad students to take advantage of this free service, especially those who may be experiencing challenges.

New Learn by Doing Scholar Award
A new faculty award, the Learn by Doing Scholar Award, has been established to acknowledge and inspire formal scholarship and research into Cal Poly’s signature pedagogy. The inaugural awards will be given in two categories to create an inclusive process that encourages fully-realized as well as emerging scholarship. Open to all Cal Poly faculty, the awards are sponsored by the Information Services advisory board. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 15 to March 20, 2015. For more information: lib.calpoly.edu/learn-by-doing

New Service: Cal Poly Thesis Coaching Clinic
Graduate Education and Kennedy Library are co-sponsoring a new service to help graduate students complete their masters theses. Retired Cal Poly honors program director and CSE professor Dr. Erika Rogers offers one-on-one thesis consultations on Thursdays from 3:00 to 8:00pm in Kennedy Library room 303 or by appointment. We invite faculty to encourage grad students to take advantage of this free service, especially those who may be experiencing challenges.

Data Studio Presents Talk on Art, Science and the Natural World, Feb. 6
“The Seaweed Specimen: Ocean to Lab to Art Museum” features a conversation between Josie Iselin, photographer, writer and book designer, and Ruta Saliklis, director of exhibitions and development at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. Iselin makes the traditional pressed seaweed specimen, invaluable to scientists and beloved by collectors, into a contemporary portrait using a flatbed scanner. Friday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m. to noon, in room 111H.

Changes Begin February 2015 for Access to Wiley Journals
In late December the Chancellor’s Office announced that negotiations for the 2015 renewal of the system-wide journal package with John Wiley and Sons were unsuccessful. This means Cal Poly will no longer subscribe through the CSU to about 1,300 Wiley journals. However, many of these journals are underused at Cal Poly and back-files (starting from either 1997 or the inception of the journal through 2014) will remain available to Cal Poly via the Wiley Online Library.

Kennedy Library staff are evaluating Wiley titles that are used heavily at Cal Poly and will renew subscriptions to a set of journals to ensure access to the most current scholarly content. Also, our RapidILL service provides 24-hour turnaround and email delivery for current article content published in unsubscribed Wiley journals.

A key reason the CSU was unable to reach agreement with Wiley was the CSU’s analyses of cost and usage. The cost per use of Wiley journal articles is nearly double what CSU pays for comparable scholarly publishers. For more information, go to the CSU Libraries website.

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