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Kennedy Library Update, April 2014

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INVITATION

Greetings

Cal Poly faculty, staff,
and friends.

We invite you to mark your
calendars for events coming
May 1 and 2.

Join us for an exciting showcase of
student and faculty research, with a
welcome by the Provost on May 1,
and then come and celebrate with
us on May 2 as Cal Poly accepts
ACRL's award for excellence in
university libraries.

RSVP is requested: bit.ly/acrl-rsvp

Thank you as always for your ideas
and support.

Anna Gold

University Librarian
Kennedy Library

Architects to hold open forum at Kennedy Library, April 10

On April 10, 11am-12:30pm, a team of architects from Shepley Bulfinch will hold an open forum in the second floor cafe area at Kennedy Library. The architects will share their recommendations for reimagining Kennedy Library for the next 5-10 years. The goals are to create new capacity, technologically rich program spaces, and vibrant social spaces in the current library building. The library expansion (Academic Commons) remains part of future planning for the campus. The architects' process included numerous meetings with focus groups, including campus leaders, staff, faculty, academic partners and students. The final plan will be shared broadly with the university community. [Read more.](#)

Cal Poly Authors: Mary Stewart Atwell with Elizabeth Adan, April 18

Join us to discuss Mary Stewart Atwell's novel *Wild Girls* on Friday, April 18, 10-11:30am, in Kennedy Library, Room 111H. Library Journal describes the teen narrator of *Wild Girls* as one "... whose sense of fairness and responsibility holds at bay the usual tensions over cliques, bullying, and competitive nastiness until an explosive episode of demonic possession targets the whole town." Mary (Polly) Stewart Atwell is a lecturer in the English department. She will be joined by Elizabeth Adan, an associate professor of art history. [Read more.](#)

Special Collections and Archives has acquired The Carissa Plains Oral History Project

A collection of over 100 oral histories documenting life on the Carrizo Plain of San Luis Obispo County, the project covers the 1880s through the 2000s. Conducted and donated by Craig Deutsche and Jackie Czaplá, the interviews principally focus on the lives of ranchers, seasonal workers, early residents of California Valley, and people instrumental in transferring private lands into the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The oral histories provide a window into the work, education, entertainments, and social networks of the interviewees, and document the ecology of the region, complementing the [San Luis Obispo Environmental Archives](#). Craig Deutsche's book [Another Place & Time: Voices from the Carissa Plains](#) eloquently highlights the larger Carissa Plains Oral History Project.

Special Collections and Archives is always interested in supporting multidisciplinary coursework and research of students and faculty alike. To access the interviews, transcripts, related materials, or to speak with us about our instructional program, please contact [Special Collections and Archives](#).

Thank you for taking the Ithaka Survey

We're delighted that 250 faculty took the time to fill out the Ithaka Survey. This 20% response rate provides a fresh perspective into how we can develop services, programs, and collections that support your teaching, research, and scholarship. A few highlights from the preliminary findings include:

- 74% of respondents indicated scholarly e-books play a very important role in their research and teaching
- 60% of respondents said primary source collections (such as archival materials, manuscripts, and images) are important to their teaching and 54% said it is important to their research
- 85% of respondents said they rely on the library for their research

We look forward to exploring the data more closely over the spring and summer and will share analysis on our website.

Feedback? Questions? We look forward to hearing from you.

Please reply to: lib-exec@calpoly.edu