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Greetings

Cal Poly faculty, staff,
and friends.

We have very happy news that we've been proud to share with the campus – the library's recognition by ACRL for excellence in university libraries. This award is truly a reflection of the ideas, energy, and insights we gain every day from our work with you and our students. Thank you.

We always welcome your feedback. Just reply to library@calpoly.edu if this update sparks ideas or questions about your library!

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2014 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award Winner

We're honored to be named the Association of College and Research Libraries 2014 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award Winner. We're the first university library in California to receive the honor, which recognizes the delivery of exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution. We were selected for our innovations in student engagement. [Read more.](#)

Faculty Survey Ithaka S+R

The Ithaka survey is a national standard for understanding faculty perceptions of the role and value of libraries in supporting research, teaching, scholarly communications and societies. All full-time Cal Poly faculty will be invited to participate on Feb. 5. The survey results will inform our strategies for strengthening faculty services and partnerships. It will also benchmark Cal Poly faculty's perceptions and habits with national data. [Read more.](#)

Cal Poly Authors: Jody Lisberger with Debra Valencia-Laver Feb. 7

Jody Lisberger will discuss her book of short stories, *Remember Love*, on Friday, Feb. 7, 10-11:30am, in Kennedy Library, Room 111H. Jody Lisberger is associate professor and director of the Gender and Women's Studies Program at University of Rhode Island. She received the Susan Currier Visiting Professorship for Teaching Excellence from Cal Poly for 2013-2014. Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and a professor in the Psychology & Child Development Department, will join her. [Read more.](#)

A Map for the Future: Measuring Radiation Levels Feb. 14

At this Cal Poly Science Cafe, offered in partnership with the Data Studio, Yoh Kawano, UCLA's GIS coordinator, will present "A Map for the Future: Measuring Radiation Levels," from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the second floor café area. Kawano will discuss his work with Radioisotope Center (RC) at Niigata University in Japan, which built a vehicle-mounted radiation-monitoring system using a real-time GPS receiver, dosimeter and laptop. Kawano will bring the radiation monitoring system to Cal Poly and lead us in an interactive experience to demonstrate crowd-sourcing data. Bring your smart phone. [Read more.](#)

Find and Visualize Data with Social Explorer Feb. 20

Looking at census data just got a lot easier! Using funds from the Student Success Fee, we recently added Social Explorer to our cadre of electronic resources. What makes this resource noteworthy is not just the data (though its focus on demographic and census data, including the 2012 American Community Survey is impressive), but the way you and your students can visualize the data! The tools Social Explorer provides allow for creating interactive maps and slideshows as well as generating tables, charts, graphs, and reports. There is an introductory hands-on workshop about Social Explorer on Thursday, Feb. 20, 11am-12pm in 216B. [Read more.](#)

Feedback? Questions? We look forward to hearing from you. Please reply to: library@calpoly.edu