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OPEN ACCESS WEEK

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Greetings

Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends.

It has been great to meet so many new faculty in the last few weeks. Each month we'll send you brief news and highlights about the people, services, events, and resources in your library that can enrich your students' learning, save you time, and support your research and creative work.

This month, we share what we learned from you in last year's Ithaka survey of Cal Poly faculty. Please let us know anything we didn't ask, that you think is important - we want to know! Reply to lib-exec@calpoly.edu and let us know your ideas, questions, or feedback.

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Ithaka survey results inform how we can best serve faculty

The results of the Ithaka faculty survey are now available. The results give us a wealth of useful data to help us support faculty and students. For example, you confirmed that Special Collections & Archives is in increasing demand, with 70% of faculty rating digitized and born digital primary sources as highly important for their teaching and research. We also know we need to continue examining the useability of the ebooks we buy, and work with our colleagues in Information Services to help faculty with data management. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. [Read the results.](#)

Take the Open Challenge! Celebrate Open Access Week, Oct. 20-26

Open Access means open access to information. It is the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results. Open Access Week, a global event, is an opportunity to learn about the benefits of openly shared knowledge. Please join us for a series of presentations and discussions hosted by members of the Cal Poly community. We'll discuss such topics as open data, teaching and learning with Wikipedia, and Creative Commons licensing. We hope to see you there! [View our calendar.](#)

Introducing the Faculty Tech Guide

With Cal Poly welcoming so many new faculty this year, Information Services produced a quick start guide to help with computing support, instructional technology, and library services at Cal Poly. Created by a team of staff and faculty from Kennedy Library, ITS, and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, it was delivered to every faculty member. [Access it online via Information Services' Faculty Resources.](#)

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Improvements to website, maps, signage

Informed by faculty and student feedback, our website features a simplified search function, streamlined home page and more intuitive navigation. We've also updated our online and onsite maps and wayfinding to help you find what you need more quickly. Signage is brighter and bolder and each floor is now color-coded. The palette reflects the recommendations of architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch, and the new [master plan for Kennedy Library.](#)

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

Please reply to: lib-exec@calpoly.edu