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Interns rescue map collection with planning and hard work

T
he library’s map collection had fallen into disarray after several years of neglect, but the CSUB interns rectified it from its decline.

Over the summer, as part of their training, the library interns performed an analysis of the collection, submitted a proposal, and then began the process of documenting and organizing the collection. Under the supervision of Special Collections Coordinator Curt Asher, interns Angela Vo and Francesca Ayon drafted a plan for attacking the colossal project. Included in their analysis was a step-by-step procedural plan and a time-cost estimate. After the proposal was approved by Library Dean Rod Hersberger, the interns rolled up their sleeves and plunged into the

Autumn quarter sees launch of new library website

T
he Walter Stiern Library replaced its website in the fall with an updated design that eases a patron’s ability to access information. The web site design was the product of a team effort led by Ying Zhong. Ying chaired a three-librarian committee that also included Curt Asher and Saqra Bozarth. The committee’s designs were submitted to the entire library faculty for review in the spring. Over the course of the summer, Ying worked with Don David from the Web Services Department to build the pages and implement the design. When school began in the fall, students found themselves navigating a new website that had been migrated onto the main campus server. The new homepage is aesthetically pleasing and has an updated look that is easy to navigate.

Ying deserves a lot of credit for carrying this complex project through in a relatively short period of time,” said Library Dean Rod Hersberger. “Our previous design served us very well for five years or so, but it was time for a change. This new design is an example of the improvement that fresh, creative thinking and hard work consistently bring to the library.”

Ying joined the library faculty in 2005, after receiving a library science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is one of the top-ranked library science programs in the nation. Ying also obtained
Fall lecture

at UC Santa Barbara. Her specialties are the history of the American South and American public policy. She is the author of numerous publications and presentations on Texas history and politics.

She said that the second manifestation of the Ku Klux Klan spread throughout the United States in the 1920s. “Strengths of this second Klan in the North and in the West included Indiana and California, with Kern County’s relatively short-lived Klan spanning Kern’s District Attorney to latch on a Grand Jury investigation into the group’s activities in 1924,” she explained.

The audience was made up of community members, as well as CSUB faculty, staff, and students. The hour-long lecture packed many questions.

“We’re pleased to see this series growing and attracting more people to the library. It’s important to me that people recognize the library as a cultural center, as well as an information center,” said Library Dean Rod Hensberger.

Spanish professor Dr. Jose Reyna is scheduled for the winter quarter research talk. A musician as well as a professor, he is planning to discuss the evolution of Tejano music beginning at 5:20 on January 31.

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