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# Library Leads

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## ***Messages of Peace in the Library***

*By Michele Gibney*

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On Thursday, January 9, 2020, the University of the Pacific Libraries, in collaboration with University Park World Peace Rose Garden and Grupe Commercial Company and with funding provided by Pacific's Beyond Our Gates, hosted a Messages of Peace event on campus in the University Library. This collaborative event was focused on performing

outreach with the Stockton community, inviting middle schoolers from a local public school to visit campus and engage in active discussion and co-creation of Messages of Peace.

The [University Park World Peace Rose Garden](#) in Stockton, which hosts the local Messages of Peace Contest, defines the Messages as “poignant and unscripted thoughts revealing the thoughts and dreams of this next generation”. Winning Messages are transferred to plaques and placed in the garden every year.

Sandy Huber, Director of the University Park World Peace Rose Garden, provided the opening remarks for the event with additional presentations by representatives from the International World Peace Rose Garden, Stockton’s Community Partnerships for Families, the University Libraries, and the Cook Family Children’s Literature Collection. Additional details, information and photos can be seen on Scholarly Commons on the [Messages for Peace](#) page.



The highlight of the event were 10 break out sessions with the middle school students, facilitated by Pacific students from the Community Involvement Program, the Cube, and the Admissions Tiger Team. Using whiteboards, the Pacific students led middle schoolers in



conceiving their definitions of peace and forgiveness. Images of the whiteboards used by each break out group can be viewed and downloaded from the [Messages for Peace](#) page.



A short video of the day's event was created by Cube students and can be viewed on [YouTube](#).



## ***Renovation Update***

*by Michele Gibney and Thy Son*

It is hard to believe, but we are closing in on the end of Library renovations! The 2nd Floor Reading Commons reopened on January 28 as carpet, furniture, and power to the electrical outlets was all completed during the month. Now that this 100+ seats and 9 additional study rooms are back online for the student population at Pacific, the Library threw a student-centric Welcome Event on January 30th to celebrate - see next article for more details!

The Reading Commons will feature a designated “quiet” space in the Library for those students attempting to study in silence. The layout in the main area allows for quiet group work but is predominantly geared toward individual study with many of the single pods scattered throughout - the new ones are bright orange and very eye catching! The 9 study rooms for individual or group study located in this space are also once again available for student reservation, which we know will be heavily used by those students seeking isolated spaces in the Library.

Make sure to take a break out of your workday and go take a walk around the reopened 2nd floor including the Reading Commons and the Academic Commons (previously reopened area that is home to the Student Academic Support Services Hub, academic support librarians’ offices, and the Center for Teaching and Learning).

We look forward to adding the final pieces to the renovation soon with the reopening of the 3rd floor, as well as the John Muir Experience and the Starbucks on the 1st floor!



And, finally, the reopening of the 2nd floor includes launching the Multifaith Meditation and Prayer area, a student requested space. While currently unfurnished, items such as pillows, rugs, and mats are being reviewed for inclusion in the mezzanine floor as well as directly below it for ADA access. One restroom on the other side of the 2nd floor has also been remodeled to include an ablution station.

## ***Welcome Event for Students***

*By Cross Functional Team*

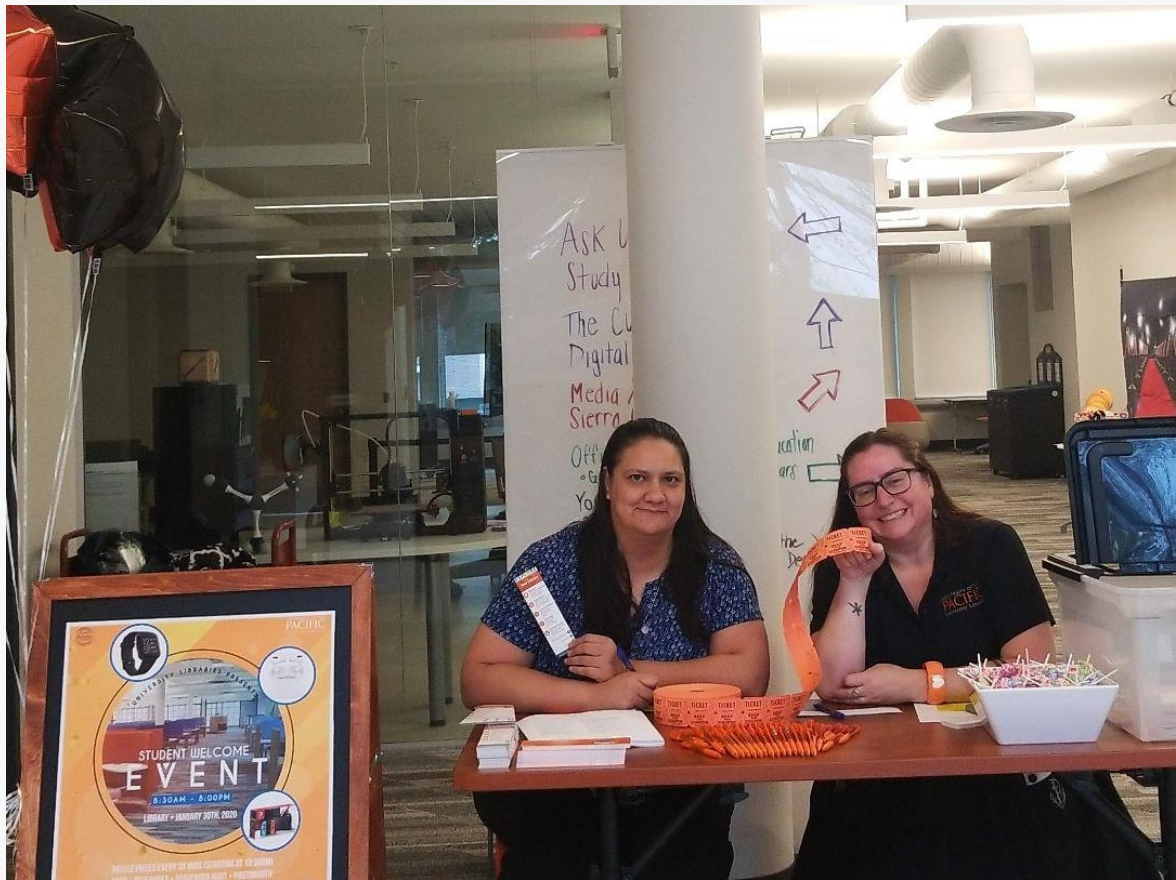
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On Thursday, January 30, the Library hosted a celebratory event for our Pacific students to mark the reopening of the 2nd Floor Reading Commons.

It was a huge success. Gate count for the event (north and south entrances) was 3,678 entry/exits. In the past few months, we averaged 500 entry/exits a day. We handed out 5,000+ raffle tickets, gained 100+ new social media followers, had 188 submitted scavenger hunts, and gave out 20 raffle prizes ranging from \$5 Starbucks gift cards to a Nintendo Switch (\$300).



Students were thrilled - primarily with the food and the prizes! - but we also received some complimentary comment cards on the reopening of the 2nd floor in our Feedback boxes:

1. This place is AMAZING!
2. I LOVE what you've done to this place. Beautiful. Thank you to all who worked on this great library for all their hard work and sacrifice. Truly Amazing.

Or in the meantime, check out [our saved Instagram Stories of the event by clicking here](#) or view the Cube students' created video by [clicking here](#).









## ***President House Filming***

*by Niraj Chaudhary*

In collaboration with [Dr. Preeti Oza](#) from the department of [Physical Therapy](#), we are developing a Virtual Reality based 360-video, which will be used in a research project. This project will assess the effectiveness of Spanish language fall prevention education administered via 360-video - as compared to paper-based education - for community-dwelling elderly individuals. Rehearsal and recording for the video were completed on January 16th and 17th and the first draft of the Virtual Reality application was completed recently. We are expecting to release the final version in early February with aim to start data collection in early spring.

The Library was excited to partner with Dr. Oza and our Cube students and staff on this project to enhance research and learning. Creating brand new, multilingual products in collaboration with Pacific faculty, increases the VR research databank of our university as well as providing valuable skills and resume building objects to our student's resumes. In this particular project, we also had the opportunity to film in the President's House on campus - a truly special and unique experience!



## ***STATISTICS***

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### **Scholarly Commons**

- Scholarly Commons had 31,659 full-text downloads and 397 new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to 46,902. University of the Pacific scholarship was read by 1,720 institutions across 173 countries.

### **Link+**

- 5,389 books loaned out to California & Nevada libraries
- 1,045 users

### **Kanopy**

- 197,800 minutes of videos streamed

## ***UPCOMING AWESOMENESS***

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[Top 5 Resources You Didn't Know the Library Had!](#), February 5, 12:10-12:40pm, Digital Wall, Library

[Introduction to Pacific's Thesis & Dissertation Format Guide](#), February 6, 12:10-12:40pm, Yosemite Learning Lab, Library

[Debunk Fake News](#), February 13, 12:10-12:40pm, Digital Wall, Library

[Managing your Citations with RefWorks](#), February 19, 12:10-12:40pm, Yosemite Learning Lab, Library

[How to Read a Scholarly Article](#), February 20, 12:10-12:40pm, Yosemite Learning Lab, Library

[Literature Reviews: Digging In](#), February 27, 12:10-12:40pm, Yosemite Learning Lab, Library

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

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John Linhares submitted for a [Sustainability Project Investment Fund \(SPIF\)](#) grant and was approved? The Library will be installing two additional hydration stations - a frequent request we hear from students! Congrats to John for the win!

## **FEBRUARY TRIVIA**

### **Contributed by December's Winner, Nicole Grady!**

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Participants have until Tuesday, February 11th to submit answers. The correct submitters will be put in a raffle and the participant name that is drawn will receive the trophy prize. Please submit your answer via email to [libraryleads@pacific.edu](mailto:libraryleads@pacific.edu).

1. What country has the tradition of men giving a "love spoon" to their sweetheart?
2. Valentine's Day started with what Roman Pagan celebration?
3. In South Korea what food dish do people eat on Black Day (April 14th)?

### **December Questions and Answers**

#### **Contributed by November's winner, Cindy Jackson!**

1. What is the literal meaning of "alumnus"?
  - A. A foster son or pupil, <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/alumnus#Latin>
2. Costs associated with higher education constitute what percent of the gross national product?
  - A. 3%, <https://www.factretriever.com/us-colleges-facts>
3. What is the long Latin version for the word: University?
  - A. "universitas magistrorum et scholarium", <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University>

## DECEMBER TRIVIA WINNER - NICOLE GRADY

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Winner of this month's trivia questions will win the special honor of hosting the trophy on their desk for the next month!

New feature: They are also eligible to contribute the trivia questions for the next month if they want! This is completely optional and voluntary.







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