As part of Pacific’s student engagement initiative, the library is hosting innovative student events in virtual reality (VR) on the online Mozilla Hubs platform. The events include a virtual world design competition and scavenger hunts. There will also be a seasonally themed event at the end of October which is still being planned. Each event is uniquely designed to promote high engagement and award winners with prizes.

The first series is Tiger Design: Express Your Style in a Virtual Space. Students will design and showcase a virtual world. Using the latest easy-to-use online web-based VR tools, students quickly learn the basics of VR world design. Using design techniques, students create their virtual world around a theme. Once they are completed with the world, they can
exhibit at the showcase event. During the showcase event, judges walk around and score the students’ worlds. For visitors walking into the virtual showcase space, they will pass through a curtain of glitter and witness a great hall with alcoves of fun. The alcoves consist of selfie spots, soft sofas, and the exhibit room to experience the student submitted virtual worlds. At the end of the showcase, a winner is announced and a prize is awarded.

The second series is Tiger Hunt: The Pursuit for Answers. Students will work to solve riddles proposed to them in VR and face various challenges. Using either a computer or a VR headset, students interact with the online virtual world to progress through the event. The Pacific spirit is embedded throughout the event with 3D models of iconic Pacific buildings. Students collaborate to answer questions, go through mazes, and face various challenges in the virtual world to emerge victorious.

From designing your own virtual dorm hangout spot, to hunting down answers, students bond over virtually created memories in a virtual world. Stay tuned to see the fun memories created by students in VR at these events hosted by the library.

**Tiger Design: Express Your Style in a Virtual Space**

- Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Tiger Hunt: The Pursuit for Answers**

- Friday, September 11 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Friday, October 9 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Friday, November 13 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
CA Civic Action Fellow Program

by Rachelle Caouette

University of the Pacific is one of eight Universities that have been chosen to implement a pilot program for the State of California. Through Governor Gavin Newsom’s office of California Volunteers and a grant from AmeriCorps, Pacific has selected 10 students to serve as Fellows for Pacific’s Healthy Futures. These students will be given opportunities to serve the Stockton Community. Using a Service Learning model, these 10 Fellows will each contribute a minimum of 675 service hours and attend 53 in-class/seminar hours to earn 12 – 14 units towards their degree.

University Interim Librarian, Dr. Edie Sparks is the program’s Director. Dr. Dari Tran of the Political Science department and Dr. Mehdi Khazaeli of Engineering are program manager and assistant manager, respectively. Their vision for the program at Pacific is to improve health awareness for Stockton children with the help of Pacific undergraduate students.

These 10 University of the Pacific students, also considered Members of AmeriCorps, will be working for one of three community partner organizations: El Concilio, PUENTES Boggs Tract Farm and Sow a Seed. The students were sworn into the program on Aug. 20th and their individual statements could be read here.

This Fellow’s program will bridge theory and practice while addressing issues around urban health; allow the Fellows to develop civic skills and knowledge preparing them for 21st century challenges; while also contributing to their communities and the public good.
Launching Tiger Book Clubs and Tiger Tales

By Michele Gibney and Veronica Wells

Two ongoing semester projects have been launched in August - the Tiger Book Club Series: Read and Explore and Tiger Tales, a historical record of Pacific community experiences during COVID-19. Sign ups for Tiger Book Club Series: Read and Explore are still open!

The selected books feature a variety of topics (see below) and all titles focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and/or are written by a BIPOC or LGBTQIA author. The book clubs are open to all students, staff, and faculty. Books are provided. Each book club meets twice: Thursday, 9/17 from 12-1pm and Thursday, 10/8 from 12-1pm on Zoom.

Here is a list of the topics and facilitators:

- Sport and Social Justice in Society with Taylor Wright (Athletics) and Wes Yourth (Athletics)
- Reading LGBTQIA Fiction with Chris Goff (GE) and Michele Gibney
- Reading Race: Explorations in Fiction with Edie Sparks
- Self-Care: Yoga for Healing with Veronica Wells

Tiger Tales is a digital repository of the University community’s experiences and hopes for the future during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and historic reckoning of social justice. Your submissions will help document this time in our collective history and build restorative connections. All students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to submit materials that tell their stories about:

- Shifting to an online world for learning, work, and socializing
Changes in living and care-giving situations
Social distancing and the stay at home orders
Examples of promoting social justice
Creative solutions to daily life challenges

All Pacific students, staff, faculty, and alumni can participate by submitting a photograph, text document (poetry, essay, reflection paper, PowerPoint, etc.), or a 1-15 minute video describing how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting their lives using the online submission form [here](#).

We hope that everyone will consider participating in at least one of these initiatives!

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**Tiger Delivery: Curbside Pickup and Mailing**

*by Brenda Carrillo*

Starting on Aug. 10th the library began offering its curbside and mailing services. Material (books, CD’s, and DVD’s) that are requested through the library catalog can now be either mailed or picked up at the library. This is a University wide effort to
ensure that students and faculty are able to use library materials while distantly learning and teaching.

In these past four weeks staff have processed over 61 requests to students and faculty!

Instructions for requesting material can be found on the library website along with FAQ's about the service. The material requested can be from the Stockton Campus Library or the Rite Aid Information Commons. Once staff receive the request for the material, patrons will be contacted for their preferred option for delivery. If patrons choose to have the material mailed to them, it will include a pre-paid postage label for easy return mailing. There is no cost to the patrons. If someone needs books from the Sacramento Library, they are encouraged to reach out to staff in Sacramento to learn what options are available.

While the library space remains closed for everyone, the library has opened its lobby for brief questions from the community. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8AM-12PM and 1PM-5PM (excluding holidays). During these open lobby hours, materials previously requested and on hold can be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. For questions, please contact the desk at 209-946-2431 or email library@pacific.edu.

The library will continue these services until the end of the fall semester or in accordance with University COVID policies. We do ask that students and faculty follow University wide COVID precautions and wear masks and social distance when entering the building.

We encourage students and faculty to take advantage of these unusual services the Library is able to offer during the COVID-19 closure. We look forward to helping our students and faculty this semester!

**STATISTICS**

**Scholarly Commons**

- Last month, Scholarly Commons had 34,235 full-text downloads and 981 new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to 53,800. University of the Pacific scholarship was read by 1,524 institutions across 167 countries.
Kanopy
- 324,000 minutes of videos streamed
- 27,641 user visits
- 11,507 videos played

UPCOMING AWESOMENESS

September 9: Scholarly Commons and You
September 11: Tiger Hunt: The Pursuit for Answers
September 15: New website launches!
September 16: Mind/Body Research and Exercises
September 17: Tiger Book Clubs: Read and Explore
September 23: COVID-19 Misinformation
September 30: Data Management Plans

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we can go to the Library to get our monitors or office chairs to make the Work From Home situation more comfortable? You can also pick up Pacific branded masks and a headset for Zoom meetings! Just check with your supervisor first before taking home any Pacific equipment.

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

Participants have until Friday, September 11th to submit answers. The correct submissions 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.
1. Which viral video breaks the YouTube record for most viewed video in 24 hours?
2. Which female tennis player won her first two Grand Slam singles titles in back-to-back Grand Slam tournaments at the 2018 US Open and the 2019 Australian Open?
3. The three actors who starred as Magneto, Iron Man and Doctor Strange have all played what other character?
   1. James Bond
   2. Basil Fawlty
   3. Ebenezer Scrooge
   4. Sherlock Holmes

August Questions and Answers
Contributed by March’s winner, Nicole Grady!

Q. What is different about the Eiffel Tower in summertime versus other seasons?
A. It can expand to be 6 inches taller

Q. Who invented the popsicle?
A. An 11 year old kid named Frank Epperson

Q. What food do Americans eat on the 4th of July that if laid out end-to-end would stretch from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles five times?
A. Hot dogs!

August Trivia Winner - John Linhaires

Winner of this month’s trivia questions will win the special honor of exclusive bragging rights and mad props!

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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