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Annual Report

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Special Edition

Celebrating
Alexander
von Humboldt's
250th Birthday

Celebrating Student Learning & Humboldt

By Cyril Oberlander

Happy 250th birthday, Alexander von Humboldt! Often described as a polymath, Humboldt was a famous explorer and inventor who travelled the globe researching geology and botany, studying flora, measuring gravity variation along mountains, and so much more. In 1802 Alexander von Humboldt climbed Mt. Chimborazo, one of the most significant challenges in his travels. Many other research experiences enabled him to publish *Cosmos*, a nine-volume history of the universe.

Situated near Humboldt Bay, the diverse resources and learning environment of the HSU Library offer students opportunities to explore and discover the world, connecting and integrating ideas across disciplines and formats that culminate in the creation and sharing of their research in myriad forms of scholarship. At the HSU Library, students face challenging new heights. They explore information searches that results in millions of potential sources to sort and evaluate, read several required textbooks that cost \$200-\$300 each, and seek access to research using computers in the library. The Library supports many HSU students along their journeys through writing and publishing with HSU Press, contributing their unique and powerful voices to the world. Library Scholar Interns and student assistants are researching, digitizing and curating exhibits and websites, as well as developing digital media skills and facilitating learning in SkillShops.

This past summer, the Library student assistants, that developed SpaceUse presented their innovative software at the American Library Association in Washington, D.C. to an audience of 80 librarians, with much interest from academic and public libraries. Library student assistants on the Citing Insights team are developing unique software for information literacy assessment. This powerful tool will assist faculty and librarians with assessing information literacy in student papers. The first phase includes alpha testing this fall with HSU faculty and staff. The feedback will be used to finalize the design and release of this open source software. The Citing Insights team will then re-design the system as a guide for students researching and writing.

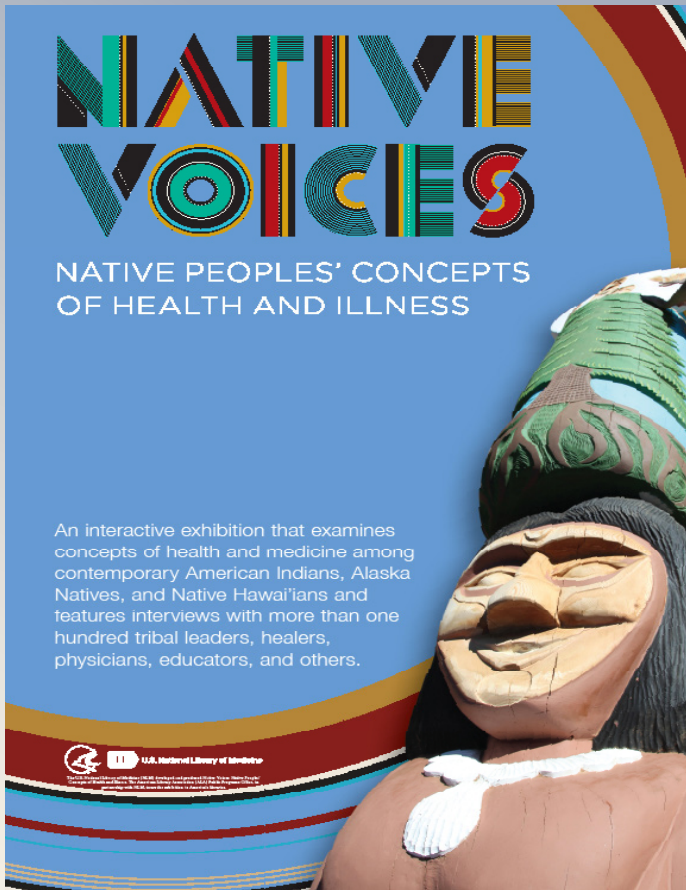
As we recognize 2019 as the year of Humboldt's 250th birthday, we celebrate student learning at HSU. The students exemplify exploration and the importance of connecting both history and innovation. **HSU students are amazing!** They created a flight simulator, augmented reality sandbox, SpaceUse, Citing Insights, and hundreds of published works and digital media. HSU Library provides information resources and curates many outstanding opportunities to investigate, inspire, and invent. Thanks to the support of donors, we are able to offer paid internships, student employment, textbooks, specialized resources, and technologies that empower learners. We celebrate their learning each year at ideaFest and with the ideaFest Journal. In these ways, HSU students continue to build upon the spirit of Humboldt by inspiring exploration, learning, research, and scholarship. Students are contributing their unique voices, reminding us why the Library is the heart of the University.

Use the envelope enclosed to make your gift to the HSU Library today!

We are very grateful for your continued support of student learning at the HSU Library. You made much needed resources and opportunities possible such as Library Scholar Internships, Textbooks on Reserve, Special Collections, Information Resources, and the Brain Booth. HSU Library is a welcoming learning environment serving thousands of students, faculty, staff and community members daily. If you would like to know more about how you can have an impact on student learning at HSU Library, please contact Cyril Oberlander, Library Dean, at Cyril.Oberlander@Humboldt.edu

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Humboldt Illustration
Vues des Cordilleres, et
Monumens des Peuples Indigenes
de l'Amerique (1810) Views of the
Cordilleras, and Monuments of
the Native Peoples of America

Native Voices Traveling Exhibit



By Kumi Watanabe-Schock

Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Stories drawn from both the past and present examine how health for Native People is tied to community, the land, and spirit. Through interviews, Native People describe the impact of epidemics, federal legislation, the loss of land, and the inhibition of culture on the health of Native individuals and communities today.

As one of 104 grant recipients selected from across the country, HSU Library hosted the traveling exhibition for a nine-week loan from October 9 through November 20, 2019.

Event partners include: The National Library of Medicine (NLM), American Library Association (ALA), HSU Department of Social Work, Altruistic Behavior Institute, ITEPP, Student Health & Wellbeing Services, HSI STEM and Clarke Historical Museum.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices>

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“The Native Voices Traveling exhibit is important because it shares the story not only of what we in the society label as health, but it goes deeper to include and honor the role that community and culture play in supporting wellness for our tribal communities. Hearing the stories shared by the community leaders, traditional healers and others can bring the viewer to not only better understand health issues facing tribal communities, but also provides a lens to better understand our histories, our strengths, our survival and how our view of wellness can be beneficial for all people. I would encourage everyone with any interest in tribal health and tribal communities to visit this exhibit while it is here in our community and again thank the HSU Library and partners for bringing this to our community during both Indigenous Peoples Week and Native American Heritage Month.”

- Paula “Pimm” Tripp-Allen



Ted Hernandez, Wiyot Tribal Chair, spoke at the opening reception on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Library lobby.

Welcome Leah Gazan



By Garrett Purchio

The Library invites you to welcome our newest member of the library team. Leah Gazan joins HSU as the College of Professional Studies Librarian. A lifelong resident of Hawaii, Leah comes to Humboldt after working previously at Leeward Community College in Pearl City, HI. A former college softball player and an avid sports enthusiast, Leah is excited to explore the North Coast, especially the majestic Redwood trees, with her husband Richard and dogs Millie and Harvey.

Leah values HSU's deep commitment to students and is excited to be part of an environment that supports students as creators. Going beyond the traditional norms of librarianship appeals to Leah, whose research interests include exploring the ways libraries can bring healing to those suffering from trauma and how librarians working with Open Education Resources affect identity and practice. Leah believes that libraries have unlimited potential in meeting user needs.

"We are limitless in the ways can we serve communities," Leah said.

Leah said she has been touched by the outpouring of support that her family has received on the North Coast. She welcomes the opportunity to learn more about the Library and the community, as well as explore the local culture and environment.

Please join the Library in welcoming Leah Gazan to HSU!

Learning by Making

By Kimberly Stelter

New this fall on the third floor is the Library Makerspace where you can brainstorm, design, prototype, create, and get feedback on physical and digital projects or simply spend time getting familiar with tools for making. The Makerspace has both Macs and PCs with the Adobe Suite and other editing tools. You'll also find a flight simulator, prototyping materials, a virtual reality station, and our newest equipment addition, a 3D Printer. We are excited to offer free materials for 3D printing during the first year of the Makerspace!

The Makerspace and equipment are open to everyone in any discipline or at any level of experience. There are a number of resources available to help you get started including workshops, pop-up events to try out technology, librarians, and maker student assistants. Another great way to learn is to connect with others working on projects in the space! We encourage you to get creative, share, connect, and collaborate while making. Make a paper zine or a button, draw your own 3D model in virtual reality, or edit a video you made on an adventure. There are all kinds of opportunities and methods you can use to make!

In addition to the new space and equipment, we will have several Makers in Residence creating exhibits and presenting at workshops with the goal of creating an inclusive and welcoming makerspace for all.

Publish with HSU Press

By Kyle Morgan

HSU Press saw the publication of 690 original works by Humboldt community authors and photographers across the 2018-2019 academic year. Of those 690 published works, 113 were created by local 3rd -12th grade students. HSU Press supports abundant opportunities for the transformative experience of authorship, an experience that builds personal and professional author identities as well as pride in learning and creating. Every student should publish before they graduate.

HSU Press continues its commitment to diversity in 2019 with four new international publications and three new translations that further environmental knowledge and practices, inclusivity, and an understanding of differences. Read these works and be inspired at digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hsu_press. HSU Press also hosts 10 innovative journals that expand our knowledge across a range of disciplines and cultural perspectives. Expand your mind and explore these journals at **digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/journals** and **digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/world**.

Diversity & Equity in the Library

By Tim Miller

The Library Diversity & Social Justice Working Group advocates for change in identifying and addressing issues around diversity and equity as they affect HSU students, staff and faculty, as well as the local community. Our primary focus is ensuring that the Library serves our diverse population of students, staff and faculty by embracing diversity, promoting equity, and helping to prepare our students to be responsible members of diverse societies.

We strive to lead by example, be an active partner in developing our institutional culture and foster collaboration across campus. We envision the Library as being an innovator within the University by modeling the development and implementation of a Racial Equity Plan.

One of our first big projects is to gather information about how the campus community perceives the Library. We want to better serve our community and would love to hear from you about your

thoughts. To facilitate feedback the Library will be hosting several events including World Cafe dialogues, focus groups, surveys and Makerspace open houses where we will be providing opportunities for students, staff and faculty to share their ideas and perspectives.

We opened the new Library Makerspace during the Fall 2019 semester. Using a racial equity lens, we are hosting drop-in hours, workshops, and events to gather your input about the direction of the space. Stop by the Makerspace on the third floor anytime to leave your feedback on our whiteboards or suggestion slips.

Learn more about the Diversity & Social Justice Working Group, upcoming meeting times, and our upcoming projects at **sites.google.com/humboldt.edu/librarydiversity** and **libguides.humboldt.edu/makerspace**.



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Aristolochia foetida, Humboldt Botanical Museum Library, Berlin.

Students Build Flight Simulator

By Sarah Kanga Livingstone

The airplane flight simulator is a new student installation on the third floor of the HSU Library. The simulator is designed to cultivate an interest in aviation and housing it in the Library makes it accessible to everyone. Planning for the flight simulator began in Fall 2018, led by PC Gaming Club President Sarah Kanga Livingstone. Students in the club were able to create what you see today thanks to community members generously donating around \$10,000. Students plan on continuing their fundraising efforts to improve the simulator. For many students, this is their first time interacting with an airplane cockpit. An augmented reality flight simulator like this project is designed to replicate the real thing. Studies show that simulations are effective ways of training the brain. This simulator instills a love for flying and makes the possibility of being able to fly even more of a reality, while potentially leading students to a career in aviation. With the support of community members, this project was made to help students. All library visitors are encouraged to try it out! To learn how you can support the club and the flight simulator project, please contact the club at **pcgaming@humboldt.edu**.

Rocks, Socks & Other Fun Summer Activities



By Cheryl Conner

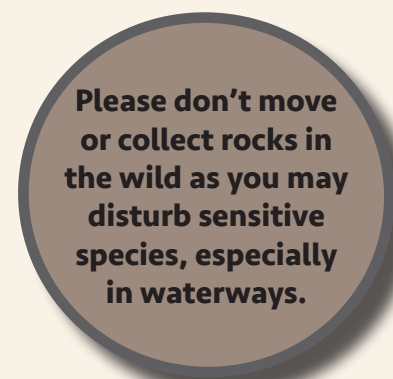
Our summer LifeLong Learning Lounge, L4HSU, continues to grow each year! With the theme of Building Strong Community, attendance has increased by 18% from last summer with almost 700 attendees in 86 workshops. Returning favorites included Data Democracy, Games4HSU, Racial Equity Midday Matinees, Archival Exploration, Book Circles, and Leadership Series. New this year were the inaugural Library Olympics, Women's World Cup Preview, Camping & Backpacking in the Region, Bike Maintenance, CCAT Tour & Composting, Yoga, and Discussions on White Fragility.

Some of the highest attended were Mentoring & Empowering Student Assistants, Mental Health Literacy, Gmail Hacks, and talks given on Giraffe Conservation, and Education Under Occupation (Higher Ed in occupied Palestinian territory).

One of the more popular workshops was Rock'n HSU, where participants in 8 sessions painted over 400 rocks with positive images and words to scatter around campus for students to find upon their return in the fall.

Another fun activity returning this summer was Wacky Sock Wednesday. This event gave people a playful way to meet others and show off their cool and wacky socks each week in the Library Lobby. L4HSU gives everyone involved an opportunity to meet each other and work together, building a strong campus community.

Overall, there were new participants and workshop facilitators meeting new colleagues, creating new connections and building a stronger community during the summer of 2019.



Grant to Support Local Community

By Louis Knecht

HSU Library was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the California State Library. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) will fund programs to improve computer skills and digital literacy through the Innovative Digital Literacies program.

A highlight of this program is the Humboldt History Digitization Day hosted by HSU Special Collections on the third floor of the HSU Library. In celebration of American Archives Month in October, HSU Special collections invited individuals and families to preserve their archival materials in this one-day event.

On Saturday, November 16 Humboldt History Digitization Day offered community members the opportunity to digitize

their valued documents and photographs using HSU Special Collections scanners, store them on hard-drives or flash-drives, or share them through social media. The event had a technician and archivist on site to train and help community users through the digitization process.

Following this event will be Business Showcase Day that partners with community businesses in an exhibit hall style presentation of student proprietary achievement and innovation. Business Showcase Day will take place in March 2020 and welcomes students across all disciplines to participate and propose ideas, projects, and business plans.

For further questions about the event or the Innovative Digital Literacies grant, contact Special

Collections Instruction Librarian, Louis Knecht, at Louis.Knecht@Humboldt.edu.



Humboldt's hand-colored *Corallophyllum caeruleum*, Botanisches Museum, Berlin.

Building Connections Through Course Materials on Reserve

By Victoria Bruner, Cyril Oberlander & Travis Williams

Having textbooks on reserve provides powerful support to students and instructors. During Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, over 800 textbooks made up the Reserves Collection, thanks to faculty donating over 280 of their personal textbooks for students to check out. The materials in the Reserve Collection provide affordable textbooks for students to use and succeed in coursework. We value all departments on campus, and have textbook offerings for every major with required textbook materials. During the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 academic year, 38% of HSU students used textbooks on reserve.

"My textbooks average over \$300 - \$400 a semester. Sadly at this point in my life I am unable to afford all the books I need and am greatly appreciative for being able to check out books here at HSU" - Spring 2019 Survey, Senior Liberal Studies Elementary Education.

During Spring 2019, instructors were able to see how many students checked out their personal textbooks; 35 instructors participated in this pilot program. After viewing data from their course, one Psychology Instructor, who donated a textbook worth \$176, noted they ***"greatly appreciate the feedback in graphical form, as it is good to know students are using these resources. . .the recognition is a bonus."***

By the Numbers

July 2018-June 2019

578,107

Visitors to the Library

44,000+

Attendees to events in the Library

32,000+

Laptops & Chromebooks checked out

20,000+

Books checked out

Nearly 5,000

Videos & DVDs checked out

Nearly 3,000

Students checked out Textbooks on Reserve

Over 2,000

Events held in the Library

1,100+

Students took brain breaks in the Brain Booth

38

Percentage of the HSU population who checked out Textbooks on Reserve

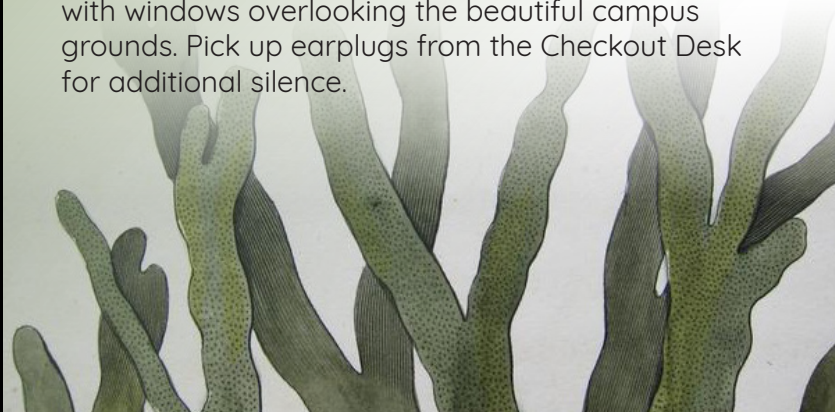
Study Spaces

By Victoria Bruner, Cheryl Conner,
& Cyril Oberlander

The HSU Library strategically creates a myriad of welcoming spaces to meet the needs of a variety of learners. In the building, one can find individual, group, quiet, and reservable spaces in which to study and work. Individual and group study spaces can be found throughout the building with a variety of furniture for sitting, standing, and even cycling while studying. We highly recommend touring all the Library to find your favorite spot. Most areas have access to power and you are welcome to use the portable whiteboards located on all floors.

Most of the Library is a collaborative study environment. The second floor has 22 group study areas with whiteboard walls, some with collaboration computer stations. Large tables and group seating can be found on all three floors, with additional collaboration stations on the third floor. There is also on reservable group study room but all other rooms are available for use unless reserved, as shown by the schedule posted outside the door. To make room reservations visit **25Live.collegenet.com/humboldt/scheduling**.

There are quiet study spaces located along the book stacks on the second and third floors, often with windows overlooking the beautiful campus grounds. Pick up earplugs from the Checkout Desk for additional silence.



Detail of a *Zonaria kunthii*, an algae today known as *Dictyota kunthii* and named in honor of Humboldt collaborator Karl Sigismund Kunth

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