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## LIBRARY HOURS

During finals study period, from May 5 through May 18, the library will be open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight seven days a week. During intersession, from May 19 through June 11, library hours will be 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day. The library will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29.



We wish all of our students good luck on finals and a great summer!

For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

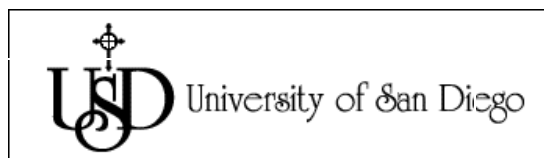
## CELEBRATE MEXICAN HERITAGE



San Diegans love to celebrate the Mexican army's 1862 victory over the French invaders at the Battle of Puebla. On Cinco de Mayo, every San Diegan is Mexican!

Thanks in large part to the recommendations of our esteemed colleague Prof. Jorge Vargas, the LRC collection reflects local Mexican heritage by virtue of its emphasis on Mexican legal materials. English language materials include STEPHEN ZAMORA ET AL., MEXICAN LAW/KGF327 .Z36 2004 and Vargas's works: MEXICAN LAW: A TREATISE FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS/KGF333 .B86 M486 1998; MEXICAN LAW BIBLIOGRAPHY/KGF1 .V37 1994; and MEXICAN LEGAL DICTIONARY AND DESK REFERENCE/KGF102 .V37 2003. General works in Spanish include the ENCLICLOPEDIA JURÍDICA MEXICANA and RAQUEL GUTIÉRREZ ARAGÓN, ESQUEMA FUNDAMENTAL DEL DERECHO MEXICANO. Among the newest Spanish additions to the collection are REYES HUMBERTO DE LAS CASAS DUARTE, DERECHO ISLÁMICO COMPARADO CON EL DERECHO EN MÉXICO/K583 .C36 2004 and LUIS MALPICA DE LAMADRID, LA INFLUENCIA DEL DERECHO INTERNACIONAL EN EL DERECHO MEXICANO: LA APERTURA DEL MODELO DE DESARROLL/KGF292 .M35 2002.

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**MEXICAN  
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Legal researchers will want to consult the Electronic Guide to Mexican Law on LLRX.com, the Law Library Resource Exchange, at <http://www.llrx.com/features/mexican.htm>. There is a helpful Mexican Legal System Overview on MEXonline.com at <http://www.mexonline.com/lawreview.htm>, and the Law Library of Congress has many useful links at <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/mexico.html>. Of course, our favorite online source of Mexican legal information is Professor Vargas's <http://www.mexlaw.com>. These and many others are listed on the LRC Law of Mexico Research Guide created by Foreign and International Law Librarian Brian Williams and found online at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/Mexican%20Law%20Research%20Guide.pdf>.

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**LIBRARIANSHIP  
IS A  
SPRINGBOARD  
TO FAME!**



Mao Zedong

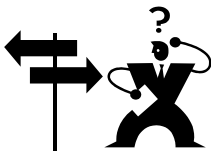


Chairman Mao, Benjamin Franklin and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn have more in common than just affecting millions of people. They were all librarians. Before driving Chiang Kai-shek out of China and founding its Communist government, Mao Zedong worked in the periodicals section of the Beijing University library. In between inventing bifocal glasses and the U.S. Postal Service, Franklin started the first subscription library service in this country. Russian dissident Solzhenitsyn was prison librarian after he was confined by the Soviets in 1947.

They join Thomas Jefferson, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, teacher and university founder John Harvard, poets Henry Wordsworth Longfellow and Ogden Nash, writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Popes Marcellus II (1501-1555) Nicholas V (1398-1455) and Pius XI (1857-1939) as former librarians. City Beat, *Librarian Wants Stamp Act*, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Jan. 23, 2006), available at <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/col/crichardson/story/385013p-326763c.html>.

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**MAJOR LIFE  
MOMENTS  
AND THE  
INTERNET**



According to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, between 2002 and 2005, Internet use grew by:

- 54% in the number of adults who said the Internet played a major role as they helped another person cope with a major illness;
- 45% in the number who said the Internet played a major role as they made major investment or financial decisions;
- 42% in the number who said the Internet played a major role as they decided about a school or a college for themselves or their children.

John Horrigan & Lee Rainie, *The Internet's Growing Role in Life's Major Moments*, PEW/INTERNET (Apr. 19, 2006),

[http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/181/report\\_display.asp](http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/181/report_display.asp).

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