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LIBRARY HOURS

The library will remain open, and all library services will be available on October 9, the official date for observance of Columbus Day.



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

SEARCHING THE WORLD ON WORLDCAT

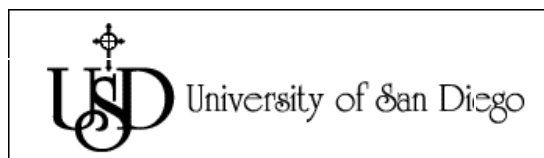


WorldCat, the largest library network in the world, has opened its complete database to the public and made it easily searchable at <http://worldcat.org/>. On WorldCat, you can search for popular books, music CDs and videos—all of the physical items you are used to getting from libraries. You can also link to many new kinds of digital content, such as downloadable audiobooks that are playable on many portable MP3 players. In addition, you may find authoritative research materials, such as documents and photos of local or historic significance; abstracts and full-text articles; and digital versions of rare items that are not otherwise available to the public. Because WorldCat libraries serve diverse communities in dozens of countries, resources are available in many languages.



Once you have located an item of interest, you may then identify a library that owns it. Each linked result leads to a "Find in a Library" information page. From there, you can enter geographic information such as a zip or postal code; receive a list of nearby libraries that own the item; and link right to a library's online catalog record to initiate circulation activity or access electronic content directly. Many of the library links include a direct link to the "Ask a Librarian" help feature of the library's Web site, allowing you to seek personal assistance from a librarian. You can also create your own WorldCat account and add book reviews, table-of-contents information and notes to many WorldCat items. *Suggested by Sushila Selness, Head of Collection Services.*

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FAREWELL TO SOME FAVORITES



The impeccably dressed John Adkins bidding farewell to two favorite employees

Brian Williams, that gnarly tall guy at the reference desk, and Leanne Phan, that exquisite tiny lady at the circulation desk, will be leaving the LRC to take jobs at UC libraries.

Brian has accepted a job at UC Irvine as a Research Librarian specializing in Criminology, Law and Society. His last day will be October 25. Over the past three years Brian has been an awesome team member for Public Services. He took on the role of Foreign and International Law Specialist with energy, intelligence and great élan. He transformed our teaching and outreach abilities with his knowledge and creation of web-based research tools, our Orbit blog, wireless remote reference services, the majority of our elective course research guides. He brought with him a unique teaching style of both great substance and a special personal verve. The faculty and students loved working with Brian, and so did the entire LRC staff. Brian's two children, Henry and Tinny, live and attend school in the Seal Beach area, just 18 miles from the UCI campus. This move will be both a professional and personal plus for Brian.

Leanne has accepted a job at UCSD as a Day Circulation Work Leader in the Center for Library & Instructional Computing Services. Her last day will be October 15. She has provided excellent leadership as our Evening Circulation Supervisor. She made sure that faculty, staff, and student needs were met, and kept the lines of communication open during the evening hours. Week in and week out, Leanne's steady presence at the desk until midnight has been a real comfort. This position is one requiring the highest integrity, as it is unsupervised for much of the time in the late evening hours. Leanne was able to maintain an effective work force while taking on new and expanding duties. The fact that our night shift was never a concern is a testament to Leanne's great abilities as a skillful communicator, supervisor, and manager.

We will miss both of these wonderful colleagues. *Submitted by John Adkins, Head of Public Services and Ruth Hastings, Head of Circulation.*

UNITED NATIONS DAY



October 24 marks the annual international observance of United Nations Day. Recent acquisitions discussing the current United Nations system include:

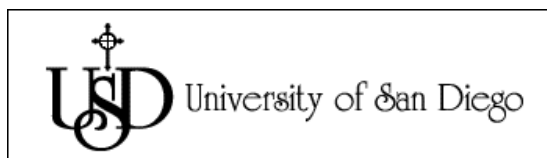
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