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## LIBRARY HOURS

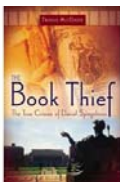


The library will be closed on Friday, April 6, in observance of Good Friday and will reopen the following day, Saturday, April 7. It will remain open on Easter Sunday, April 8.

During finals study period, from Friday, April 27, through Thursday, May 17, we will be open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight 7 days a week.

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

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT THE LRC

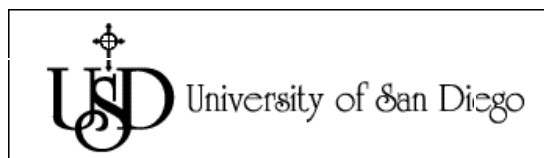


Treats, fun, and games are all in store at the LRC during National Library Week, April 15 to 17. NLW is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide, and the perfect time for our community to come together @ your library.

The end of the semester will be fast approaching, and students will be finishing research papers and gearing up for exams. What better time to provide candy, balloons, fun puzzles, and a spirit of (quiet) celebration to counterbalance the pressure and tension.

In addition, we'll be featuring some library-focused reading that you probably never expected to find in the law library. For example, you probably thought all of our mystery thrillers were fiction and could be found only in the Leisure Reading area. Not so—take *THE BOOK THIEF: THE TRUE CRIMES OF DANIEL SPIEGELMAN* (Z733 .C7243 M33 2006) by Travis McDade, the Legal Research columnist for *Student Lawyer* magazine. Crime, punishment, and news reports gone awry (as in the "report" of a link between mild-mannered antiquarian book thief Spiegelman and Timothy McVeigh) combine to give bibliophiles and legal scholars alike an engrossing read about the intersection of their worlds. Readers will discover, for instance, the relationship between wife abuser and kidnapper Ralph Blakely, the Federal Sentencing guidelines, a librarian, and the fate of the infamous book thief.

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**MORE  
READING FOR  
NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK**



Lest you think that biographies of librarians are of interest only to information specialists, take a look at Wayne Wiegand's *IRREPRESSIBLE REFORMER: A BIOGRAPHY OF MELVIL DEWEY* (Z720 .D5 W54 1996) and discover the great librarian's influence on the history of the winter Olympics, as well as his assaults on the bounds of propriety with regard to public behavior toward women! And for a dramatic story of the history of the fight for intellectual freedom and racial equality in the U.S., read *THE DISMISSAL OF MISS RUTH BROWN: CIVIL RIGHTS, CENSORSHIP, AND THE AMERICAN LIBRARY* by Louise S. Robbins (Z733 .B283 R63 2000). As Patterson Toby Graham writes in *A RIGHT TO READ: SEGREGATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN ALABAMA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES* (Z711.9 .G73 2002), "the troubles that surrounded ... Ruth Brown ... led librarians to see a relationship between segregation and the suppression of information." For more about society's reliance on information, check out *LOBBYING FOR LIBRARIES AND THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION* by former EPA librarian and staffer for the Joint Committee on Printing Bernardine E. Abbott-Hoduski.

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**INSIDE  
GOOGLE  
BOOK SEARCH**



Google Book Search is adding its 13<sup>th</sup> partner and largest non-English library to the Google Books Library Project, thanks to a new partnership with the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (Bavarian State Library). Book lovers around the world will soon be able to access the library's public domain works online, tracing the rich history of German literature through the centuries. This will add more than a million out-of-copyright books to the program, from well-loved German classics by the Brothers Grimm and Goethe to extensive collections previously only available to those able to consult the library's stacks. In addition to German-language works, the library's collection includes numerous out-of-copyright works in French, Spanish, Latin, Italian and English. Some of the library's holdings date back to the very first moments of book printing and bear incredible cultural meaning.

This Google project allows you to find books whose content contains a match for your search terms. Clicking on a book result, you can see everything from a few short excerpts to the entire book. It may not be hyperbole to assert that the project "has the potential ... to make the libraries of the world into the world's library." *Good Riddance to 2005*, John N. Berry III, <http://libraryjournal.com/article/CA6298436.html> (Jan. 15, 2006).

A few current Book Search statistics:

Publisher partners: Over 10,000 from around the world

Library partners: 13

Books in the index: Over a million

Book Search interfaces: 9 (English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, and Simplified and Traditional Chinese)

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