Tour of History San Jose


Join us the evening of April 17 for a tour of the library and archives at History San José by the archive’s curator Catherine Mills. The hour long tour will be followed by a Silicon Valley SLA mixer at the nearby Santa Clara Valley Brewing.

History San José manages one of the largest collections of regional history artifacts in California. Housed at the Collection Center, a state-of-the-art facility near History Park, the artifact collection includes objects that represent the Valley’s past, from Native American baskets and tools, to agricultural equipment, to pre-silicon chip technologies that were pioneered locally.

5:30-6:30 | TOUR
Suggested donations: $5 for SLA Members, $10 for Non-SLA Members, payable at the door.
History San Jose
1661 Senter Road, in the City’s Central Service Yard (parking lot adjacent)

6:30 | MIXER (No Host – The first drink is on the Chapter!)
Santa Clara Valley Brewing
101 E Alma Ave, San Jose

Space is limited for the tour. Please register soon.
Space is NOT limited for the mixer. The more the merrier!

RSVP at the link

Posted in Events, Tours0 Comments

USGS Library Tour

Librarian Michael M. Moore showing the group maps of aerial photographs of Palo Alto.

On August 11, librarian Michael Moore led eight chapter members on a tour of the library at the US Geological Survey (USGS) facility in Menlo Park. The complex started out as the grounds of a hospital built to treat the expected one million soldiers needing medical care after they returned from the Pacific theater during World War II. After the war, and a land use legal challenge by the city, the USGS was allowed to build its research site.

Moore showed us historical globes (including an Air Globe, dating from the mid-1940s, which showed cities but no land masses, apparently, in an optimistic view of a future in which air travel would make political boundaries meaningless), photos of San Francisco International Airport when it still landed some planes in a lagoon, boarding passengers at piers, and stereographic aerial photographs from the 1930s that were so detailed, one could see the leaves on trees.

Asked if the library has digitized any of its collection, Moore used the question as a jumping off point to demonstrate that there are various meanings and levels of digitization. Many of the maps in the collection have been scanned and digitized, but the extensive holdings of aerial photographs have not, due to the difficulty of the source items. Some aerial photography involved glass plates. At other times, rolls of very large-format film was used. Part of the problem, Moore said, was that the equipment needed to produce high-quality scans is manufactured in other countries and is very expensive to buy. Later, he showed us, on a computer monitor, examples of maps from the 1940s that had been digitized by Google and by the USGS. At higher magnifications, the maps scanned by Google began to distort, due to the resolution of the scan. The USGS maps were readable even when viewed at a higher zoom level.

Much of the work of the USGS today involves tracking animals, conducting biological surveys for conservation efforts and during disasters and accidents. The USGS is sending scientists to Colorado in the aftermath of the toxic spill into the Animas River. Because of the evolving focus of the USGS, a number of researchers have been moved away from Menlo Park to such locations as Las Vegas, Alaska, and Tacoma, and Reston (Virginia), placing them closer to the wildlife and nature they study. The redeployment of resources has resulted in a reduction of staff here from a high of 1900 people to just 400.

People are not the only resources being moved to other facilities. The library is in the process of being closed. Much of its collection is being packed and sent to the Denver branch of the library, where the extensive holdings of books, journals, maps, and globes will be redistributed to other locations throughout the department’s library system to fill gaps in their collections.

“Situational awareness,” said Moore, is how a librarian survives the ever-evolving information profession. In that vein, he has kept himself relevant by taking a lead in the USGS series of Webcasts, which stream presentations by scientists on topics like climate, river health, volcanic activity, and earthquakes. One source of the videos is a monthly public lecture on the last Thursday of every month. The lectures start at 7 pm on the Menlo Park Campus. The next one is scheduled for August 27, on the topic of human-induced earthquakes. Details about this lecture, and for lectures into February 2016, can be found at http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/. Archives of past lectures, filmed at Menlo Park as well as other campuses, are found here: http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/current.html

The moving of the collection is expected to be complete in November. The library WILL remain open to the public Monday
through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Michael Moore and his staff will continue to support their user community even after the collection is gone, through delivery from other branches, interlibrary loans from institutions outside the USGS, and through online research.

Post written by Craig Cruz, and photographs by Chrystelle Browman.

Hard Copies of USGS  CA divided by first aerial photographs  As the library downsizes, all of these books will be shipped off to Denver, Co.

Old school globes and card catalogue.

The Aerial Photography Section of the library. The most used portion by the public.

Posted in Chapter Events, Tours 0 Comments

Mechanics Institute Tour

Posted on June 13, 2015.

The Mechanics Institute was a wonderful and interesting library tour. In early Spring, members from both the Silicon Valley Chapter and San Francisco Bay Region of SLA, came together to tour the historic facilities, led by Public Services Librarian Taryn Edwards.

The Institute was founded in 1854 aiming to be an organization to serve San Francisco’s mechanics, artisans and industrialists. Within a few years the Institute began to offer classes in subjects from mechanical drawing to applied mathematics. Today the
Mechanics’ Institute continues as an independent organization boasting a fantastic general-interest library, active cultural event calendar, and, a world renowned chess club.

In 1906, the organization merged with the Mercantile Library Association, causing the Institute to drop its specific technical focus, and to begin collecting materials, which appealed to a general audience. That legacy continues, and its collection covers all types of subjects, from finance to a vast collection of chess literature. As an interesting aside, many of the library’s newly acquired materials are procured from the suggestions of their membership.

Walking through the library’s half floors and “secret” staircases was quite an adventure. It was fascinating to learn so much history about the Institute as well as the history of San Francisco itself. For example, the Institute was one of the first to open its doors to women. Another interesting tidbit, the inventor of the cable car, Mr. Andrew Smith Hallidie was both the Vice-President and trustee of the institution. It is a beautiful and historic building, and I encourage anyone who is interested, to take the tour, which is offered weekly.

To learn more about the Institute, please visit their website at www.milibrary.org

–Chrystelle Browman

Director-at-large for the Silicon Valley Chapter
Taryn Edwards – our fierce group leader

The Institute’s Famous Stairway.
For more info:
http://www.milibrary.org/about/building

Posted in Chapter Events, Tours 0 Comments

Registration is Open for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Tour!

Posted on April 13, 2014.

Join us on an hour-long tour at its library, hosted by Bob Teeter. We’ll have the opportunity to take a sneak peak at the library’s 18,000+ collection of scientific and legal materials. Moreover, we’ll learn more about the organization’s rich history, difficulties overcome, and how the District plans on mitigating future challenges.

Mark Your Calendars: Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm

Location: Santa Clara Valley Water District, Blossom Hill Annex, 1020 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose

Suggested donations: $5 for SLA Members, $10 for Non-SLA Members, payable at the door.

Registration is required, please click HERE to jump to the registration page.

After the tour, join us for food and drinks (No Host) at Britannia Arms, a British Style Pub at 5027 Almaden Expresway.

Formed in 1929, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has been serving the Santa Clara County Area, taking on the challenges of population growth, floods and drought. Serving 15 cities, 1.8 million residents and 200K commuters within 1,300 square miles, the district’s three water treatment plants produce up to 210 million US gallons of drinking water per day. Providing Silicon Valley with safe and clean water, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is headquartered in San Jose.

Chrystelle Browman
Chair, Tours Committee

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Save the Date: Tour of Santa Clara Valley Water District

Posted on March 24, 2014. Tags: Tours

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Join the Silicon Valley Special Libraries Association on an hour-long tour at its library, hosted by Bob Teeter. We’ll have the
opportunity to take a sneak peak at the library’s 18,000+ collection of scientific and legal materials. Moreover, we’ll learn more about the organization’s rich history, difficulties overcome, and how the District plans on mitigating future challenges.

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**Chrystelle Browman**  
*Chair, Tours Committee*

**Silicon Valley Chapter Tour of the Harold A. Miller Library**

**Posted on November 23, 2013. Tags: Archives, Tours**

On Tuesday, October 29th, the Silicon Valley Chapter hosted a tour of the **Harold A. Miller Library** for their members, out of town SLA members, and non-members who were attending the Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey. The Miller Library is a part of the **Hopkins Marine Station** of **Stanford University** in **Pacific Grove**.

**Dr. Joseph G. Wible** was a knowledgeable and enthusiastic tour guide. In addition to receiving his M.L.S. from **Emory University**, Dr. Wible earned his Ph.D. in biology from the **University of Southern California**. Dr. Wible is the Assistant to the Director and is also the Head Librarian and Bibliographer. He serves as the Station’s co-webmaster and is also involved with fundraising and publicity, plus computer and networking support for the Station. Dr. Wible discussed the library’s 100 plus year history of marine biological research, its collection, archives, and special collections.

Dr. Wible started the tour in the library’s reading room with its spectacular views of the ocean. He gave a brief history of the Hopkins Marine Station and of the Harold A. Miller Library. According to Dr. Wible, Stanford students from any major can come to use the library; Earth Systems is currently the most popular major. He also mentioned that the library’s holdings are listed in SearchWorks. While there was damage to some of the libraries at Stanford University during the Loma Prieta earthquake, Dr. Wible pointed out that no damage occurred in the Miller Library.

The Miller Library includes archives, interlibrary loans, and special collections with the backing of Stanford University. The library maintains computers with links to Stanford’s main campus and there is a working card catalogue that provides author
access to a large taxonomically arranged reprint collection. The library has a colorful history, since it was once home to Native Americans and it became an archeological site. Later this site was also a Chinese fishing village.

After walking us through the stacks and the compact shelving area containing individual photos, Dr. Wible took us into the locked Special Collection room. He pointed out some of the rare books and The MacFarland Collection of materials consisting of the opisthobranchiate molluscan collection. He also discussed how he obtained different parts of the collection, some of the oldest books dating back to the 1700s.

Thanks to Bruce Antleman and Information Express for being the Principal Sponsor of both this tour of the Harold A. Miller Library and Dr. Wible’s October 9th talk, “New Adventures in Extreme Embedded Librarianship,” about his recent adventure as part of a research team at the Palmyra Atoll in the South Pacific.

Visit the Hopkins Marine Station – Miller Library online for images and more information about this special library.

– Luisa Tosi Claeys, MLS

Silicon Valley Tour Chairman, 2013

Photographs by Luisa Tosi Claeys

Luisa, a retired Librarian, has contributed to many diverse organizations including corporate and university libraries as well as been in independent practice. An active Silicon Valley Chapter member since 1986, Luisa has served our chapter in various capacities including past Chapter President (2004-2005).

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Library with a View–Tour of the Miller Library at Hopkins Marine Station

Posted on September 23, 2013.

Harold Miller Library reading room

Join the SLA – Silicon Valley Chapter for a tour led by Dr. Joe Wible of the Harold A. Miller Library at the Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University at 150 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 during the Internet Librarian conference.

Come before sunset to enjoy the amazing ocean views from the reading room of the Miller Library which is part of the Hopkins Marine Station with a history of over 100 years of marine biology research in Monterey Bay and beyond. Dr. Wible will provide us with a tour of the library, discussing the library’s history, collection, archives, and special collections. In addition to his duties as the Head of the Miller Library, Dr. Wible is the Assistant to the Director of the Hopkins Marine Station, the Station’s co-webmaster and he is also involved with fundraising, publicity, and computer and networking support for the Station.
Register today for the Tour of the Harold A Miller Library
(maximum limit of 20 for this tour)
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013
Time: 5:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m.
Carpooling Information: SLA members attending Internet Librarian are encouraged to meet at the Monterey Conference Center Internet Librarian registration desk around 5 p.m. and then carpool to the Miller Library at the Hopkins Marine Station. It is about a 2 mile drive and will take about 6 to 10 minutes, depending on the traffic. The entrance to the Hopkins Marine Station is directly across the street from the REEBOK store in the American Tin Cannery outlet mall.

Tour fee:
$5 for SLA members
$10 for non-SLA members
Register online by October 25, 2013:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BYMLQN5

For questions about the tour, contact Carolyn Billheimer of the Tour Committee
650-554-2036
cbillheimer@sbcglobal.net.

Filoli Tour: Libraries and Spectacular Gardens

Posted on June 9, 2013. Tags: Tours

On Saturday, April 13th, the Silicon Valley Chapter hosted a tour of the Libraries at Filoli, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. Filoli is located in Woodside, California. We toured three libraries: the Wallace Sterling Library, the Friends’ Library and the House Library, followed by and a tour of the house and gardens and lunch at the Filoli Cafe.

Julie Bly DeVere, Library/Collection Manager first gave us a tour of the Friends’ Library, a circulating library for members of Friends of Filoli, which is located in one of the family bedrooms. This library contains books on gardens, horticulture, garden history, history of the area and decorative arts. Many books are available on other famous gardens of the world. This library also has a collection of DVDs and videos of films and TV shows made at Filoli.

Next we viewed the Sterling Library which is located in the upstairs sitting room over the study and is not open to the public. Originally conceived as a research library in horticulture and garden design, the Sterling Library has been expanded to include decorative arts and other topics directly related to Filoli.

As Julie took us through the libraries, she emphasized the hours of work that volunteers do every day to catalog, preserve and maintain the books and artifacts. The collections depend on volunteers, and anyone who is interested in contributing time to collection maintenance is invited to contact Julie directly at jdevere@filoli.org Phone: (650) 364-8300, extension 205.
In addition to Julie, who is on the staff at Filoli, three Friends of Filoli volunteers assisted with the tour. Library/Collections Chair Diane Lawrence, Co-Chair Anne McCarthy and Carole Farina toured the house and gardens with us. The gardens and grounds were in full bloom. The tulips, wisteria, azaleas welcomed us with a spectacular show.

– Carolyn Billheimer, MLS
Silicon Valley Tour Committee Member, 2013

Photographs by C.Billheimer

Carolyn is currently Adjunct Faculty at John F. Kennedy University, teaching Information Literacy. In the past, she has contributed to law and business libraries, as well as school libraries in the Silicon Valley area.

Posted in Chapter News, Tours1 Comment

A closer look at the Grateful Dead Archive

Posted on April 16, 2013. Tags: Archives

On Saturday, March 16th, the Silicon Valley Chapter hosted a tour for our members of the Grateful Dead Archive at “Dead Central” at the UC Santa Cruz McHenry Library. There were two parts to the tour: the physical archive and the online archive.

UCSC Grateful Dead Archivist and tour guide Nicholas Meriwether, first gave us a tour of the display, highlighting two major themes: The Greatful Dead phenomenon along with their archives and the transformation of their subculture into the mainstream. He also discussed why the band deserved a place in our culture and a place in an academic institution.

Nicholas walked us though the current exhibition, “A Box of Rain: Archiving the Grateful Dead Phenomenon,” which contains 316 items out of over 500,000 items in the collection. A big part of these archives are photographs of the band taken by fans and then sent to the band.

As Nicholas took us through the exhibit, he discussed the history of the group and the Grateful Dead folklore motifs. Nicholas also covered such areas as their music and lyrics, their close relationship to their fans, their benefit performances, and their awards.

On the second part of the tour, Susan Perry, Head of Digital Initiatives, explained the creation of
the GDAO Web site from the physical collection. The site features almost 25,000 items and as well as 50,000 scans, covering the Grateful Dead from 1965 – 1995. For example, there are over 16,000 scanned fan-decorated envelopes, photographs, and posters.

Susan demonstrated the technical features of the online archive and how fans from around the world can contribute to the Web site, using social media tools. You can obtain more information on both the physical archive and the online archive on the Grateful Dead Archive Web site.

–Luisa Tosi Claey, MLS
Silicon Valley Tour Chairman, 2013

Photographs by Luisa Tosi Claey.

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Posted in Tours 1 Comment

RSVP Today: Tour of the Filoli Libraries

Posted on March 26, 2013. Tags: Tours

Join the SLA – Silicon Valley Chapter for a docent led tour of the Filoli Libraries: the Wallace Sterling Library and rare book room, the Friends Library and the House Library, followed by lunch at the Filoli Cafe and an optional tour of the house and gardens of Filoli.

Event Information:
Register Now! (maximum limit:20) – Tour of the Filoli Libraries
Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013
Time: 10:30 am -12:30 (optional lunch at 12:30 followed by a 1pm tour of the house and gardens)

Location with Directions:
Filoli House and Gardens

Registration Info:
Register here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZWLY8RH
Tour price: (tour-only reservations close on 4/4/2013)
$10 for SLA members
$25 for non-SLA members

Optional box lunch price: $15.00 (tour w/ lunch reservations close on 3/28/2013)
Includes a sandwich (your choice of Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham & Swiss or Vegetarian) and pasta salad, seasonal fruit, cookie, and choice of lemonade, ice tea, coffee and hot tea, served in the gracious ambiance of the Filoli Café. Price includes tax and gratuity. Menu and prices subject to change. Filoli Box Lunches must be ordered and paid for at least one week in advance.

NOTE: Important Deadlines for Registration:
Tour with Box Lunch deadline, Thursday, March 28, 2013
Tour only deadline, Thursday, April 4, 2013

Register Now at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZWLY8RH

About the event:
The tour of the Filoli Libraries starts at 10:30 in the Visitor and Education center. We will have a docent led tour of the Wallace Sterling Library and rare books room, the Friends Library and the House Library.

The Sterling Library, created by former Stanford President Wallace Sterling (1949-1968), is a non-circulating reference collection of about 1,000 books on landscape, architecture, garden design, fine and decorative arts, local history, botanical art and books
related to Filoli.

The Friends Library is a circulating collection of books in the same collecting areas as the Sterling Library as well as videos produced to train Filoli docents and DVDs and videos of movies and television shows filmed at Filoli, including the ABC miniseries of a Dominick Dunne novel, “An Inconvenient Woman.”

The House Library is on the first floor in the location of the resident families’ original library. Filoli is recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century, the estate includes a 36,000 square foot Georgian country house and a spectacular 16 acre English Renaissance garden situated on 654 acres.

Optional docent-led house and garden tour starts at 1pm. Admission to Filoli includes all-day access to the House and Garden. Information on Filoli and directions are on the Filoli website: http://www.filoli.org

Questions? Contact Carolyn Billheimer (cbillheimer@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks,

Helen Josephine
Silicon Valley Hospitality Committee

Posted in Tours, Uncategorized0 Comments

**Behind the Scenes: Cantor Arts Center**

Posted on March 16, 2013. Tags: Tours

In late November of last year, the San Francisco Bay Region and Silicon Valley Chapters of SLA hosted a joint chapter tour of the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University. This was a special behind-the-scenes tour, showcasing the museum’s archives, collection storage, and other areas seldom seen by the public.

Our tour guide, Patience Young, presented us with a thorough history of the museum along with an overview of its operations day to day. We got to see where future exhibits are designed and put together, where Japanese swords and Mediterranean pottery are stored and kept safe from earthquakes and the elements, and where the entire collection is being digitally photographed, one piece at a time. As a participant on the tour, I was struck by the commonalities between museums and archives. The techniques used to store and preserve items, and the use of digital tools to document them brought me back my days as an intern at the Society of California Pioneers’ archive and research library.

The Cantor Center has been an integral part of Stanford University since its founding. Its original purpose was to make the Stanford family’s art collection available to students and the general public. The Stanford family, including Leland Jr., collected art as they traveled around the world, and this formed the basis for what was to become the Cantor Center. The museum now boasts a collection spanning more than 5,000 years of art history and including the largest collection of Auguste Rodin sculptures outside of the Musee Rodin in Paris.

After the tour, many of us gathered in the museum’s Kool Café for dinner and networking. It was wonderful to see that the tour was attended by members based throughout the Bay Area, from Danville to the San Jose area. Some of us also took some time to wander about the museum, taking in some of the exhibits after getting a sense of the work involved in creating them. This was a
very memorable tour, and I think everyone who attended was thankful to the Cantor Center for giving us such an in-depth look behind the scenes.

– Kim Ewart

Posted in Chapter Events, Tours2 Comments

RSVP Today: Tour of the Grateful Dead Archive

Posted on March 1, 2013. Tags: Events, Tours

Join your SLA-Silicon Valley colleagues and archivist Nicholas Meriwether for a tour of the

Grateful Dead Archive at “Dead Central”

UC Santa Cruz

Saturday, March 16, 2013, 11am – 1pm

Register Now!

The current exhibit, “A Box of Rain: Archiving the Grateful Dead Phenomenon,” traces the history of the Grateful Dead and their cultural impact. Following the tour, Susan Perry, Head of Digital Initiatives will talk about the creation of the online archive designed to help foster a world-wide community around the collection.

The Grateful Dead Archive is housed in the recently remodeled and expanded McHenry Library on the campus of the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC).

Registration Information:

Cost: $10 (pre-registration and payment in advance required)
Max. registrations: 25 (limited to SLA-SV members only)
Registration form and payment options for the event: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V7T7G8R

Following the tour and talk, you are invited to enjoy a no-host lunch at the Global Village Cafe in the foyer of the McHenry library with Susan and Nicholas. For more information and a menu, visit: Global Village Cafe

Transportation:

The online registration form includes options for carpooling and the Tour Committee will be contacting those who have volunteered to drive and those who need a ride to coordinate options. You are also welcome to drive yourself and spend more time at the exhibit or in Santa Cruz afterwards.

Please plan to arrive early. The library opens at 11am and the tour will begin soon afterwards.

Directions to UC Santa Cruz:
http://maps.ucsc.edu/content/directions-campus

Driving time to the UCSC campus from the San Jose Airport is about an hour. Your driving time may vary based on road conditions and traffic to Santa Cruz on Saturday mornings.

Parking:

Parking on the UCSC campus is free on Saturday.
Link to PDF parking maps of the campus:
http://maps.ucsc.edu/content/printable-maps
Lot 101 at the Hahn Student Services Center and Lot 120 are both close to the McHenry Library.

For more information on the physical and online archive, visit: http://library.ucsc.edu/grateful-dead-archive

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grateful-Dead-Archive
Tour the Grateful Dead Archive

Posted on February 17, 2013. Tags: Events, Tours

Save the date: March 16, 2013

Tour of the Grateful Dead Archive

UC Santa Cruz

Join us for a tour the Grateful Dead Archive at “Dead Central” with archivist Nicholas Meriwether. The current exhibit, “A Box of Rain: Archiving the Grateful Dead Phenomenon,” traces the history of the Grateful Dead and their cultural impact. Following the tour, Susan Perry, Head of Digital Initiatives will talk about the creation of the online archive designed to help foster a world-wide community around the collection.

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For more information on the physical and online archive, visit the Grateful Dead website and Facebook page

Mark your Calendars: Saturday March 16, 2013
We will meet at the McHenry Library at 11 am. Tour will conclude by 1 pm
Registration is limited to 25 Silicon Valley Chapter members.

Don’t Miss this event; look out for the Registration form with carpool options.

Helen Josephine
Chair, Hospitality Committee

Cantor Arts Center Tour

Posted on November 2, 2012.

Behind the Scenes Joint Chapter Tour
of the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University

Thursday, November 29th, 4:00 – 7:00

http://museum.stanford.edu/

A special joint tour bringing together the San Francisco and Silicon Valley Chapters. This tour will be a behind-the-scenes look at the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University.

Formerly known as the Stanford University Museum of Art, the Cantor Arts Center has a collection spanning 5,000 years of art history and encompassing antiquity, ethnographic art, modern art, contemporary art, and sculpture gardens. The sculpture
gardens include the largest collection of Auguste Rodin sculptures outside of the Musee Rodin in Paris.

**This tour has been limited to 15 attendees**

REGISTRATION: WAIT LIST ONLY

Please note that the attendance limit had to be revised from 25 to 15 due to safety and security concerns. Because of this, space is very limited. There has already been a lot of interest, so please register as soon as possible in order to secure a space.

SLA Tour Schedule

4:00 – 4:15  Gather in the staff entrance on the left side of the building, directly behind Rodin’s “Gates of Hell”

4:15 – 6:00 pm.  Tour will begin promptly at 4:15 – please be on time!

6:00 – 7:00 pm.  Networking and refreshment available for purchase in the museum’s Cool Cafe

SLA Tour Cost:  $5 flat registration for everyone

Event Refund Policy: After careful review, the Executive Board of the SF Bay Region Chapter of SLA has decided that we cannot accommodate refunds or “rain checks” for our events (this includes programs, tours, professional development workshops, etc.).

Some reasons why:

- Our chapter does not make a profit on our events. We subsidize our events because it is important to us to be able to keep our attendance fees low.
- We are required to pay in advance for food and venues, and these costs are frequently based on head count. Therefore, we’ve already paid for your attendance.
- As a volunteer organization we are just not staffed to be able to keep track of refunds or attendance for future events.

So if you’ve paid for an event you find you cannot attend, please consider the following:

1. Post a notice on our discussion board inviting a member to take your place
2. Think of it a tax-free donation to our organization

Location:

The Cantor Arts Center is located at the intersection of Museum Way and Lomita Drive on the Stanford campus, northwest of The Oval and the Main Quad. Parking along Museum Way is by permit only until 4 pm on weekdays; parking is free after 4 pm and on weekends. A parking structure with both metered and permit parking is located on Roth Way near the Center. This parking is free after 4 pm weekdays and all day on weekends.

Stanford University is accessible by several public transportation agencies. More information can be found here: [http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/BayAreaTransit.shtml](http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/BayAreaTransit.shtml)

A map and directions to the museum can be found here: [http://museum.stanford.edu/visit/visit_MapDirections.html](http://museum.stanford.edu/visit/visit_MapDirections.html)

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**RSVP Today: Tour of the Computer History Museum**

Posted on August 4, 2012. Tags: Computer History Museum

Join your SLA-Silicon Valley colleagues at the Computer History Museum for a docent-led tour of the exhibit

**Revolution: The First 2000 Years of Computing**

Thursday, August 23, 2012

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
$6.00 entrance fee payable at the door.

Space is limited.
R.S.V.P. by August 16th to Luisa Tosi Claeys, SLA-SV Tour Chairman

Posted in Events, Tours 0 Comments

**Solo Librarians Tour of the Adobe Corporate Library**

Posted on September 19, 2011.

The Solo Librarians of the Silicon Valley Chapter of SLA invite you to join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Adobe Library (http://www.adobe.com) located 345 Park Avenue (West Tower), San Jose, CA. A map and directions to the library can be found below.

We will have both a tour of the library and a demonstration of Goldmine, Adobe’s information portal. Adobe’s library is a self-service center open to all employees 24/7. It holds over 6,000 books, DVDs and CD-ROMs, over 150 periodicals and 5 daily newspapers. There is also access to ebooks and online journals. The information portal, Goldmine, provides access to databases and handpicked reports on topics relevant to Adobe. Goldmine has been recognized as a best-practice for market intelligence portals by the Market Research Executive Board, IDC and Forrester Research.

The meeting will be hosted by Emily Shem-Tov and Meira Chefitz. Emily Shem-Tov is a Senior Analyst in Adobe’s Information Resources Group and has managed the company’s research portal (“Goldmine”) for the past 6 years. In addition to managing the portal, Emily assists with training, marketing, research synthesis and custom inquiry – providing research assistance to employees throughout the company. Meira Chefitz, currently completing her MLIS at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is an intern in the group, helping to identify relevant content for Goldmine from our third-party market research vendors, participating in analyst sessions, and answering inquiries.

Anyone with an interest in libraries is welcome, including students and recent grads of the MLIS programs.

Those who are planning to attend need to contact Sonia Dorfman by Friday, October 7th at sdorfman@neuropace.com or (650) 237-2784.

Sonia Dorfman

Eric Kristofferson

Silicon Valley Solo Librarians

The lobby is on the 2nd floor. Visitors will need to show an ID to receive their temporary badge. A map can be found at: http://g.co/maps/xe7pz

Directions

101 Southbound

Take 101 South. Take Guadalupe Parkway/87 South toward downtown San Jose. Exit at Park Avenue/San Carlos, turn Left onto Park Avenue. Go one block and at Almaden Blvd, make a U-turn. Turn Right into the Adobe parking lot (West Tower).

87 Northbound

Northbound on 87, take Santa Clara St. /Downtown exit. Turn Right on Santa Clara St. Turn Right onto Almaden. Turn Right onto Park Ave and make a right turn into the Adobe garage.

880 Southbound

Head southeast on I-880 S. toward Exit 22.

Take exit 4A for N.1st St.
Turn Right at W. Julian St.

Turn Left at N. Market St.

Turn Right at Park Ave and make a right turn into the Adobe garage.

From Highway 280 or Highway 85

Take Guadalupe Parkway/87 North toward San Jose. Exit at Santa Clara Street, turn Right onto Santa Clara Street. Take the first Right onto Almaden Boulevard. Turn Right onto Park Ave. Turn Right into the Adobe parking lot (West Tower) just before the Guadalupe River.

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SLA-Silicon Valley Presents: One Night – Two Tours

Posted on July 19, 2011.

Tour the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Library and Cantor Arts Center special exhibition “The Art of the Book in California: Five Contemporary Presses”

Thursday, August 4, 2011

4:15 – 6:30 PM

Cost: $ 5.00 per person

Please join members of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Special Libraries Association for two specially arranged guided tours. The evening begins at 4:15* with a tour of the new Stanford Graduate School of Business (GSB) Library hosted by SLA-SV member, Helen Losch, Research and Instruction Librarian, Stanford Graduate School of Business. In April the GSB Library opened its doors in a brand new facility named the Knight Management Center. The new cutting edge center is expected to achieve the highest LEED Platinum rating for environmental sustainability from the U.S. Green Building Council. Come and tour the new facility and library.

Following the Library tour we will walk to the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts for a private docent led tour of “The Art of the Book in California: Five Contemporary Presses.” These five presses, selected by curator and printer Peter Koch, exemplify the book arts in California today. Each press has produced books and related art that richly illustrate the varieties of content, media, and collaborative methods that contemporary artists are employing across the globe. This exhibition includes the most significant works of each press, including supporting art and archival materials. An illustrated catalog, with essays by Koch and by the distinguished typographic historian, writer, and critic Robert Bringhurst, accompanies the exhibition. The Cantor Center Art tour begins promptly at 5:30 PM.

* Note: Free parking on-campus after 4PM.

Following the evening tours, please consider dining with us at the Cool Café, overlooking the Rodin Sculpture Garden at the Cantor Arts Center. Enjoy selections from a seasonal menu of gourmet sandwiches, soups, and salads. Participants can expect to spend $12-15 for a light dinner.

Anyone with an interest in libraries is welcome. Library school students and recent MLIS graduates are especially encouraged to attend.

R.S.V.P. by August 1st to director.sewell@siliconvalley.sla1.org.
In your reply, please indicate:
1. Number of participants and their first / last name
2. Affiliation
3. Which tour(s) you plan to attend: GSB and/or Cantor Arts Center

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**December 11 Holiday Tour of Patterson House**

Posted on December 3, 2010.

![Ardenwood Trailmap](image)

Ardenwood Trailmap

Saturday, December 11, 2010 3:00PM

Event: Holiday Tour of Patterson House at Ardenwood Historic Farm, an East Bay Regional Park in Fremont

Come join us for some holiday cheer in Fremont at the Patterson House, Ardenwood Historic Farm. Several of us are meeting there on Saturday, December 11 for the 3:00pm tour of the Patterson House, currently decked out in a festive holiday 1900’s Victorian style. The 3:00 tour is the last of the day, with the park closing at 4:00, so don’t be late!

A departure from typical chapter tours, there is no chapter registration and you pay your own fees as you enter the park. The cost is $2 to enter the park (general admission) plus $4 for the Patterson House tour.

Information about the tour can be found here (see Christmas Tours of Patterson House): [http://www ebparks.org/files/Ardenwood_NNB_December_rev3_2010.pdf](http://wwwebparks.org/files/Ardenwood_NNB_December_rev3_2010.pdf)

Arrive early enough to queue up at Patterson House by the beginning of the tour. It is recommended that you arrive at least an hour early to tour the grounds, possibly earlier to take a Monarch Butterfly Tour since the butterflies are back at Ardenwood this year. (This is also described with the house tour description using the link above.)

For general information about Ardenwood Historic Farm: [http://www ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood](http://wwwebparks.org/parks/ardenwood)

Afterward we’re headed to a nearby Starbucks for hot chocolate (also Dutch treat). [http://www.starbucks.com/store/8815](http://wwwstarbuckscom/store/8815)

“Holiday Tour of Patterson House at Ardenwood Historic Farm”
When: Saturday, December 11, 3:00 – 4:00
Location: Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont (next to Hwy 880 just off Decoto Rd./Hwy 84 east of the Dumbarton Bridge) [http://www ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood#reach](http://wwwebparksorg/parks/ardenwood#reach)

Please join us!

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**New “Bookless” Terman Engineering Library Tour**

Posted on November 17, 2010.

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Event: 30th Anniversary at new “Bookless” Frederick Emmons Terman Engineering Library, Nov. 18
Come celebrate the 30th anniversary of our SLA Silicon Valley chapter, formerly the San Andreas chapter, at the new Frederick Emmons Terman Engineering Library at Stanford. This will be hosted by our own Helen B. Josephine, Head Librarian. We’ll have tours of the new library, plus hearty hors d’oeuvres and refreshments in the MacKenzie Board Room, followed by speakers and a brief annual business meeting.

“30th Anniversary Chapter Celebration: Future of the Library”
When: Thursday, November 18, 5:30 – 8:00
Featured Speaker: Michael Keller, University Librarian, Director of Academic Information Resources, and Publisher of Highwire Press and Publisher of the Stanford University Press.
Special Guest: Cindy Romaine, 2011 President-Elect of SLA
Location: Stanford University Campus https://lib.stanford.edu/engineering-library/engineering-library-visitors
Registration URL: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L23G32F

This is your opportunity to see this new Engineering Library, hailed in the press as “bookless” despite having 10,000 print volumes. It is envisioned as an “Information Collaboratory” where students and faculty no longer rely on print books and journals. The intention is to have librarians working closely with faculty and researchers in their classrooms and labs.

Our featured speaker, Michael Keller, is considered the visionary for this library. As University Librarian at Stanford, he endeavors to champion deep collecting of traditional library materials (especially of manuscript and archival materials) with full engagement in emerging information technologies. Uniquely, Keller’s responsibilities at Stanford encompass libraries, cybraries, academic and residential computing, publishing and publishing services. A recent American Libraries article on Michael Keller and innovations at Stanford Libraries can be found at http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/columns/next-steps/stanford-innovation-juggernaut. More information can be found at his webpage http://highwire.stanford.edu/~mkeller/.

* WHEN: Thursday, November 18
5:30- Registration in the Mackenzie Room
5:30-6:30 Tours of the Terman Engineering Library and Networking in the MacKenzie Room
6:30-8:00 Featured Speaker, Toast to the Chapter, Acknowledgment of Vendors and Invited Guests, Chapter Business Meeting

* COST: $20 SLA Members / $25 Non-members/ $10 Students/ Members between jobs / Retirees

* LOCATION: Frederick Emmons Terman Engineering Library, Stanford University Campus.

* PARKING: Parking on campus after 4pm is FREE. Parking, directions and map of campus: https://lib.stanford.edu/engineering-library/engineering-library-visitors From CalTrain station, take the Marguerite Shuttle : B clockwise or B counterclockwise to the corner of Via Ortega and Panama St at the Y2E2 bldg.

* REGISTRATION URL: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L23G32F After registering, you will have the option of paying through PayPal (has an additional $1.50 registration fee) or sending the check to the Registrar (pay for your own stamp and envelope).

* DEADLINE: Register by end of day, November 12, Friday. Any checks must be received by November 16, Tuesday.

Please forward this e-mail to any colleagues who may be interested. Also add the upcoming events to your calendar:

* December 10, 11, or 12. Holiday Tour at Patterson House at Ardenwood Farms. Hosted by Lee Pharis and Leslie Fisher

* January end-of-holidays year-end, Wednesday, January 12 at MacArthur Park, hosted by Helen Losch, Chapter President.

Also, check out Chapter news and other events by checking the blog and calendar at http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/sanandreas/. Even better, enter your email to subscribe to updates.

Hope to see all of you this at this November 18 celebration.

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