

## Rueben Martínez of Librería Martínez Speaks Out on Education

At the invitation of the Friends of the Library and the Alumni Association, Rueben Martínez spoke on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Wilshire Auditorium about the importance of education and literacy to a receptive audience composed of 100 faculty, staff, administrators and community members. In his presentation, Martínez emphasized the need for the Latino community to have access to books and to nurture the love of reading in order to succeed in life. Martínez became the first bookseller to receive the MacArthur "genius" award, a \$500,000 fellowship from the MacArthur Foundation. Martínez was honored for "fusing the roles of marketplace and community center to inspire appreciation of literature and preserve Latino literary heritage."

Martínez started out as a barber providing reading material for his customers. Since he found that he needed to continually restock his supply of magazines and books, he decided to start selling them. What began as a sideline turned into a full-time occupation called the Librería Martínez Books and Art Galleries. From its humble origins in a Santa Ana barber shop, the Librería Martínez has grown to three locations including a children's bookstore. As a leading advocate of education and literacy in the Latino community, Martínez was a founder of the Latino Book and Family Festival along with actor Edward James Olmos. It is now the country's largest Spanish-language book exposition.

## Grants for Digitizing Archival Photographs

As the oldest continuously-operating community college in the state, Fullerton College is in the unique position of possessing an archival collection that documents a history spanning nearly a century. The archival collection includes historic photographic images, student newspapers since 1923, hundreds of paper documents dating from 1913 and other ephemera. The photographic collection vividly illustrates the astonishing societal changes that occurred during the college's existence. Unfortunately, these historical treasures have been generally inaccessible to the public due to a lack of proper housing and

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funding. Now that the library has moved into its new location with an archival room, the historic collection is being made available for research on a limited basis. To expand access to the archival material, the Fullerton College Library has received two grants for 2006-2007, one through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) from the California State Library and the second from the campus Dynamic Fund program, to digitize, catalog and make available through the Library's web site 400 of the historic photographs. These two grants will provide the initial funding and groundwork so the Library can begin its long-term goal of digitizing and cataloguing all of the archival collection, with the most important items available online by the Fullerton College centennial in 2013. The digitized format will allow these materials to be made widely accessible on the web and will also preserve the original documents from deterioration. The grant funding will pay for an outside vendor to scan and digitize the 400 photographs, which represents a small portion of the collection.





## Friends of the Library Store

**Tuesday** 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
**Wednesday** 9:30 to 11:30 am  
**Thursday** 9:30 to 11:30 am

The Library Store is selling used books, videos, magazines and canvas Fullerton College book bags. Donations may be dropped off at the Library Circulation Desk. Call ahead (714-992-7061) if you need information about parking or assistance transporting items from your car.

Volunteers are needed! Hours can be modified to fit volunteer availability. If you would like to volunteer a few hours per month, please contact Mike Fitzsimmons at 714-992-7061, extension 26691, or mfitzsimmons @fullcoll.edu.



## Friends of the Library Meetings

Join the Friends of the Library and support library services for students at Fullerton College. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month: Oct. 23rd, and Nov 27th for this semester. Meetings start at 2 pm in room 822.

## TRANSITIONS

### Retirements

**John Ayala** retired after serving as Fullerton College's Dean of the Library for 16 years during which he oversaw the construction of the new library. John earned his Master in Library Science from Immaculate Heart College as well as a Master of Public Administration from California State University Long Beach. Prior to his tenure at Fullerton College, John spent 18.5 years at Long Beach City College as Director of the Pacific Coast Campus Library. He also served as President of the Academic Senate for two years and helped found REFORMA, a professional association which helps extend library services to Spanish-speaking individuals. In addition to his duties as Dean of the Library, John also served as Study Abroad Program Administrator, President of the district's Latino Faculty & Staff Association and Kindercaminata Chairperson. He has also assumed responsibility for Media Services and the college's television learning program at various times. Although John is enjoying retirement, he has not left the library altogether; you can sometimes find him manning the Friends of the Library store! He also serves as the recording secretary of the Friends. In addition, he is representing REFORMA on the executive committee of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color as well as working as consultant to the organizing committee of the

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REFORMA National Conference III.

**Sandra Smith** earned two degrees from California State University Fullerton, a Master of Library Science and a Master of Arts in American Studies. Sandy worked two years as a paraprofessional at Orange Coast College then accepted a position with the County of Orange Library System as a Library Specialist in Cataloguing. Sandy first came to Fullerton College as a librarian in 1988. In 1998, Sandy became the Fullerton College Catalog and Automation Librarian. She also taught courses in Introduction to Library Research and Cataloguing, the latter of which she also taught at California State University Los Angeles. As an active member of the faculty, Sandy also served on the Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee, Computer Advisory Committee, and the Honors Committee. Like John Ayala, Sandy also has volunteered to assist in the Friends of the Library store during her retirement. In addition, she will work as an adjunct librarian for a few hours weekly in order to assist with the photograph digitization project.

### Interim Dean of Library

**Jackie Boll** has spent 35 years working in the community college library system. She earned her Masters of Science in Library Science from USC, B.A. from UCLA, and her A.A. from L.B.C.C.. For the past 15 years, Jackie has worked in the Fullerton College Library as the Circulation Librarian, then as Bibliographic



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Instruction Librarian as well as reference. She has taught in the Library Technician Certificate Program and served as the Coordinator. Jackie has also taught Introduction to Library Research as well as basic instruction and subject-specific workshops for students. Jackie and her husband have one daughter who is a research editor in Seattle.

## **New Library Staff**

### Systems Librarian

Before her move to Fullerton College Library this Fall 2006, **Erica Bennett** worked for the North Orange County Community College District for over 6 years, first as a Library Assistant II at the Cypress College Library. In addition to her full-time employment at Cypress College, she worked as an Adjunct Librarian at Cerritos College and Long Beach City College, and as a Part-Time Librarian at UCI. Erica graduated from the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies in March of 2005, where she wrote a thesis entitled "The Archivist as Producer: In Search of Mendez v. Westminster." Her thesis examined the California desegregation case "Gonzalo Mendez et al. vs. Westminster School District of Orange County et al.", and created new ways of accessing archival materials through a documentary film and play script. She is thrilled to announce her recent move to Fullerton and looks forward to many more years with the district.

### Circulation Librarian

**Jane Ishibashi** graduated from UC Berkeley with a Master in Library and Information Studies then accepted a position at the Institute of North American Studies in Barcelona, Spain. The specialized American studies library was funded at that time by the United States Information Service and provided services to a broad range of Spanish, Catalan and English speaking users. After twelve years abroad, Jane moved to Honolulu and worked as a librarian at TransPacific Hawaii College. As a native Californian, Jane decided to return to the mainland and most recently, she was Supervising Librarian at nearby Santa Ana Public Library. She was responsible for the Circulation section, the library web page content, Technical Services and the Adult Computer Lab. Jane has been at Fullerton College since Spring 2006.

### Adjunct Librarian

**Deanna Slone Haendiges** received her Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Biola University in 1990. After teaching vocal music for several years in Glendora and Laguna Beach, she received her Master in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University (Fullerton Extension) in

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1998. After 5 years as Librarian for 1,100 students at a middle school in Costa Mesa, Deanna moved on to a more tranquil situation at La Quinta High School in Westminster. Along with her work as a librarian, she enjoys performing classical choral works, reading, traveling, and occasionally directing her church's choir. This is a summer of changes for Deanna; in addition to her new position at Fullerton College, Deanna was married to Robert Haendiges on August 19<sup>th</sup>. After honeymooning in Morro Bay, the couple is enjoying settling into their new home in West Fullerton.

### Library Assistant I, Acquisitions & Periodicals

**Betsy Murray** attended Pierce College, USC and UCLA. Betsy worked in Personnel Management for Lloyds Bank California and was a partner in Tandem Personnel Consultants before opening the library at El Portal Elementary School in the Lowell Joint School District in 1996, where she worked for the next nine years. Her free time is spent in the care and feeding of one husband, one son, one daughter and several unappreciative cats.

## **Don't Be Quiet About the Silent Auction!**

**John Simon**

Twice a month during the fall and spring semesters, the Friends of the Fullerton College Library offer a selection of books at their silent auction. These books are considered to be of more value



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than those that are offered in our used bookstore, which is located to your right when you walk into the library foyer. Some of the books are first editions priced far below market value. Others are reference books that have been donated by friends of the library and faculty. The silent auction books are set up in a display case to your right just passed the library security gate. The money received from the sale of these books is used to augment the library collection through an annual gift to the library and to help promote programs throughout the year.

Books planned for future auctions include art books, Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries, atlases and books of general interest so be a Friend and tell a friend to take a look, find a book, make a bid, and be a winner! The next auction will begin on September 28<sup>th</sup> and end on October 13<sup>th</sup>.



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Address _____	Family \$20.00 _____	Supporter \$30.00 _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Affiliate \$40.00 _____	Business \$50.00 _____
Phone _____ Email _____	Benefactor \$100.00 _____	Life \$500.00 _____

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