NEWS | Congratulations to Ofelia Zepeda, our 2017 Library Legend

On November 30, we honored poet and scholar, Ofelia Zepeda, as our 2017 Library Legend. The award honors members of the Tucson community who have made significant contributions related to the library’s role in providing access to scholarship and creative expression. Zepeda was selected to receive the award in recognition of her work to preserve the culture and native language of the Tohono O’odham Nation through poetry, stories and songs. Zepeda is Regents’ Professor of Linguistics at the University of Arizona, as well as a MacArthur Fellow.

In Zepeda’s honor, Special Collections acquired a portfolio of linocut prints by artist Meredith Stern that highlight the preamble and the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in Paris in 1948.

Dean Shan Sutton said, “When I think of Ofelia Zepeda, I am most impressed with her ability to transcend time. She seems to blend past and present seamlessly, summoning historical Tohono O’odham wisdom to provide context for her astute observations of life today.” See more photos from the ceremony.

EVENT | 2018 Libraries Annual Luncheon

Monday, March 12
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arizona Inn, 2200 E. Elm St.

Would you like to support University Libraries while learning about the Biosphere 2 from one of its original crew members? Mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Luncheon. Scientist Mark Nelson will discuss his new book, Pushing Our Limits, and will offer a compelling insider’s view of the dramatic story behind the mini-world. Registration information coming soon.

EXHIBIT | Judith Chafee: Iconoclast

Opening Monday, January 22
Special Collections

We are excited to announce our spring exhibition, "Judith Chafee: Iconoclast," which highlights the remarkable Tucson architect. Chafee was a true trailblazer, both as an architect par excellence, and as a woman in a male-dominated profession. She is celebrated as a visionary modernist whose structures harmoniously blend with their host environments.
In an Arizona Public Media story about Chafee, UA Associate Professor of Architecture, Christopher Domin, said: “When I walk into a Judith Chafee house at a different time, or a different time in my life, or a different season in the year, I always see something new.” Join us on January 23, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., when Associate Professor Domin, the author of a forthcoming book about Chafee, examines her impact on architectural style.

Pictured: Chafee working with her model for the Rieveschl House

PAST EVENT | An Evening Celebrating Tom Miller and Cuba, Hot and Cold

Tom Miller is a Tucson-born travel writer who has been visiting Cuba for more than three decades. The UA Press and Special Collections recently celebrated the release of his latest book, Cuba, Hot & Cold. Miller shared stories, longtime friends paid tributes to him, and there was even a performance of Cuban music. If you missed this event, you can watch a video recording.

Photo by Tim Fuller

Happy Holidays from the Libraries

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the New Year. We will be on our holiday hours from December 16 through January 9. Special Collections will be closed from December 23 through January 1.

Please enjoy our video greeting.

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