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NEWS | Growing a Community Archive

For [Community Digitization Day](#), Special Collections invited the public to bring in their old family photographs and documents to be scanned. While visitors took home preservation-quality digital copies, we acquired compelling materials that enrich the narrative of our Borderlands

collection.

A diverse group of participants brought photos and other materials showing daily life along the U.S.–Mexico Borderlands. This included the Gin family who once owned the L & K Grocery Market in El Rio Neighborhood. We also met the daughter of violinist Jesús Medina, a member of the first mariachi group in Tucson (Mariachi Tucsonense Pionero de Tucson). According to one photo's inscription, we learned that they formed at Don Conrado Valle's home at 1011 Sonora St.

Left: L & K Market, 1957. Courtesy of Josephine Gin Morgan. Right: Mariachi Tucsonense Pionero de Tucson, 1956. Photo by by journalist, poet and playwright Carmen Celia Beltran. Courtesy of Maria Beatrice M. Camacho.



NEWS | Raising Awareness About Open Educational Resources

In support of the global open education movement, we are celebrating Open Education Month at the Libraries. Open educational resources (OER) encompass teaching, learning, and research materials that are in the public

domain or have been released with an open license. These include required course materials, such as textbooks, which help students save money.

"The faculty who have made the effort to incorporate open-access materials into their classes are really textbook heroes to me," said Cheryl Cuillier, open educational resources librarian. "They are innovators and their students are the beneficiaries." To spread the word about what we're doing to improve educational access, we are hosting [events](#) for faculty and scholars this month.



UPCOMING EVENTS | Early Books Lecture Series XIV

Each year, Special Collections hosts the Early Books Lecture Series, where UA scholars explore the treasure trove of medieval and early modern texts held by University Libraries. In this 14th year

of the series, professors will give their audiences new insights into centuries-old historic texts. [RSVP online.](#)

- Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m., Albrecht Classen
[“Health, Food, Happiness, and Medicine in the Late Middle Ages: The Glorious *Tacuinum Sanitatis*”](#)
- Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., Susan Karant-Nunn and Ute Lotz-Heumann
[“Pamphlets and Propaganda: The Lutheran Reformation in Print”](#)
- Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m., Tom Willard
[“Johann Reuchlin’s Plea for Religious Dialogue. 1517”](#)

Image from the Tacuinum Sanitatis



PAST EVENT | Tucson Festival of Books

The Tucson Festival of Books was a big weekend for the UA Press and Libraries. Twenty-five UA Press authors participated on panels on a wide range of topics, from race in America to why poetry matters more than ever. Special Collections hosted panels all weekend and had a

temporary World War II exhibit on display. At the Maker Party in the Science-Engineering Library, virtual reality and other new technologies entertained families and other visitors. If you missed us, [check out some photos](#), and come see us next year.



PAST EVENT | 2017 Annual Luncheon

At our Annual Luncheon, award-winning author Tim Z. Hernandez told the story behind his latest book, *All They Will Call You*. Years of collecting testimony, historical records, and eyewitness accounts, culminate in his account of “the worst airplane disaster in California’s history,” the 28

unnamed Mexican lives it claimed, and the Woody Guthrie anthem it inspired. [View more photos](#) from the event and [purchase a copy](#) from the UA Press.



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