

# NEALLEY POST

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## Freedom to Read Display

The Library's Freedom to Read book prize drawing and display, created to correspond with the American Library Association's annual Banned Books Week, was popular again this fall. In October, 267 students entered to win 4 books: Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, Dalton Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun*, James Baldwin's *Another Country*, and *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*, edited by Cherrie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldua. Information on books with a history of being challenged or banned in the U.S., created by librarians and students, was also available at the display table. ◊

## Book of the Year



Join our college community as we read the remarkable true story of four high school students who with limited resources, and no prior robotics experience, build their first underwater robot from scavenged parts. They enter a NASA-sponsored national competition, compete against some of the best colleges and universities in the nation, and defeat MIT to become champions of the collegiate competition! Check the website in the spring semester ([www.sac.edu/bookoftheyear](http://www.sac.edu/bookoftheyear)) for programs and events. ◊

## Meet Susan Hoang!



Librarian Susan Hoang joined the SAC faculty this semester.

The Nealley Library is excited to introduce Librarian Susan Hoang as our newest SAC faculty member. Susan was born in the Chinatown neighborhood of Los Angeles and grew up in Highland Park. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Pomona College and a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

Prior to coming to SAC this semester, Susan was a Reference and Instruction Librarian with a specialization in languages and world cultures at Carleton College in Minnesota. She has also been part-time faculty at East Los Angeles College and a reference librarian at Whittier College.

Susan enjoys traveling. She will be exploring Guatemala in 2016. Her other travel and adventure plans involve visiting all 58 counties in California with her friend. They hope to accomplish this within 7 years. They have 3 years remaining and have already visited 31 counties.

Susan loves eating and cooking. Some of her favorite foods are Ethiopian, Korean, and Vietnamese. She also loves photography and used to do a lot of darkroom photography. She enjoys going to documentary photography exhibits. One of her favorites was a Diane Arbus exhibit. Susan also has a passion for biking and gardening.

When you see Susan at the library or around campus, please welcome her to the SAC community! ◊

## What Are You Reading?

I am currently reading *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. I am also always reading articles from my favorite music magazine subscription, *MOJO*. This is the greatest music magazine published. Finally, I can't go through the day without looking at my *Los Angeles Times* newspaper, everyday. -**Luis Pedroza, Librarian/Co-Chair Nealley Library**

I discovered **Octavia Butler** a couple years ago, thanks to a friend of mine who teaches a feminist science fiction literature class, and have been reading *Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements*, an anthology of short science fiction stories written by a variety of authors inspired by Octavia Butler. I've been taking my time with the anthology and savoring each story because I don't want it to end. -**Annie Knight, Librarian**

I've always liked **Neil Gaiman**, so when I saw a book of short stories appropriately titled *Stories: All-New Tales* co-edited by **Al Sarrantonio**, I picked it up and couldn't put it down. That is, until I got too scared to keep reading. I'm sure others would appreciate the fantasy and horror stories from all types of writers more. -**Susan Hoang, Librarian**

I love to read women's memoirs. I even have a dream of teaching a women's autobiography and memoir class one day. I'm currently reading the writer **Sandra Cisneros'** *A House of My Own: Stories from My Life* and just picked up *My Gentle Barn: Creating a Sanctuary Where Animals Heal and Children Learn to Hope*, which is **Ellie Laks'** memoir about starting her animal sanctuary. -**Stacy Russo, Librarian/Co-Chair Nealley Library** ♦



## Poetry to Change the World



Some of the readers at Poetry to Change the World gather for a photo after the event.

On the evening of October 20, 2015, the second annual community poetry event was held at the Santora Building in Downtown Santa Ana. Last year's event was titled "Women's Words" and featured poetry written by women. This year's event, "Poetry to Change the World" was focused on poems of social justice and dreams of a better world. Sponsored by the Santa Ana College Fine and Performing Arts Division, the event featured SAC students and members of the larger community. Several SAC faculty members also read poems, including librarians Sal Addotta, Susan Hoang, and Stacy Russo; Lance Lockwood (Communication Studies); and Conor Higgins (English). Readers read original poems and poems by others. A third annual event will be held in fall 2016. For information about the events or to participate as a reader next year, please contact Stacy Russo at [russo\\_stacy@sac.edu](mailto:russo_stacy@sac.edu) or 714-564-6712. ♦