The Magic of Poetry

On October 20, 2016, the 3rd annual community poetry reading, The Magic of Poetry, was held in the evening at the Santora Building in Downtown Santa Ana. The reading featured SAC students, faculty, and administrators, along with members of the larger community. Dr. Linda Rose, SAC President; Eve Kikawa, Dean of Fine & Performing Arts and the Nealley Library; and SAC faculty members Susan Hoang, Stacy Russo, Lance Lockwood, Luis Pedroza, Annie Knight, and Sal Addotta participated as readers.

In October 2014, the first community reading, Women's Words, was held as an event to celebrate women’s voices through poetry. This was followed in October 2015 with the Poetry to Change the World community reading. Event organizers Susan Hoang and Stacy Russo hope to continue the tradition of this inspiring event in the future.

Building a Teaching Community

The 6th Annual Summer Teaching Retreat for Librarians was held at SAC’s Nealley Library on July 22, 2016. This year’s retreat focused on how we can work together to strengthen our teaching communities through creating inclusive and supportive work environments and transformative learning spaces. By examining privilege, practicing compassion, mindfulness, empathy and other forms of self reflection and self care, the retreat sought to address inequities in our workplaces and classrooms. This annual one-day conference was created in 2010 to build community amongst instruction librarians and library school students. Visit the retreat website (http://sac.v1.libguides.com/retreat2016) for more information.

Meet Jaki King!

The Nealley Library is very happy to welcome Jaki King as our newest faculty member. Jaki serves the SAC community as an E-Learning Librarian.

Jaki was born in Forest Grove, Oregon, and lived in Vernonia and Portland, Oregon before moving to Orange County this summer. She has a bachelor's degree in digital media production from the Art Institute of Portland and a Master of Library and Information Science from Emporia State. Jaki previously worked as a librarian at Clark Community College (Vancouver, WA) and Washington State University. She taught Computing Essentials at Clark Community College and History of Media and Technology at the Art Institute of Portland. She also has experience as a T.A. in the library instruction department at Portland State University. Jaki continues to work as a content curator for a non-profit that supports women artists. She has previously been a photographer's assistant and research assistant for authors.

Reading is one of Jaki's greatest passions. She set a goal to read 75 books this year and has already read 72. Her favorite genres are science fiction and horror. Another passion is eating and trying new foods and restaurants.

Please say hello to Jaki the next time you see her in the library or around campus!
This display above honored SAC’s Book-of-the-Year, *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, and the important issues addressed by the author in challenging the systemic racial inequality found in the United States. Items included in the display related to the book’s themes and were made available for checkout.

As part of SAC’s celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), the Latinx* Heritage and Culture display at Nealley Library features a variety of library resources available for checkout.

*Latinx* is used in place of Latina/o as a more inclusive term that also recognizes individuals that do not identify with the traditional gender binary. (Source: “Latina/o/x”, Inside Higher Ed, https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/12/08/students-adopt-gender-nonspecific-term-latinx-be-more-inclusive)

The displays were created by Annie Knight with contributions from the following individuals: Yolanda Garcia, Susan Hoang, Jaki King, Nicole Moya, Brenda Ortiz, Luis Pedroza, and Stacy Russo. ◇

Students, staff, faculty and administrators from SAC, SCE and the District gathered on November 1, 2016, to witness *Reflections on Being Black in America*, SAC’s 2016-2017 Book of the Year kickoff program. SAC President Dr. Linda Rose welcomed attendees and CEC Faculty Coordinator John Tashima served as moderator. The audience was inspired and educated by our distinguished SAC colleagues, Veronica Oforlea (Associate Dean, DSPS), Kalonji Saterfield (Faculty, Communication Studies), Janice Love (Director of Research), and AC Campbell (Faculty, Sociology), who candidly disclosed their personal experiences, struggles and fears of what it is like to grow up and live in the United States as a Black person. The program was filmed and DVD copies will be available from the Nealley Library. The Learning Center will also screen the taped event throughout the spring semester.

Copies of SAC’s 2016-2017 Book of the Year, *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates are available for 14-day loan from our college library. Consider exploring [www.sac.edu/bookoftheyear](http://www.sac.edu/bookoftheyear) for curriculum-related resources, and be on the lookout for spring 2017 programming. Thank you for your continued support! ◇

Panelists (L-R) Veronica Oforlea, Kalonji Saterfield, Janice Love, and AC Campbell

For our displays this fall, the library continues to invite students to participate in the popular book prize drawings. Student Juan Esqueda won the SAC Book-of-the-Year, *Between the World and Me* and student Gabrielle Reyes is one of the winners for a drawing from the Latinx Heritage and Culture display. ◇

Gabrielle Reyes
Juan Esqueda