

October 16th is celebrated as the **National Dictionary Day**, created in honor of Noah Webster's birthday (October 16, 1758). The objective of this day is to emphasize the importance of learning and using **dictionary** skills and increasing one's vocabulary. In addition to the many commonly used dictionaries such as language, linguistics, literature, CCSJ Specker Library also houses the following dictionaries in other areas (a display of these dictionaries is now in the Library):

- The Civil War Dictionary
- The Complete Film Dictionary
- A Dictionary of Battles
- A Dictionary of Buddhism
- Dictionary of Chinese History
- The Dictionary of Foreign Terms in the English Language
- Dictionary of Foreign Quotations
- Dictionary of Foreign Phrases and Abbreviations
- Dictionary of Phrase and Fables
- Dictionary of Saints
- Dictionary of Similes
- Dictionary of Spanish Literature
- A Dictionary of Zoology
- Harvard Dictionary of Music
- Historical Dictionary of Portugal
- A New Pronouncing Dictionary of the Spanish and English Languages
- Piaget: Dictionary of Terms
- The Oxford Dictionary of Opera
- The Underground Dictionary
- A Visual Dictionary of Arts



Qi Chen, Library Director received the Legacy Award at the 3rd National Conference of Librarians of Color honoring her outstanding contributions as a leader in service to culturally diverse communities to AILA/APALA/BCALA/CALA/REFORMA and to American Library Association and Library & Information Science Profession.

National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 21-27, 2018 Friends of Libraries groups have their national week of celebration Oct. 21-27, 2018. The Friends of Libraries support and raise funds and

awareness of the importance of libraries. Friends of Libraries believes that the library is the center of learning and intellectual growth on campus -- connecting students with the thoughts, ideas, and intellectual contributions of others from ages past and to the present.

Friends of Libraries understand the critical importance of a well-funded library and work to articulate that importance to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide variety of services including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research and reader's advisory.

Friends of Libraries' contribution and commitment to the library sets an example for to show how volunteerism can lead to positive civic engagement and the overall betterment of campus life (ALA Friends of Libraries Week).



October is also a month that we celebrate the **Holiday of Halloween**. The origins of Halloween date back about 2,000 years to the Celtic Festival of Samhain. The community would gather around a bonfire and wear costumes. It was believed that this practice would protect them from the dead returning to cause damage. Throughout the years this Celtic tradition eventually evolved into what we now know as Halloween. Besides being a fun day for all it is also a commercially profitable day making about \$6 Billion for the retailers. Come to the Library to see the decorations of Halloween!