

San José State University Library Furloughs and Library Budget Reductions

This is to inform the San José State University (SJSU) academic community of the University Library's Furlough Days and the impact they will have on our services to Faculty and Students.

IMPACT ON LIBRARY SERVICES

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (King Library) is unique, in that it is a merged University/City library with an operating agreement. Consequently, along with other unique entities and departments on campus, such as the FD&O Custodians and University Housing, the Library will be following a separate furlough calendar. This basically means that on the dates listed under King Library Furlough Schedule A below, the University Library will not be offering any services that are uniquely University library services, adhering to the same guidelines applied to other facilities on the Campus Furlough schedule. Merged University/City service desks will remain open with limited staffing.

Services and service points affected by furlough closures include:

- Service desks: Special Collections, Beethoven Center, Steinbeck Center and Student Computer Services. However, desk top computers can be booked for use through Reserve a Computer at: <http://libonline.sjlibrary.org/mainPageNew.htm>
- Meeting Rooms are not available for use. However, group study rooms are available for use.
- Library Faculty will not be able to provide information literacy instruction on the Library's Furlough Days or as a substitute activity on an individual teaching faculty's furlough day. Faculty may access information literacy resources for their department at Libguides.sjsu.edu
- Gifts (books or collections) will not be accepted during the 2009/2010 academic year.

If we were we not a merged University/City library, the library building would be closed completely on furlough days. We are indeed lucky and grateful that we are in a partnership which provides the SJSU community and the City of San José with such a wonderful library as we have here in downtown San José. Both of our institutions have benefited in many ways over the years and should continue to do so in the years to come. Though we are in difficult budget times at the present, our library users profit from our ability to work together for the entire community.

Despite the benefits of our merge, there are a few days in which our furlough days coincide with city holidays – so on those dates, the building will be closed. They are: Monday Oct. 12, Thursday, December 24th, and Monday, February 15th.

Check the library's website for a complete list of Holiday closures.

Schedule A

Monday, August 10th

Monday, August 17th

Friday, September 4th
Friday, September 18th
Friday, October 2nd
Monday, October 12th**
Friday, November 6th
Friday, November 13th
Tuesday, December 22nd
Wednesday, December 23rd
Thursday, December 24th
Monday, December 28th
Friday, January 15th
Tuesday, January 19th**
Monday, February 15th
Friday, February 26th
Friday, March 12th
Friday, March 26th
Thursday, April 1st
Friday, April 9th
Friday, May 7th
Friday, May 28th**
Tuesday, June 1st
Friday, June 11th

Learn more about Furloughs at:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/publicaffairs/services/budget/>