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Getting to Know the Stamps Theological Library

By Liz Leahy, Professor, Stamps Theological Library

The [Stamps Theological Library](#) on West Campus is one of the three libraries at the Azusa campus and one of five that make up the University Libraries – but if you are not taking a Bible or theology class or working on a faith integration project, you might not have taken the opportunity to visit...yet. We hope that this brief introduction will encourage you to stop by.

The library collection was initially begun by Dr. Everett Richey in 1992 and he established a small reference collection and the special research collections on the denominations that are historically represented in the APU family - Church of God – Anderson, Free Methodist, Friends, Salvation Army, and Wesleyan Holiness. The circulating and reference collections were begun by Prof. Liz Leahy in 1994. The collection was initially housed in a small reference room in the Ronald building and later on two of the west floors in Marshburn. There are also two small theological libraries at the Los Angeles and San Diego Regional campuses (making up the five libraries for the university). The Stamps Library moved to its current location on the West campus along with the School of Theology in May 2003. It currently houses about 68,000 volumes and has an additional 16,000 volumes at the two regional campuses.

The [Stamps Library](#) is focused on the disciplines of biblical and theological studies and the Faculty and Information Specialists have graduate degrees in these disciplines, as research instruction and reference assistance is a big part of their work in Stamps. Stamps faculty are Professors Liz Leahy and Lindsey Sinnott, Information Specialists are Sharon Ralston and Steve Jung, and Myrna Brown serves as the Circulation Coordinator. Whether you are visiting to prepare an exegetical paper, a sermon, consider faith in light of another discipline, lead a Bible study, or find a really good book – we are here to help you!

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First Ladies of the United States, A Celebration

This is a stereo card of Ida McKinley. Stereo cards are an early form of photography which contain a pair of images that give a 3-dimensional effect when viewed through a stereoscope. This card is one of several items featured in the Spring 2019 [Special Collections](#) Exhibit, First Ladies of the United States, A Celebration, located in the Darling Rotunda.



FIRST LADIES OF THE UNITED STATES



A CELEBRATION

AN EXHIBIT FEATURING OBJECTS FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
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Check out the First Ladies of the United States exhibit today in the [Darling Library](#) today.

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eHRAF  WORLD CULTURES



eHRAF World Cultures Database

By Denise Gehring & Lindsey Sinnott

The eHRAF World Cultures is perfect for students who are researching global studies, sociology, philosophy, art, or any other area about cultures and ethnic groups. eHRAF World Cultures includes cross-cultural and ethnographic data on cultures and ethnic groups around the world. Covering over 300 different cultures from historical to contemporary time periods, the collection includes information on indigenous peoples and ethnic groups, as well as various immigrant cultures within the United States and Canada. Content has been extensively indexed at the paragraph level to ensure relevant and efficient searching. Due to some of the unique aspects to searching within this resource, new users may have a learning curve to master before fully utilizing the system's functionality. However, eHRAF World Cultures provides a comprehensive tool for performing cross-cultural and ethnographic research" (Gehring & Sinnott, 2018). Students who are researching in the areas of global studies, sociology, philosophy, religion, education, anthropology, art, health, and political science may find this database helpful as they learn about cultures and ethnic groups. Read Denise & Lindsey's full review of the eHRAF World Cultures [here](#).

To use this database for your research please click [here](#). Contact your library [subject specialist](#)

for further help on using eHRAF World Cultures.

Gehring, D. R., & Sinnott, L. (2018). EHRAF World Cultures. Charleston Advisor, 20(1), 36. doi: <https://0-doi-org.patris.apu.edu/10.5260/chara.20.1.36>.

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Some Things You Should Know About Kanopy

Kanopy, a video streaming platform, is one of many databases in the library. Videos are listed by title in the library catalog. Thirty seconds of playing a movie on Kanopy counts as 1 viewing. Four viewings of a movie trigger the subscription to the movie. If a user clicks on a movie several times, even though it may only be watched for 5 minutes, it will still trigger a subscription. A 1-year subscription for each movie costs the library \$150. Therefore, we encourage everyone to not use Kanopy like “Netflix” even though it has a similar platform.

Films already licensed will remain available on the Kanopy platform for the remainder of their one-year license period. Because the end dates will vary, there is the possibility that a previously licensed film will be removed from the catalog and unavailable on Kanopy at the end of the license term.

Some films will not be available immediately. In that case, you will be asked to fill out a form with your email address and reason for request. In this form, we would like you to include your professor’s name and whether it is a requirement for your class. If it is a requirement also include the class number and name. For faculty that would like to use a film in their class or assign a film for out of class viewing, please complete the form as well stating that you are requiring this film. Contact Denise Gehring at drgehring@apu.edu if you have any questions.

Other options for viewing videos:

- We have a large collection of DVDs available in [Marshburn Library](#)
- We have access to several other streaming video services [here](#)
- Kanopy is also available from the Los Angeles County Libraries. LAC library cards are available to all California residents by visiting an LA County Library. For more information

go [here](#). The nearest LA County libraries to APU include the [Charter Oak Library](#) in Covina and [San Dimas Library](#) in San Dimas. Other libraries can be found [here](#). Please note that the LA County Library Kanopy collection is not identical to the APU collection and that LAPL allows a maximum of 10 videos per month. They also have access to Hoopla, another streaming video resource. Please visit their page [here](#) for more information.

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Earth Day Drawing Monday, April 8-Monday, April 22

Sponsored by Creation Care Council and hosted by University Libraries

Students! We challenge you to do one act or implement one simple change in your life to be sustainable. Tell us how by filling out the Earth Day Challenge form in the library (Marshburn, Darling, or Stamps). Participate for a chance to win one of four prizes.

Each prize contains a book on sustainable living, and a sustainable kit including a reusable utensil kit with reusable straw, collapsible and reusable food container, mesh produce bags, eco-friendly toothbrush, and fair trade granola bars. Prizes are only eligible to APU students, but the APU community, including faculty and staff, are still encouraged to participate in the challenge.

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