CALA Southern California Chapter held its Annual Conference The Brave New World of Libraries on February 26th, 2015 at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library in Monterey Park, CA. Twenty seven CALA members and guests came from all over Southern California to join this event, many driving a long way from cities such as San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Bakers Field.

The one-day conference was moderated by Jie Tian, Ying Shen, and Manuel Urrizola.

Chapter President Ying Xu and Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Director Norma Arvizu each gave a welcome speech at the beginning of the conference.

Kuei Chiu, Head of Collection Development, University of California Riverside, gave a key-note presentation entitled "Academic Libraries: Our Future, Our Role" in the morning.

The afternoon session featured six presentations by CALA members with topics covering both academic and public library perspectives: "Bracing the Future with our Community" by Darren Braden, YA Librarian, Evenia Shu, Senior Technical Service Librarian, and Maggie Wang, Reference/E-resources Librarian, Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library; "Managing Content in a Digital Environment" by Manuel Urrizola, Head of Metadata & Technical Services, University of California Riverside Library; "Chinese-American Librarians as Database Creators and Defenders of Academic Freedom -- the Birth of the First Librarian-Created Archival Database on PRC History" by Yongyi Song, librarian and full-professor, John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, California State University Los Angeles; "Reposition Library Technology Support Services to Take Leadership on Campus In Developing Students' Technology Skills" by Amy Jiang, Assistant Professor & Library Technology Coordinator, Wilson Library, University of La Verne; "Chinese Programming, Teen Services, and Outreach at the San Diego County Library" by Kathy Jung, Teen Services Librarian and Laura Zuckerman, Branch Librarian, San Diego County Library, San Marcos Branch, and "Storytime in the People's Republic" by Jon Jablonski, Map Librarian, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Among the audience are librarians, library staff members, administrators, and library school students, who gave very high praises of the Conference.

SCA Board officers worked hard as a team in planning and organizing this event. We would like to acknowledge the following board officers and chapter members and thank them for their excellent work: Jie Tian who designed the conference program, reviewed presentation proposals, worked as the single-point contact with presenters, out-reached to library school students to promote the conference, and moderated the morning session; Ying Shen who took charge of advance registrations, worked on onsite registrations, reviewed presentation proposals, moderated the afternoon session, and over-saw the finance parts of the conference; Ling-Ling Kuo who reviewed presentation proposals, purchased breakfast items and refreshments for the attendees, and took photos of the conference; Manuel Urquizula who reviewed presentation proposals, promoted the conference and recruited several attendees, worked on onsite registrations, and moderated the afternoon session; Win Shih who outreached to library school students and bought refreshments; Ying Liu who reviewed presentation proposals and displayed the conference program on chapter's Web site; Kathy Jung who reviewed presentation proposals and printed Conference Programs for all attendees; Amy Jiang who took photos; Ying Xu who reviewed presentation proposals, purchased breakfast items with Ling-Ling Kuo, made lunch arrangements, outreached to library school students, and oversaw the planning work for the conference.

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