



CSUN Library' s Latest Exhibition Inspires an Urge to Fly a Kite

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(NORTHRIDGE, Calif., July 9, 2008) — Officials with Cal State Northridge's Oviatt Library invite the public to go fly a kite, or at least appreciate the beauty of one, with its newest exhibition.

"Celebrate the Sky" explores the history and artistry of kites with a riot of the colorful contraptions hung from the library lobby's ceiling. The exhibition runs through Aug. 6 in the library located at the center of the campus at 18111 Nordhoff St. in Northridge.

Found throughout the world, kites have been used as toys, means of artistic expression, cultural and religious symbols, tools of war and instruments of science and technology. While materials and designs may have changed over the years, kites have endured as devices with many applications and meanings.

"Kites have made significant contributions to history, the arts, science and mathematics, and have broadened our cultural awareness," said library supervisor Gina R. Hsiung, who is co-curating the show with Glen E. Rothstein of Ventura County Kite Flyers. "Kite flying and kite flyers, from Benjamin Franklin to Charlie Brown, are quintessential parts of American culture."

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