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On February 24, 2022, the University of California San Diego Library announced it is the recipient of a transformative $10 million gift from UC San Diego Foundation trustee and alumna Sally T. WongAvery ’75 and the Avery-Tsui Foundation. This gift builds on prior support from the Avery-Tsui Foundation which included the donation of Chinese News and We Chinese in America magazine—two publications that tell the story of San Diego Chinese Americans.

The gift, which establishes the Sally T. WongAvery Fund for East Asian Collections and the Natasha Wong Endowment for East Asian Collections, will ensure that East Asian scholarship and collections are a key part of the UC San Diego Library in perpetuity.

In recognition of this significant philanthropic gift, UC San Diego will rename its existing Biomedical Library the Sally T. WongAvery Library, to be commonly known as the WongAvery Library. The endowment will also support the naming of the Sally T. WongAvery Librarian for Chinese Studies. I am extremely honored to be the inaugural holder of this position. Read the full announcement here.

We are thrilled to receive such strong support from our donor and university and look forward to building excellent collections to support the advancement of East Asian scholarship!

Submitted by Xi Chen