

# Valuing People, Valuing Spaces: Connecting with Community

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This poster session demonstrates the Chapman University Leatherby Libraries' commitment to excellence, the value we place on raising cultural awareness in its many forms, and our ability to connect with community. Through a team approach, our library has positioned itself to positively influence our parent institution and community through myriad means. We demonstrate the value of people by focusing on groups who are often culturally marginalized in our local community, including people of the Middle East, Asia, North America, and Europe, such as Syrians, Egyptians, Muslims, Jews, Taiwanese, Sikhs, Mexican Americans, Native Americans, Italians, and U.S. war veterans. We provide a venue for members of our local community to share their cultural heritage and diversity in an inclusive manner through carefully curated library-sponsored events and the development of our special collections and archives. We value spaces, both physical and online, through the display of diverse artwork, story rooms, exhibit spaces, and our socially just position of providing access for underserved populations. This poster shows how our library demonstrates value to our institution and community and how people and spaces are respected and included in the academic conversation.