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State Library's Holiday Window Display Celebrates Ballet

SACRAMENTO – This year, the State Library's annual Holiday Window display was inspired by *The Nutcracker* ballet and features a holiday tree decorated with ballerina ornaments and vintage photo cards of costumed ballerinas. Also in the window are near-life-size photo cutouts of two famous prima ballerinas from the early 20th century, Olga Spessivtseva and Tamara Toumanova. The images are taken from *Balletomania, the Story of an Obsession* by British dance critic Arnold L. Haskell. The book, published in 1934, is part of the library's general collection.

Serving as a backdrop to the window display is a vintage photograph of the lobby of the Sacramento Hotel decked out for the holidays with Christmas tree and garlands. The photo, taken by the McCurry Foto Company, is part of the library's California History collection.

Also in the library's lobby is a tree filled with photos of the young artists who in October took part in the ornament workshop with pop-up book author David A. Carter. Participants made three-dimensional paper ornaments under the guidance of Carter, who has created bestselling pop-up books, including *How Many Bugs in a Box?* and *One Red Dot*. The ornaments went home with the kids, but the photos of smiling faces and handmade ornaments adorn the tree.

HOURS: The lobby is open weekdays from 8 to 5, but will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. The State Library is located at 900 N Street in Sacramento, one block west of the Capitol.

About the California State Library

Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, Legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. For more information, please visit www.library.ca.gov