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**A Night at the State Library presents:
*Treasures of the State Library***

SACRAMENTO – The California State Library’s cultural series, **A Night at the State Library**, returns on Wednesday, February 12 for a special program focusing on some of the unique and priceless pieces in the Library’s collection. The event takes place in the newly-restored Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building, across from the State Capitol.

Principal Librarian Emeritus Gary Kurutz will present James Marshall’s handwritten map showing the Coloma site where gold was discovered. Kurutz will also talk about the only surviving copy of the first newspaper to be brought to California by the Pony Express in 1860. In addition, the magnificent double elephant folio of John James Audubon’s **Birds of America** will be on display. It is among the rarest of all natural history books.

The Wednesday program is part of a week-long celebration of the State Library’s move back into the Library and Courts Building. The four-year renovation has restored the 1928 building to its original grandeur – and then some. New lighting has illuminated the murals and intricately-painted coffered ceilings, rendering them more vivid than ever. The building is considered to be one the finest examples of neo-classical architecture in California.

Wednesday through Friday, February 12 - 14, the Library will present a daily program showcasing its many services and collections. The public is encouraged to drop in. The full schedule can be seen at <http://www.library.ca.gov/reopening.html>

WHAT: A Night at the State Library

WHERE: 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento

WHEN: Wednesday, February 12. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 6. Event is free with RSVP.

RSVP: At EVENTBRITE: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/treasures-of-the-california-state-library-tickets-10324401563>.

Print free ticket and present at door. Ticket required for entrance.

For questions: 916-651-6466 or csl-adm@library.ca.gov

A Night at the California State Library continues the California State Library’s 164-year tradition of successfully connecting Californians to our collective history through its special events and is made possible by generous donations from the California State Library Foundation.

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