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The Death of Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian Emeritus

Sacramento, Calif. - Greg Lucas, State Librarian of California, today issued the following statement regarding the death of Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian Emeritus:

"Dr. Kevin Starr was one-of-a-kind. No other historian has been able to capture California's exceptionalism, its vitality and its promise in such detail and yet invest it with the immediacy and excitement of a page-turner novel. Truly, one-of-a-kind."

"His love for California and his breadth of knowledge about the Golden State's magic and unique diversity was obvious not just in his speeches and lectures as a professor but also in casual conversation."

"Dr. Starr led the State Library for a decade, under three governors, and was a champion for increased investment in not just preserving and protecting California's rich heritage but in sharing it with all the people of California."

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About the [California State Library](#): Founded in 1850, the State Library connects people, libraries and government to the resources and tools they need. The State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state's rich history. The library also holds federal and state publications and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library and the Braille and Talking Book Library.