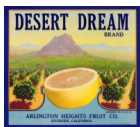


University of California Riverside Libraries Take Valued Role in Events Marking the History of the UCR Campus

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History of UCR

The roots of the UCR campus were formed during the boom of the citrus industry, California's second gold rush.

In 1907, at the urging of the Riverside orange growers, the state approved the opening of the Citrus Experiment Station for the purpose of pioneering citriculture research in soil management, irrigation, plant breeding, entomology, and plant pathology.

The University of California Riverside was founded in 1954 in the same locale as the citrus research station. UCR continues its legacy of the past with renowned programs in plant sciences and related disciplines.



UCR Libraries Joins in the Centennial Celebrations

In 2007 the UCR Libraries worked with the UCR College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences in planning major events and sponsoring projects in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Citrus Experiment Station.

Contributions of the UCR Libraries

- Source of historical information and archival materials used in promotion and display. Materials included books, documents, local newspapers, photographs, and old citrus labels.
- Commemorative Digital Projects
 1. *The Citrus Industry*—landmark volumes on citrus research and Riverside citrus history
 2. Virtual exhibition on the history of the Citrus Experiment Station



Library Booths at the...

- 100th Anniversary Kickoff**, all-day educational community fair with tours of the UCR citrus groves
- Centennial Gala**, formal and festive dinner
- Centennial Symposium: Agricultural Sustainability and New Technologies—The Next 100 Years**
- Riverside Citrus Heritage Celebration**, family-oriented festival

