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University of Guadalajara Foundation Honors City Librarian, John F. Szabo

LOS ANGELES (Feb. 12, 2019)—The University of Guadalajara Foundation honored John F. Szabo, Los Angeles Public Library's City Librarian, at a ceremony on February 1 for his support of the foundation's mission to bring educational services, cultural and artistic events to the Mexican community of Los Angeles.

The foundation recognized twelve Angelenos for their support of the foundation during its first 10 years of operation and for their commitment to the Los Angeles Hispanic community, including Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles councilmember Gilbert Cedillo and former mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

"The Los Angeles Public Library is proud to support all of the communities that make up the rich diversity of our city," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "We offer programs and events for all ages, from babies to senior citizens, including New Americans for Angelenos on the path to citizenship, homework help and SAT preparation for students and storytimes at every branch for our youngest patrons."

The University of Guadalajara Foundation is one of the university's major internationalization strategies, founded to build cooperative networks with government agencies, universities and social organizations.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, and more than 18,000 programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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