

CORAL From the Reef

WELCOME TO THE CORAL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first CORAL newsletter! This space is designed to keep our members connected and informed while highlighting opportunities to learn, share, and grow together. You'll find upcoming events, ways to get involved, and updates from the CORAL community all with the goal of making it easier to stay engaged and connected.

We're glad you're here, and we hope this newsletter becomes a helpful touchpoint throughout the year!





LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE KICK-OFF



The graphic features a dark blue background with the SwRI Library logo (a globe icon) and the text "SwRI LIBRARY" and "OPEN HOUSE" in white. Below this is a photograph of the Southwest Research Institute building, a large, modern, multi-story structure with a glass facade, set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there's a green lawn and a signpost with colorful posters. At the bottom left, the text reads "February 16, 2026 • 12 PM to 1 PM Southwest Research Institute" and "REGISTRATION REQUIRED" in orange. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the graphic.

SwRI Library

SwRI Library will be the first institution to invite CORAL members for a behind-the-scenes library tour! Spend your lunch hour getting to know our librarians, exploring the SwRI Library space, and viewing select highlights from our Rare Book Collection. This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are opportunity to connect, ask questions, and see how our library supports research and innovation.

-  February 16, 2026
-  12:00–1:00 PM
-  [Southwest Research Institute](#)
[6220 Culebra Road](#)
San Antonio, TX 78238
-  [Register now!](#)

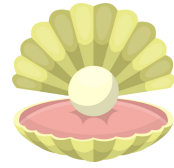
Registration is required and will be open until February 12. Directions and additional event details will be shared with registered attendees prior to the tour.

Interested in Hosting a Library Open House?

This kickoff event launches a CORAL Library Open House series, and we invite other member libraries to participate as hosts. Hosting an open house is a flexible, low-pressure way to showcase your space, services, collections, or behind-the-scenes work—whether in person or virtually.

If your library is interested in hosting a tour this year, we'd love to hear from you! Simply indicate your interest when registering or reach out to the [CORAL Board](#) for more information.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD



Apply for CORAL Support

Looking to grow your skills or explore something new? CORAL is pleased to offer up to \$750 in reimbursement to support librarians and paraprofessionals pursuing professional development opportunities. We especially encourage first-time applicants to apply! Whether you're attending a conference, workshop, or training program, this award is here to help you learn, connect, and bring new ideas back to your work. If there's an opportunity you're curious about or a skill you've been hoping to build, this is a great place to start. [Apply Today!](#)

Applications close April 30, and recipients will be announced at the Spring Meeting (date TBD). For full selection criteria, eligibility, and award details, please visit the [CORAL Professional Development Award webpage](#).

DIVE IN WITH CORAL!



A New Monthly Member Series

Looking for an easy, low-stakes way to stay connected with the CORAL community? Dive In with CORAL is a new monthly, 30(ish)-minute member series designed for sharing ideas, learning from one another, and catching up...without the pressure of a full presentation or a big time commitment.

Each session offers a different way to participate. Members are welcome to share for up to 10 minutes, and sessions are intentionally relaxed, informal, and supportive. You can share in whatever way feels easiest — slides, screen sharing, images, or simply talking it through.

There's no one "right" way to participate. Think of this series as a chance to see what others are working on, pick up a few new ideas, and leave feeling a little more connected, even if you just come to listen.

Upcoming Sessions & Themes

2nd Tuesday of the month | 10am | ~ 30 minutes

Show & Shell-ebriation (March 10)

- A relaxed space to share a project you're proud of and celebrate recent work.

Treasures of the Reef (April 14)

- Highlight a favorite tool, software, or resource you love using.

Reef Rescue (May 12)

- Talk through a challenge and get ideas or feedback from fellow members.

Open Waters: AI (June 9)

- An open discussion for questions, conversation, and shared perspectives.

Making Waves (July 14)

- Share design, marketing, outreach, or social media projects and swap ideas.

Lessons from the Lighthouse (August 11)

- Reflect on experiences or lessons learned that may help guide others.

How to Join

[Sign up using the Google Doc](#). You can indicate which session(s) you're interested in and whether you'd like to share or just attend.

Want to be included in a future issue?

If you have news, events, ideas, or announcements you'd like to share in an upcoming CORAL newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at coralsatex@gmail.com to be included in the next issue.