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## Success Stories Sister Libraries

### **California Institute of the Arts' Division of Library and Information Resources, California, U.S.A. / Interdisciplinary Genocide Studies Center Library, Kigali, Rwanda**

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The [California Institute of the Arts' \(CalArts\) Division of Library and Information Resources](#) in Valencia, California and the [Interdisciplinary Genocide Studies Center \(IGSC\) Library](#) in Kigali, Rwanda began a sister library project in 2007. We are in the beginning stages of the creation of the IGSC Library.

The IGSC's mission is to testify, to study genocide through rigorous cross-disciplinary scholarship, and to understand various mechanisms and structures of violence with the goal of preventing genocide and mass violence. Some of the IGSC's goals include:

- to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary research on the Tutsi genocide;
- to gather, organize, catalog and preserve documentation on the genocide;
- to publish and disseminate scholarship on the genocide;
- to record and publish testimonials;
- and to promote affiliations and collaborations with independent artists, academic institutions and professional organizations, domestically and internationally.

The IGSC Library is essential to and reflective of the IGSC's goals and mission. The collection is focused on the Tutsi genocide of 1994. The library is interdisciplinary in its approach and includes books, journals, DVDs and electronic resources in subject areas such as history, sociology, drama, literature, linguistics, theology, philosophy, poetry, painting, education, social ethics, peace-building, conflict resolution and cultural studies. The library encourages and facilitates interdisciplinary research. The library is also a social/community center where survivors can share and record their testimony, where writers and artists can share and store their work, and where scholars can share and access a public platform for their ideas.

Through our sister library project we hope to foster interdisciplinary and collaborative work between Rwandan, CalArts and international scholars, artists and students.

<http://www.calarts.edu/library/aboutus/sisterlibrary>

<http://www.igscrwanda.net>

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