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U. library sponsors Sept. 11 commemoration lectures

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A library isn't just a place that lends books, but a place that helps lend a voice to important issues, according to Joyce Ogburn, director of the University of Utah's Marriott Library.

That's why the library is sponsoring The September Project, which commemorates the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 with lectures on getting involved in and improving the nation's political system.

"We're about connecting with each other, and not in just a passive way of having people come to us," Ogburn said. "We need to reach out into the community with opportunities for research and lifelong learning and to help people learn how to be active citizens."

Here are events taking place as part of The September Project:

1 Monday: Joseph Vogel, author of *Free Speech 101: The Utah Valley Uproar Over Michael Moore*, will speak on his experience of bringing Michael Moore to the Utah Valley State College, at 11:45 a.m. in the Hinckley Institute of Politics Caucus Room, 255 Orson Spencer Hall.

1 Sept. 20: The Associated Students of the University of Utah host a lecture, "The U.S. Immigration Debate: Local Issues and Global Implications," by Rachel Swarns, Washington correspondent for *The New York Times*, at noon in Libby Gardner Hall.

* Sept. 21: Thomas Mann, author of *The Broken Branch: How Congress is Failing America and How to Get it Back on Track*, will speak on the role and history of Congress, its current condition and its effect on citizen involvement in the democratic process, at 10:45 a.m. in the Hinckley Institute of Politics Caucus Room, 255 Orson Spencer Hall.

For more information, visit <http://www.lib.utah.edu/theseptemberproject>, or call 801-585-9521.

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Other observances planned Monday

* Public Safety Commissioner Scott Duncan invites the public to join with police, fire, emergency medical technicians and other first responders to honor the fallen and commemorate the attacks, 10 a.m., Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, 3131 Mike Jense Parkway, adjacent to the Provo Airport. Information: 888-548-7816 or lutzst@uvsc.edu.

* Radio station 97.1 ZHT will unveil a 200-yard yellow ribbon signed by those who wish to remember all those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 as well as U.S. soldiers, 7:30 a.m., Healing Field at Sandy City Hall, 10000 S. Centennial Parkway, Sandy. Information: 801-908-1516.

