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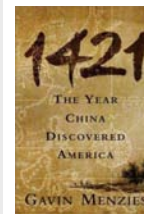
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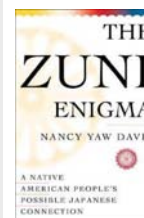
Whether it involves finding gold in California, charting new islands in the middle of the world's largest ocean, or expanding one's global consciousness through deeper contact with unfamiliar societies, "discovery" involves the act of making known something that had been previously unknown. The Chinese term 发现 發現 ("fa xian") contains the meaning of "opening something to view," the implication being that the something had been there already, but was waiting to be exposed. It might be said that the central function of an archival collection--more broadly, of libraries as a whole--is to help make the unknown known, to enable and promote discovery. The task is as complex as is the world of matter and ideas, and the full implications of "discovery" are boundless. Those of us in California can claim a public commitment to the effort; our state's motto, after all, is "Eureka!" (I have found it!).

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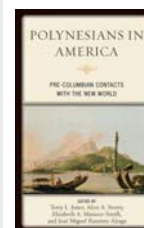
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