



This monthly e-newsletter provides an at-a-glance preview of our upcoming events, grant deadlines and an overview of new services and resources.

**We encourage you to share this monthly e-newsletter with your colleagues.** If you have any questions or feedback, please [contact us](#). Thank you for reading.

## Announcements

### *Saving Students Over \$1.6M in Textbook Costs*

OU Libraries Alternative Textbook Grant, one of our Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives, helps reduce students' costs by supporting faculty members in the adoption, modification, or creation of affordable course content. In the initiative's first four years, students have saved over \$1.6 million in textbook costs.

The impact of the creation or adoption of OER extends far beyond one semester or one classroom. Each new semester introduces the OER, and the cost savings, to a new cohort of students, compounding the impact. OU Libraries and its supporting partners, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Price College of Business, provide a one-time grant, but the resource can be used semester after semester. [Read the press release here.](#)



## New Services and Resources



### *Course Materials in Canvas*

The OU Libraries' Course Materials Canvas tool is designed to help instructors incorporate library materials in their Canvas courses. Instructors can use the tool to build reading lists that include books

and articles owned by the library, videos, web resources, and more.

Benefits:

- Instructors search Discover Local and link directly to resources; no need to deal with off-campus access or link maintenance
- Course materials can be saved and reused in other courses or future semesters
- Course materials lists are added to Canvas course navigation so that students have easy access

See our [guide](#) to using this tool, check out our [video tutorials](#), or contact your [library liaison](#) for assistance.

## *Emerging Technology*

Learn how to integrate OU Libraries' technology into your curriculum with our [Course Integration Guide](#).



## *Measuring Scholarly Impact*

Faculty are increasingly expected to demonstrate the impact of their research; at the same time, the scope of “impact” is expanding. One way the University Libraries is helping faculty find, apply and interpret a variety of metrics for measuring research impact is by creating detailed reports that provide researchers with quantitative metrics for their publications, and summaries of their overall impact and influence. We also work with faculty to build online profiles that update their metrics as their research continues to be used. Faculty recommended for tenure and promotion may find this information to be especially pertinent to their needs. Interested? [Request a research impact report](#) or contact your [library liaison](#).

## *The Learning Lab*

The Learning Lab is now open on Lower Level 1 of Bizzell Memorial Library. The area extends the innovative atmosphere that draws users into the Helmerich Collaborative Learning Center and serves as the primary service point for students to receive help with research, writing or tutoring. It supports both collaborative and private study with flexible furniture and power to support student technology needs.



## *Virtual Reality*

The [Architecture Library](#) now offers a customized Vive workstation which allows users to experience their architectural models in Virtual Reality. The VR workstation also has the capability to transform how users experience existing technologies such as Google Earth. Merge VR goggles which allow users to create a virtual experience powered by their smartphone are also available for checkout.

## *Library Instruction*

Classroom instruction sessions are available on everything from basic information literacy

to the use of advanced research materials. Librarians may also assist with the development of effective library [research assignments](#), or help create [research guides](#) for your courses to support student research throughout the semester. To schedule classroom instruction, please contact your [liaison librarian](#), or [submit a request](#). Requests must be made no later than 2 weeks before the class date.

## Funding Opportunities

### *Open Access*

Open Access refers to the movement within scholarly communication that seeks to make academic resources freely available. [OU Libraries supports open access with a fund](#) to help facilitate select open publishing. [Applications](#) are accepted online.

### *DATA Grants*

OU Libraries' [DATA \(Data Acquisition and Transmission Award\) grants](#) are available to all OU-Norman affiliated faculty, staff and students. The grants are used to acquire data sets for use in research or instruction, up to \$5,000. Preference is given to applications which result in the permanent acquisition of unrestricted-use data sets. **The fall 2017 application deadline is October 1.**

## Upcoming Events



**Poetics of Invention** 拼英  
SEPT. 1, 2017 – SEPT. 1, 2018

What if English was learned in China 1,000 years ago?

See the exhibit *Poetics of Invention* and explore the relationship between history, culture and innovation.

### *Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center*

The Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center will open this fall. The center is a unique space that supports interdisciplinary research, teaching, consultation and collaborative work for OU faculty and graduate students. Located one floor below the Helmerich Collaborative Learning Center, the nearly 21,000 square foot renovation will feature individual and collaborative work space, meeting rooms for groups, large research spaces where materials can be spread out, and a new collaborative data center to support research. Watch for an opening date, coming soon.





The Research Bazaar (ResBaz) returns to OU October 5-6. ResBaz is a worldwide festival promoting the digital literacy emerging at the center of modern research. The aim of these events is to equip researchers from all career stages with the digital skills and tools to do their research better, faster and smarter. To get a feel for what happens at ResBaz, the following were offered last fall: data documentation and description, web scraping, protecting and cleaning research data, GIS, drag and drop analytics, project management, and online exhibit creation.

## Bizzell Fall Semester Hours



### August 20 – November 25

Sunday	noon to 2:00 am
M-Th	7:30 am to 2:00 am
Friday	7:30 am to 9:00 pm
Sat	9:00 am to 9:00 pm

### Labor Day Weekend

Fri, Sept 1	7:30 am to 8:00 pm
Sat, Sept 2	9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sun, Sept 3	closed
Mon, Sept 4	noon to 2:00 am

### Thanksgiving Break

Tues, Nov 21	7:30 am to 10:00 am
Wed, Nov 22	7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thurs, Nov 23	closed
Fri, Nov 24	7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sat, Nov 25	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sun, Nov 26	noon to 2:00 am

### Prep and Finals Week

Sun, Dec 3	noon to Fri, Dec 15 at 9:00 pm
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