



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

### *Service Interruption Expected Dec. 18 - Dec. 22*

The Bizzell Memorial Library will conduct infrastructure work starting December 18. The south entrance and Loveridge computer lab will be closed and service interruptions within Bizzell are expected. Online access to digital services, databases and e-resources are expected to remain available. We encourage you to locate the materials you may need in advance.



### *Bridget Burke Named Associate Dean of Special Collections*

The University of Oklahoma Libraries welcomes Bridget Burke as associate dean for special collections starting Jan. 15. Burke will be responsible for the leadership and strategic vision for OU Libraries' seven distinct special collections.

"Bridget Burke's qualifications and the breadth and depth of her experience as a special collections expert and manager are a rare combination," says Rick Luze, dean of OU Libraries. "We are excited to have her join the OU family."

### *DATA Grant*

Congratulations to Yan Liang, computer science graduate student and OU Libraries latest DATA grant recipient for her project, "Political Event Tracking and Detection." She is working with Dr. Jill Irvine on a method to implement topic detection and tracking tasks using this data; the method will then be applied to a larger pool of news content acquired by Dr. Irvine via a 2015 NSF award designed to demonstrate the power and value of event tracking



utilizing automated techniques.

Applications for OU Libraries' Dataset Acquisition and Transmission Award are now being considered on a continuous basis. Learn more at [guides.ou.edu/data](https://guides.ou.edu/data)



## *Supporting Scholars*

Have you visited the Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center yet? [Read how Michael Kaseca, veteran and Indigenous Peoples Law student has benefited from the Zarrow center.](#)

## *Preparing for Spring Semester*

As you prepare for the spring semester, don't forget to [schedule library instruction](#) for your courses and to use the [course materials tool](#) to insert library content into Canvas.

## New Services and Resources

### *New Databases*

University Libraries has recently added several new databases:

- Pravda Digital Archive, 1912-2016
- PILOTS: Published International Literature on Traumatic Stress
- OER Metafinder: Searches up to 15 of the leading open educational resources (OER) repositories.
- Religion and Philosophy Collection
- Legal Information Reference Center
- NexisUni: 15,000+ news, business and legal resources, including US Supreme Court decisions, 1790-present.

### *Markdown Converter*

University Libraries has released an open-source Markdown Converter designed to help make open content, including open educational resources (OER), shareable to the fullest extent possible. By using the Markdown Converter, well-structured documents can be converted into PDF, HTML, EPUB, and DOCX file formats with an easy-to-use web interface instead of the command line.

Read more about the [Markdown Converter](#) or [try it out](#).

## Funding Opportunities

### *Undergraduate Research Award*

Help your students receive a scholarship by encouraging them to apply for [OU Libraries Undergraduate Research Award](#). This award recognizes excellence in the research accomplishments of OU undergraduate students who demonstrate creativity and innovation in

their use of OU Libraries collections and services.



The application deadline is February 1, 2018.

## Upcoming Events



Join faculty members and representatives from the University Libraries, OU IT and CTE at the 2018 [Academic Tech Expo](#), scheduled for January 11-12. The Expo is a two-day conference that promotes interdisciplinary collaboration as a means of increasing faculty impact and effectiveness.

## Bizzell Hours



### Winter Intersession

December 16, 2017 – January 13, 2018

Sunday	Noon	to	5:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m.	to	8:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.

### Spring Semester Hours

Sunday	7:30 a.m.	to	2:00 a.m.
Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m.	to	2:00 a.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.	to	9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	to	9:00 p.m.

View more information about Bizzell and other library locations' hours [here](#).

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