

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.

University Libraries Newsletter

March 2018



Announcements



Western History Collections Research Fellowships Available

University Libraries invites applications from established and emerging scholars for two newly-endowed research [fellowships](#). The fellowships support research residencies in the Western History Collections. They are designed to connect researchers to the rich archival, print, and visual resources held in the collections.

**Applications for summer 2018
fellowships are due March 26.**



Zarrow Bookshelves

Faculty and graduate students can now reserve bookshelves in the Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center. Review our policy [here](#).

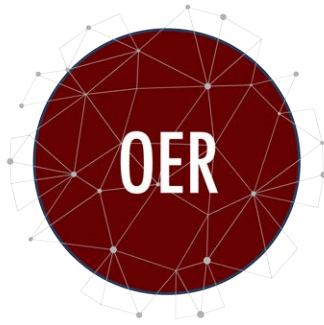
Budget Update

The University Libraries must reduce its budget in 2018 by \$379,000. At present, approximately 90% of our collections budget is spent on ongoing commitments ([journals and databases](#)). As the cost of journal subscriptions has risen far in [excess of inflation](#) for the past several years, we have continually allocated more and more funds to them, to a degree that has become unsustainable. A substantial portion of those subscriptions are for multi-year agreements with publishers. These agreements provide access to all or nearly all of a publisher's journals during the life of the agreement; in return, they require us to maintain all of our existing journal subscriptions, making us unable to adjust our subscriptions to meet changing teaching and research needs.

As part of our efforts to meet our required budget reduction, the Libraries is reviewing our journal commitment with Wiley, which is currently \$990,000. We will not renew our multi-year agreement, and we intend to reduce our spending with this publisher by approximately \$250,000. We will continually review our ongoing commitments throughout 2018 to identify additional reductions for meeting our \$379,000 target. We will provide students and faculty access to Wiley journals through a combination of continued subscriptions, aggregators like JSTOR, and interlibrary loan.

Information about the review is posted to <https://guides.ou.edu/serialsprojects>. We will post preliminary recommendations for subscriptions to be maintained by March 19. We invite your comments on the recommendations from March 19 until April 27. Please contact your [liaison librarian](#) with any feedback or questions. We will finalize our commitments with Wiley by the end of the spring semester.

Funding Opportunities



Alternative Textbook Grant Applications Due Tomorrow

OU Libraries' [Alternative Textbook Grants](#) help reduce the cost of course materials by supporting the adoption, modification, or creation of open course content. Open Educational Resources (OER) [inspire pedagogy](#) and give faculty [more freedom](#) over their instructional materials. To date, Alternative Textbook Grants have saved OU students \$1.9 million.

Applications are due 3/2/18, so [apply today](#) to enable new ways of learning.

New Services & Resources

DADEC Information Specialists

Learn more about working with data in the new [Data, Analytics, Design & Evaluation Consortium](#) located within the Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center.

Several [Information Specialists](#) are available with open office hours Monday – Friday for consultation. No appointment needed.

Assistance is available for the following:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/maps
- Research data management and data plans
- Python and R for informatics
- Natural language analyses
- Web scraping
- High performance computing/working with OSCER, OU's high performance computing center

Upcoming Events

Poetics of Invention

In conjunction with our exhibit, *Poetics of Invention*, several public lectures will be hosted in Bizzell from 12:00-1:15 p.m. on the following days this month:

- **March 1, Room LL118:** Kelly Tran, OU Alumna, Founder and CEO of Vakargo, and Founder CEO of Appable will share her journey as an entrepreneur.
- **March 8, Harlow Room (5th Floor):** Todd Fuller, co-founder and President of Pawnee Nation College will speak about entrepreneurship in education.
- **March 15, Room LL118:** Crag Hill, professor of education, and editor of the *Last Vispo Anthology of Visual Poetry* will discuss innovation in the world of experimental poetry and poetics.
- **March 29, Room LL118:** Carl Grant, University Libraries Associate Dean of Knowledge Services & Chief Technology Officer will explore innovation at the crossroads of research universities and information technology.



Software Carpentry

March 19-20, Collaborative Learning Center Classroom, Rm LL123, Bizzell Memorial Library

Software Carpentry is a two-day workshop designed to teach beginning computing skills and best practices to faculty, staff, and students. [Registration](#) is required.

Innovation @ the EDGE

Innovation @ the Edge is a flexible experimentation and innovation space that provides access to the latest tools used in research, instruction and knowledge creation. [Workshops](#) are beginner-friendly and open to the OU community.

Bizzell Hours

Regular Hours, Jan 16 – Apr 28

Sunday	12:00 p.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.

Spring Break, March 17 - 25

Saturday, Mar 17 & 24	9:00 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Mar 18	12:00 p.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m.	to	8:00 p.m.
Friday, Mar 23	7:30 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Mar 25	12:00 p.m.	to	2:00 a.m.

Memorial Day, May 28

Closed

Independence Day, July 4

Closed

Finals Preparation, Apr 29 – May 5

Sunday, Apr 29	12:00 p.m.	to	24 hours
Monday – Saturday	24 hours		

Finals Week, May 6 - 11

Sunday - Thursday	24 hours		
Friday	12:00 a.m.	to	9:00 p.m.

Spring Commencement, May 12 - 13

Saturday, May 12	9:00 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 13	Closed		



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