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ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK GRANT
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Customize your course materials and save students money by applying for an Alternative Textbook Grant. These grants support instructors who seek to adopt, modify, or create open educational resources (OER). Since 2014, the Alternative Textbook Grant has saved OU students \$2.3M in course material costs. OU Libraries awards between \$250 and \$2,500 for successful applications. Exceptional applications from faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering may receive even more funding.

Applications are open through February 22, 2019. Learn more about open educational resources and the Alternative Textbook Grant at guides.ou.edu/atg

News

Todd Fuller Named Western History Collections Curator

Please welcome Dr. Todd Fuller, curator of the [Western History Collections](#). Fuller is co-curator of the current WHC exhibition, [Red Dust Oklahoma: A Poetic History](#).



He brings a passion for the WHC collections and the stories they hold, extensive experience with outreach to scholarly and public audiences, and administrative, grant-writing, and fund-raising experience to his new role. [Read more.](#)



Iconic Works Enter the Public Domain

On January 1, for the first time in 21 years, many movies, songs, books, poetry, and other creative works entered the public domain. Free movie screenings, remixing vintage footage, turning books into plays are just some of the potential uses we might see and benefit from now that our use is not limited. Read more about why this is such an important year for the Public Domain in this [Smithsonian article](#), this article from [The Atlantic](#), or the [Center for the Study of the Public Domain](#). See the [complete 1923 collection](#) available from HathiTrust.

OPEN Government Data Act

After four years of hard-fought advocacy, the Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary (OPEN) Government Data Act was signed into law. This act requires federal agencies to publish government data in machine-readable and open formats and to use open licenses. Additionally, it provides foundational language for openness in all government data – including research data. [Read more.](#)

Journal & Video Access

Journal Subscriptions

To meet a university administration-mandated permanent budget reduction target, University Libraries is continuing to review ongoing collections commitments. This spring, we will review our [Springer journal subscriptions](#) so that we may reduce our spending commitment with Springer in 2020. We anticipate providing our reduction recommendations by mid-March and will seek campus feedback before finalizing decisions. We will also be reviewing our [database commitments](#) throughout 2019 in order to reduce spending on these resources, and will be seeking campus feedback throughout the review.

Wiley and Elsevier



ELSEVIER

University Libraries is currently finalizing negotiations for Wiley and Elsevier journal access. During this period, we should have continuing access to all journal titles from these publishers. We anticipate [access will change](#) later this semester.

Kanopy

Did you know that the Pioneer Library System also provides access to the Kanopy video streaming service? PLS library card holders may access up to 6 videos per month. Anyone who lives, works, attends school or owns property in Pottawatomie, McClain and Cleveland county communities is eligible for a PLS library card.



Events

Love Data Week

OU Libraries and DAVIS are offering several workshops to celebrate Love Data Week (February 11–15). [Check the OU Libraries calendar](#) for details about these workshops aimed at increasing working efficiency with understanding of research best practices.

- February 11, 10-11 a.m.: [Survival Skills: Managing Research Data](#)
- February 12, 1-3 p.m.: [Durable Data, Your Career, and Open Science Framework](#)
- February 13, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: [Survival Skills: Data-Driven Visualizations](#)
- February 14, 10-11 a.m.: [Survival Skills: Tidy Data 101](#)
- February 15, 10-11 a.m.: [Survival Skills: Backups 101](#)

Featured Resource

Lending Library

There's a new lending library in the Learning Lab, LL1, Bizzell Memorial Library. The take one, leave one shelf is intended to give students a break from academic reading. Please help us build the collection by donating your light reading materials. [Read more.](#)



OU Impact Challenge Update

Here's what's coming up in the [OU Impact Challenge](#) – some of the most useful activities we've published to date! You'll also want to keep an eye out for the associated workshops in [DAVIS](#).

- 2/4: [Make Your Data Discoverable](#) – Research has found that by putting your data online, you'll become more highly cited than if you kept your data hidden.
- 2/11: [Share and Find Software on GitHub](#) – GitHub is not just for software and code! But GitHub does make coding easier with version control, solid tools for collaboration, and real-time feedback and reviews. It can also tell you more about the interest in and the use of your software and code than simply posting it to your website can.
- 2/18: [Understand DOIs](#) – DOIs allow your work to be found if the URL changes, or if it's transferred to another platform. They make it easier to track your citations, shares, mentions, and other reuse and discussion of your work.
- 2/25: [Mentor Others in Your Field](#) – Impact isn't all about citations and prestige – it's about the effect you have on others, too. Mentoring is a wonderful way to pass on knowledge and skills to others.

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