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## OU Libraries Weekly Update

### Announcements

Read about the OU Libraries' chatbot [on page 17 of the 2020 EDUCAUSE Horizon Report: Teaching and Learning Edition!](#)

OU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is inviting proposals for the Faculty Research Symposium as part of the #WeAre Together campaign, which highlights cultural and identity based awareness months. This spring, they will highlight Women's History Month (March 1-31), American Indian Awareness Month (March 23-April 23), and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (April 1-30). Please complete the [online survey](#) if you are interested. For further questions, comments, or concerns please contact [diversity.inclusion@ou.edu](mailto:diversity.inclusion@ou.edu).

Here are the talking points about OU Libraries Diversity and Inclusion plan which were shared with the OU Deans Council:

- The OU Libraries D&I plan aligns with the 5 pillars of University Libraries' strategic roadmap – creating excellence in the library experience, building excellent special collections, supporting campus research and open access, engaging the community, and strengthening our skills and capabilities.
- We are committed to building collections that reflect the diverse interests and viewpoints of our community to support learning and research.
- We are reviewing facilities and signage to improve accessibility and create a more inclusive environment.
- We are training managers to create job descriptions that reflect our values of diversity and inclusion and on how to hire accordingly.
- We will be monitoring progress monthly and will be creating new goals to meet these objectives each year.
- **Congratulations to Tara Carlisle who was selected to be a volunteer liaison for the Association for Computers and the Humanities, a professional society for the digital humanities.** The liaison volunteers will work with the ACH's Affiliation and Liaisons Committee to advance the mission of ACH through communication, outreach, and partnerships with digital humanities-centric communities, groups, and organizations. <https://ach.org/blog/2020/03/04/welcome-new-liaisons/>

Chelsea Julian has accepted a position with the Office of the Vice President for Research and Partnerships Her last day with OU Libraries will be March 27. Congratulations, Chelsea!

#### Quote of the Week

*"There is no wealth like knowledge, no poverty like ignorance."*

— Buddha

E-mail [libpr@ou.edu](mailto:libpr@ou.edu) to suggest a Quote of the Week.

## Employee Spotlight

### Barbara McClurkin, Curator/Archivist I



[Intranet Profile](#)

**Number of years with OU:** 19

**Favorite work-related memory:** "Coming to work in Monnet Hall one morning and hearing what sounded like kittens crying in the building. After searching all over, we finally discovered that a mama cat had taken her family of kittens down into one of the basement window wells and then couldn't get them back out again. We provided a speedy rescue!"

**Favorite part of job:** "Starting to work on a new collection and learning about the people that the materials are about. I learn more about history and find new surprises every time I open a box."

**Current projects:** "I just completed the George Henderson Collection and am just about to begin work on the

LeAnne Howe Collection."

**Interesting fact:** "I'm an adrenaline junky. I downhill ski, scuba dive, fly my own airplane, and enjoy riding horseback on steep mountain trails."

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## Library Stories



[The Spring 2020 Sooner Horizon is out now!](#)

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## Professional Development, Workshops, Tools & Industry News

**NEW:** OU Libraries Grants Taskforce has curated a search of relevant grant opportunities via [Pivot](#).

**NEW:** UL Grant Writing Toolkit Presentation

**March 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118)**

[RSVP here](#). Please join us to test drive the UL Grant Writing Toolkit. This Toolkit is a suite of resources developed to support the libraries' efforts to secure external funding, and to communicate internally about past, current, and proposed grant activities. The Grants Task Force needs your feedback as we finalize the Toolkit for presentation to the libraries' senior team for their review. A lite lunch will be provided. [Contact Bridget Burke](#), the Grants Task Force chair, with questions.

**Personnel Awards**

**April 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Regents Room (Oklahoma Memorial Union)**

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## Job Opportunities

**Serials Section Supervisor (Administrative Assistant I)** – Conducting interviews.

**Scholarly Publishing Librarian (Librarian II)** – The University of Oklahoma Libraries' Scholarly Publishing Librarian supports day-to-day coordination and completion of scholarly publishing projects, including Open Educational Resource (OER) projects from the OU Libraries Alternative Textbook Grant and open access journals currently using the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform. The Scholarly Publishing Librarian participates in the planning, development, and implementation of existing and future publishing initiatives. This position interacts with other members of the Open Initiatives team, other OU Libraries personnel, OU faculty and graduate student editors and authors, as well as other representatives of other academic institutions and troubleshoots and streamlines scholarly publishing workflows, responds to platform and/or

publishing questions, supports the operations and growth of OU Libraries publishing services, and develops new and innovative ways in which the Libraries can deliver publishing services to support and anticipate emerging modes of scholarly communication. Furthermore, the Scholarly Publishing Librarian exercises independent professional judgement in working with authors, editors, and other stakeholders in the development of publications and publishing operations. This position trains and provides instruction on digital publishing skills and technologies as needed.  
[Requisition #200634](#)

**Emerging Technologies Librarian (Librarian I)** – [Requisition #200495](#) – Conducting interviews.

**Emerging Technologies Librarian (Librarian I)** – [Requisition #200340](#) – Conducting interviews.

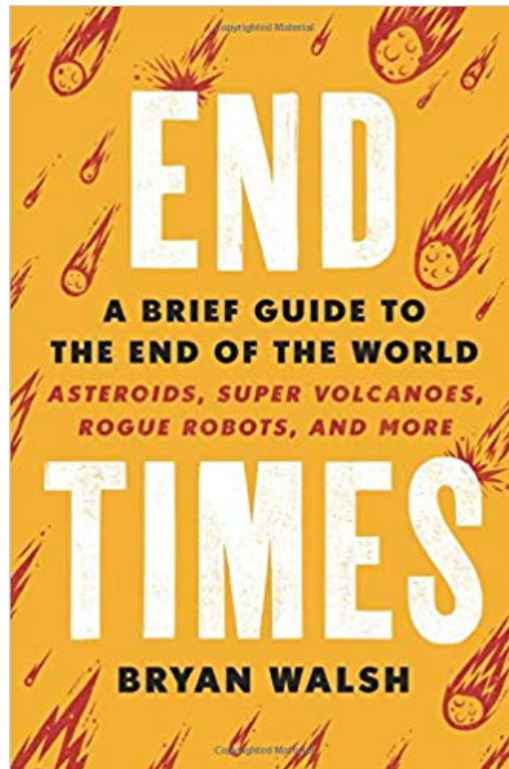
**Project Manager (Technical Project Management Specialist II)** – Conducting interviews.

**Dean of University Libraries** – The University of Oklahoma seeks an innovative, visionary, and strategic leader, with demonstrated commitment to the pivotal role of libraries in advancing the university's educational and research mission, to join the senior leadership team as the next Dean of Libraries. The university invites exceptional applicants for the position of Dean of University Libraries who will also hold the Peggy V. Helmerich Endowed Chair for Dean of Libraries and tenure at the rank of Professor. The university seeks applicants with breadth and depth of experience in academic librarianship and a clear vision for the University Libraries in the creation, preservation, and delivery of scholarly information and research support to students, faculty, staff, and the public in a rapidly evolving, technology-driven era. The university invites letters of nomination, applications, or inquiries about this position. Submit applications (including letter of interest, full CV, and list of references) to Kelvin White, Chair of the Search Committee, at: <https://apply.interfolio.com/71179>. Nominations, including full contact and email information for the nominee, and inquiries should be directed to Kelvin White, Chair of the Search Committee, at [kwhite@ou.edu](mailto:kwhite@ou.edu). Review of materials will begin in late January and continue until the appointment is made.

Visit [libraries.ou.edu/jobs](http://libraries.ou.edu/jobs) for more job information.

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## What Are You Reading?



### ***End Times: A Brief Guide to the End of the World* by Bryan Walsh**

This book examines threats that emerge from nature and those of our own making: asteroids, supervolcanoes, nuclear war, climate change, disease pandemics, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and extraterrestrial intelligence. Walsh details the true probability of these world-ending catastrophes, the impact on our lives were they to happen, and the best strategies for saving ourselves, all pulled from his rigorous and deeply thoughtful reporting and research. In the end, it will be the depth of our knowledge, the height of our imagination, and our sheer will to survive that will decide the future.

This book was recommended by [Jay Shorten](#).

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## In Case You Missed It

### Senior Management Team meeting recap for February 26

- Claude Miller named new chair of the University Libraries Council
- [Rilla Askew](#) selected to be the guest speaker at UL Day
- Carl discussed his visit to the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa in preparation for the upcoming Tulsa Race Massacre exhibit
- Discussed new digital scholarship fellowships; deadline March 25
- Discussed hours of operation changes for 2020-21
- Discussed OU Diversity Liaisons Committee updates



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