



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

faculty newsletter

This monthly e-newsletter features information on OU Libraries' online resources.

Please share it with your colleagues, or invite them to [sign up directly](#).

If you have any questions or feedback, please [contact us](#). Thank you for reading.

news

University Libraries in Phase II

Through July, University Libraries facilities will be closed to the public. Some of our employees will be on site as we focus on getting our facilities ready for the campus community to return in the fall. To provide better access to our materials, we already have [interlibrary loan and Sooner Xpress](#) staff providing items to faculty and students from our general collections via USPS and electronic scans.

We anticipate additional communication from university administration about Phase III opening plans, but we don't yet have confirmation of an opening date. Our buildings are getting upgrades in line with what the rest of campus is receiving, and we will be following university guidance related to PPE and physical distancing.

We encourage instructors to work closely with [liaison librarians](#) in order to develop library assignments that build in flexibility if instructional delivery mode changes rapidly, and to request library instruction in support of those assignments.

Please continue to check our [website](#) for updates.

Libraries Progress Report

The 2019-2020 edition of the [University Libraries Progress Report](#) is now available. We invite you to take a few moments to learn about our progress in creating excellence in the library experience, supporting campus research and scholarly communication, and building on excellence in special collections, among other areas.



Library Reserves

University Libraries is supporting physical library reserves—textbooks and supporting course materials—with appropriate precautions. Use our [reserves request form](#) to place materials on reserve.

REALM Project

OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle are conducting research on how long the COVID-19 virus survives on materials in libraries and other cultural institutions. The project provides authoritative, science-based information on how materials can be handled to mitigate exposure to staff and visitors. The library, archive and museum communities are following this research closely, and developing plans and procedures based on this and other relevant research.



Alternative Textbook Grant Recipients Announced

Three recipients of this year's Alternative Textbook Grant will implement open educational resources (OER) in their classes during the 2020-2021 academic year and beyond. [Dr. Jay Campbell](#), [Dr. Michael Crespín](#), and [Dr. Doo Hun Lim](#) will join more than 70 previous Alternative Textbook Grant recipients who have saved OU students over \$3.1 million since the program began in 2014. OER are educational materials that are distributed at no cost

and with legal permission for the public to freely use, share, and build upon the content. OER give faculty members the power to customize content specifically for their courses as well as provide free or low-cost learning resources for their students. [Read the full story](#) on the University Libraries website, and please join us in congratulating these faculty members.



Course Materials Tool

University Libraries is no longer providing the Course Materials Tool in Canvas. If you need library materials for readings in your course, please contact our [Reserves Office](#).

featured resources

Requesting Library Resources

The Libraries is available to acquire materials you need for teaching, learning, and research. Request purchases through your [liaison librarian](#) or using our [online form](#).

Course Integrated Instruction

For the Fall 2020 semester, University Libraries will be providing library instruction (1) in person but outside of the library in socially distanced classrooms, (2) synchronously via Zoom, or (3) asynchronously via Canvas modules. These options allow us to provide high-quality instruction that best meets the needs of each class. Please work with your [subject liaison](#) or contact our [library instruction program](#) to schedule your session.

WSJ Wall Street Journal

Thanks to the generous support of the Price College of Business, the entire university community now has access to [WSJ.com](#). This includes content specifically developed for faculty to use in teaching. Access the Wall Street Journal via the Libraries [database listing](#).



[Options for Remote STEM Research](#)

The Options for Remote STEM series of videos and live events are designed to help researchers continue their work when unable to go to the laboratory or field. This includes faculty, undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs, and staff. Topics include using existing datasets, synthesizing literature, and meta-analysis. The videos will continue posting through the end of July.

Visit the [OU Libraries events page](#) to register for one of our Q&A sessions on [July 10](#), [July 22](#), [July 30](#), or [August 7](#).

events

University Libraries' events showcase ways to reach out and make a difference in your community. For more events, [visit our events page](#).

[Blender Tutorial Live Q&A](#)

July 23, 2 - 4 p.m., Zoom ([register for Zoom information](#))

[Blender](#) is an open-source toolset supporting the entirety of the 3D pipeline. Join OU Libraries for a live Q&A session with Emerging Technologies Librarian John Grime and 3D and animation student specialist Andy Schramka! Follow Schramka's [step by step tutorial](#) and join this event to better your understanding of Blender and the first steps of 3D animation.

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