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.
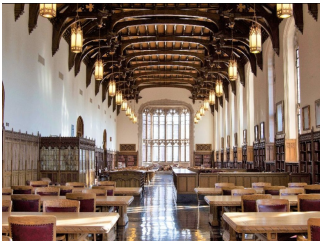
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news

Karen Rupp-Serrano Named Interim Dean of University Libraries

Karen Rupp-Serrano has been named Interim Dean of University Libraries effective August 1, 2020. Professor Rupp-Serrano joined the OU Libraries in 1990, and has served as the Associate Dean, Scholarly Communication and Resources since 2016. She is currently the chair of the Greater Western Library Alliance's Collections committee, and she has served the University of Oklahoma in numerous campus appointments. A member of the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries, she publishes and presents on collection management and scholarly communication issues. She follows Darin Fox, who stepped down from the Interim Dean role at the end of July. Recruitment for a permanent dean of libraries is ongoing

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What to Expect from the Libraries this Fall

Like many areas of OU, the University Libraries have been preparing our facilities for a safe return to campus. There are a few changes to be mindful of as you prepare to return in the fall. These policies are aligned with the **OU Together Plan** established by the university.

Please visit our website for the most current information on study spaces, food and beverage policies, masking and distancing, as well as ongoing digital delivery of the libraries' collections and services.

Libraries Course Reserves

As we prepare for the fall semester, we recognize the potential need for alternative access to print course reserves in some instances. OU Libraries will be providing physical access to our course reserves and are asking students to take safety precautions while using these materials. We will also work with faculty to provide alternative access to print course reserves where possible to support online learning environments.

There are restrictions in place that inhibit our ability to acquire online materials for use in course reserves, including copyright and single use ebooks. Many publishers will not allow libraries to purchase an electronic version of the many textbooks that our students depend upon in our collection for their studies. Their business model for making a profit requires that the student purchase the textbook to acquire access to digital content, despite the fact that the cost of textbooks and other course materials are a barrier for students.

Check out our alternatives and resources to assist you or reach out to your liaison librarian.

Special Collections Available by Appointment

The Libraries' Special Collections will be available by appointment for on-site use in the fall semester. Occupancy is limited to maintain social distancing, and time limits may apply; make your appointments in advance to ensure access.

Priority will be given to OU affiliates (faculty, staff, students). Pre-registration and consultation with a librarian should be completed before arrival. Patrons will be required to comply with OU policy regarding social distancing and face masks on campus, and non-OU patrons will be required to complete the COVID screening tool for campus visitors and confirm they have been cleared to visit campus. The registration form and OU COVID screening tool are available through the appointment process located on the Special Collections' websites.

Special Collections will support virtual visits and will work with instructors to conduct instruction and consultation online through the fall. As you are assigning work to your students, please be aware that assignments requiring collections use will need to accommodate limited hours, and encourage your students to make an appointment to visit well before their due date.
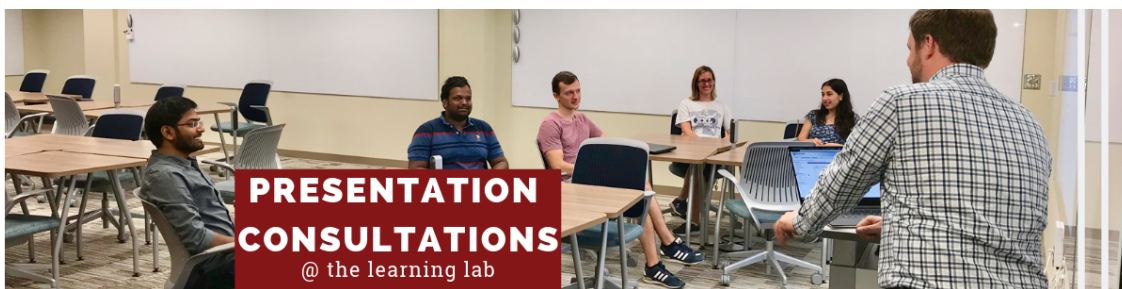
featured resources

LEAN LIBRARY @ OU Libraries

[Lean Library](#) is a browser extension for access and assistance. You and your students will spend less time figuring out if you have access to information and more time researching!

When you access an article on a journal's website or through a Google search, the Lean Library extension recognizes OU Libraries' e-resources and provides you with a "GET ACCESS" button that will authenticate your OU credentials for full text access.

To get Lean Library, go to [leanlibrary.com/download](#) and add the extension to your browser. Then select "University of Oklahoma" from the dropdown menu and click "Save."

PRESENTATION
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Presentation Consultations

Presentation Consultations @The Learning Lab will be available for online appointments this fall semester. Our presentations coaches can support the research of you and your students by assisting in adapting presentations to online formats as well as your teaching by helping students develop strong presentation skills. If you'd like to integrate Presentation Consultations into your research group and/or courses this fall please contact [Brent Tweedy](#), [Magen Bednar](#), or your [liaison librarian](#)!

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Advancing Archival Research at OU

Special Collections at OU Libraries have launched a new discovery tool for researchers called ArchivesSpace. The database can be found at [archives.libraries.ou.edu](#) and gives

researchers the ability to search and browse information about archival collections in one convenient online portal. This advancement will make it easier for researchers to identify useful sources online prior to making reference requests and/or making an appointment to visit the collections.

If you have any feedback about this new tool, please reach out directly to Metadata and Collections Management Archivist, Bailey Hoffner.

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Libraries.ou.edu