News

The Libraries Invites Respondents for Strategic Planning Survey

As a valuable member of the University community, University Libraries invites you to [participate in a survey](#) to guide us in part of our strategic planning process. The feedback gathered in this survey is important to us and will be instrumental in shaping the Libraries' programs and offerings in the years to come. This anonymous survey should take no longer than five minutes to complete, with an added option to provide your contact information to participate in a focused listening session, to be scheduled later. Thank you for your time in this important process.

University Libraries Committee
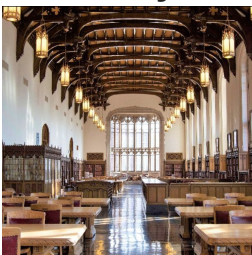
The 2021-2022 [University Libraries Committee membership](#) has been appointed. The ULC advises senior administration and the Dean of Libraries on matters concerning library collections and services, providing advice and feedback on areas such as scholarly communications, institutional repositories, and the intersection of digital technologies with contemporary library services. Thirteen faculty committee members represent the broad range of colleges on the Norman campus.

Scholarly Communication Taskforce

The University Libraries Committee's Scholarly Communication Taskforce has been presenting highlights from its report, *[Finding the Balance: Creating an Open, Sustainable Future for OU](#)*, to campus stakeholders since last March. To date, the taskforce has presented to the Dean's Council, VPRP senior leadership and associate deans for research, Gallogly College of Engineering directors, and College of Arts & Sciences chairs and directors. The taskforce already has several departmental presentations scheduled for this fall, and seeks additional invitations to address departments and answer faculty

questions. To schedule a 15 minute presentation and Q&A session, email scholarlycommunication@ou.edu or reach out to a taskforce member directly.

Featured Resources

Library Resource Trials

This fall, the University Libraries is trialing two products of interest to a wide variety of disciplines. *PolicyMap* brings sophisticated data, mapping, and analytics to public health, sociology, business, political science, geography, journalism, education, economics, environmental studies, and more. If you try it, please provide feedback via our survey.

A second product trial, for *Sage Research Methods*, is set to begin October 11. *Sage Research Methods* supports researchers at all levels and throughout each step of the research process. The product provides a full digital library of books and articles on social science research methods, cases, datasets, video of research methods in action, methods & statistics curriculum, and data visualization skills. Register now now for a virtual introductory session on *Sage Research Methods*, to be held via Zoom on October 11 at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Special Collections

Boris Pasternak Letter Presentation

In the spring of 1959, Ron Jones was a dejected and broken-hearted undergraduate at OU who received a response letter from Soviet/Russian author Boris Pasternak (author of *Dr. Zhivago*) that would change the young student's life. The Western History Collections invites you to join us for Jones' presentation on September 30, 2 - 4 p.m. in Bizzell 118, which will focus on the amazing narrative associated with Pasternak's letter and all that's happened since. Jones had the pleasure of presenting at the Boris Pasternak House and Museum in Peredelkino, outside of Moscow.

Events

Visit our events page to view all upcoming University Libraries workshops and events.

(Un)natural Beauty
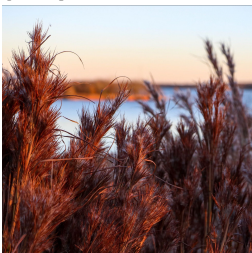
Visit the Fine Arts Library to see *(Un)natural Beauty*, a small exhibit exploring nature's beauty through landscape photography and paper flowers. The artificial quality of the flowers juxtaposes the reality of the photographs in an effort to make the viewer think about how and where we find beauty in nature.

Level-Up League

September 22 - December 8, Wednesdays at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Bizzell LL118

[Registration recommended.](#) OU Libraries presents the Level-Up League, where teams and solo developers can make their own video games and compete to win exciting prizes. This community group will be guided by an Emerging Technologies librarian through weekly gatherings, curated online tutorials and any team issues throughout the semester.

No experience is required, any level of skill is welcome, from the newest developers to the developers on other platforms. Solo and team developers will have access to resources, curated tutorials, and a peer and professional mentor group.

This monthly e-newsletter features information on OU Libraries' 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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