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Faculty Newsletter



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News and Announcements

Applications Open Jan. 18 for Alternative Textbook Grants



The University Libraries' [Alternative Textbook Grant](#) application period is open *January 18 - March 7*. The grant program incentivizes instructors to adopt, modify, or create [open educational resources](#) (OER) in place of using costly course materials. Since 2014, the Alternative Textbook Grant has given OU instructors the ability to use texts that meet their course learning goals

and objectives, rather than adjusting their learning goals/objectives to fit the limitations of a text. The grant has also saved OU students over \$4M in course materials costs. The Libraries awards up to \$2,500 for successful applications, and is pleased to announce that *the Dodge Family College of Arts & Sciences is providing discretionary matching funds for DFCAS instructors*. Please contact open.education@ou.edu if you have questions, want more information, or are ready to apply.

PolicyMap



University Libraries now subscribes to [PolicyMap](#), an interactive online data and mapping tool that contains thousands of indicators used to understand communities.

University Libraries 2020-2021 Progress Report Now Available

View the latest issue of the UL annual report [here](#).

Featured Resources

The Libraries guide to [evaluating publishers](#) has recently been updated to include additional resources for those who are pursuing book publication, including the possibility of publishing an open access book.



Profiles in Open

University Libraries regularly features OU scholars publishing open access.

Gerilyn Soreghan, Ph.D., Mewbourne School of Earth and Energy

Dr. Soreghan is David L. Boren Professor, Director, and Eberly Family Chair of Geosciences in the [Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy School of Geosciences](#) at the University of Oklahoma. As a primarily field-based sedimentary geologist, she studies Earth's history to better understand what Earth's sedimentary record can teach us about climate behavior, including the drivers of climate change and carbon cycling, and the responses of the biosphere to climate change.

She is the author of openly published articles such as [Loess in eastern equatorial Pangea archives a dusty atmosphere and possible upland glaciation](#) and [Seismic Reflection and Electrical Resistivity Imaging Support Pre-Quaternary Glaciation in the](#)



[Rocky Mountains \(Unaweep Canyon, Colorado\).](#)

Read more [here](#) about her work publishing in open access journals, which provide free and immediate online access to scholarly information, benefitting authors, readers, funders, the public, and others.

Research Libraries Updates

Each month, UL will provide the latest national and global news in academic research libraries.

Latest Research Library Issues Released by ARL

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) released in December the latest edition of *Research Library Issues*. [Available online](#), the edition focuses on sustaining open content and infrastructure.

"Memory Institutions" Vital for Racial and Cultural Healing

In an [ARL blog](#), a survey by the American Historical Association found that memory institutions like libraries, archives, and museums were essential components of historical instruction. As part of that role, the ARL writes memory institutions should "build, shape, and preserve community-centered narratives of racial injustices" as "a long-overdue debt of remembrance" in recognition of racial hierarchies and harm. With this in mind, the ARL urges Congress to establish a United States [Commission on Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation](#).

Learn more about the role of research libraries in this work and US Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Movement [here](#) and the Archive of Racial and Cultural Healing (ARCH) [here](#).

A.A. Milne and Others' Works Enter the Public Domain

January 1st is Public Domain Day, and in 2022, works including those by A.A. Milne and Dorothy Parker entered the public domain. The Public Domain Review includes [an extensive run-down](#) of newly added copyright-entrants entrants.

Exhibits at the University Library

Our Storied Collections

Through Spring 2022

Highlighting the UL's special collections, this exhibit showcases a wide assortment of material chosen from our curators and archivists. Some represent recent acquisitions while others were favorite projects UL staff worked on. A small sample of the research materials available to the university, the exhibit is located on the fourth and fifth floors of Bizzell Library, with more materials at the Western History Collections in Monnet Hall.



Upcoming Events and Workshops

For a list of all upcoming events, visit [our events page](#).

Level-Up League

Mondays, Online only through January 31st. Zoom link will be available [here](#).

OU Libraries presents Level-Up League, starting on Monday, January 24. Each Monday night from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., teams and solo developers create video games and compete to win exciting prizes. This community group will once again journey together through weekly gatherings, curated online tutorials, and team issues that inevitably arise throughout the semester to craft single or multi-player video games. Never alone, participants will have help navigating the difficulties of collaborative software development with guidance from knowledgeable OU Libraries' staff.

No experience is required. Any level of skill is welcome. Join us solo or with a team! Contact [Ashley Smith](#) for more information.



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