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Faculty Newsletter



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News and Announcements

Take the Libraries With You This Summer

As you prepare for the summer, OU Libraries is online and available for you. You can search our [library catalog](#) and request materials be sent wherever you are via [Sooner Xpress](#). Download the [Lean Library](#) extension to help you link to OU and open resources when you are using a search engine. Talk through your information and publication needs via an online [consultation](#) with your liaison librarian, a data management specialist, or scholarly communication librarian.

The Libraries Can Help You Prepare for Fall Classes

Contact your [liaison librarian](#) to arrange library instruction for your classes before you launch out this summer, or make a note to do so in August (the earlier, the better). [We can research](#) your course readings and provide you with permanent URLs to share via Canvas for any items that are available from the Libraries' online collection.

ProQuest Text-to-Speech



OU Libraries' users now have the option of having ProQuest articles written in English read aloud to them using the database's built-in text-to-speech player. Users do not need to do anything to activate this feature and can expect to see an audio player icon on all HTML full-text articles within ProQuest databases, including ProQuest One Business, ProQuest Historical Newspapers, Natural Science Collection, and PsycARTICLES. Audio files may also be downloaded to listen offline or on another device. Text contained within an image or PDF cannot be read aloud with this feature.

Featured Resources

Check out the resources below that can assist with your research and teaching.

- [Center for Research Libraries](#) (CRL): The Libraries is a member of CRL, an international consortium of university, college, and independent research libraries; materials held by CRL may be requested via [interlibrary loan](#).
- [Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research](#) (ICPSR): The Dodge Family College of Arts & Sciences funds OU's membership in ICPSR, an archive of raw social science data for research and instruction.
- [Mason OER Metafinder](#) (MOM): A project of George Mason University, MOM simultaneously searches 23 different sources of open educational materials which can be freely used as course materials.
- [HathiTrust](#): The Libraries is a member of HathiTrust, a non-profit collaborative of academic and research libraries preserving 17M+ digitized items. Approximately 39% of HathiTrust items are freely accessible public domain materials.

Profiles in Open

University Libraries regularly features OU scholars publishing open access.

Ingo Schlupp, Ph.D. Presidential Professor of Biology

This month's [Profile in Open](#) features Dr. Ingo Schlupp. His research is based in



ecology and evolution, with topics ranging from mating systems and reproduction, conservation biology of fishes, speciation, biology of cave dwellers, the evolution of life histories, and robotics and simulations. He is the author of the openly published articles "[Biogeography of the West Indies: A complex scenario for species radiations in terrestrial and aquatic habitats](#)" and "[Development and validation of an environmental DNA protocol to detect an invasive Caribbean freshwater fish, the guppy \(*Poecilia reticulata*\)](#)." Visit his profile to learn about how open access has impacted his work.

Research Libraries Updates

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

Open Access Can Dismantle Academia's Boundaries

Lane and Lifshitz-Assaf write for the Brookings Institute that resources poured into scientific knowledge production for COVID-19 research was a boon to open access initiatives. "By embracing the open access publishing model outside of times of crisis," they write, "we could dismantle those boundaries permanently, leading to immeasurable benefits for society." Read more [here](#).

Who Uses Open Access Research?

Researchers analyzed data from US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAEM) to see who sought open access research outside highly specialized fields. Their findings suggest "...that taxpayer investments in open access to high-quality science do indeed pay dividends to society, broadly and at the local service level." Read the full piece [here](#).

Study: Use of Supports, Resources for Students With Special Needs

Using data from the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSL:09), researchers analyzed whether or not students informed colleges of their disabilities or requested accommodations. Find out more [here](#).

Exhibits at the University Libraries

Lynn Riggs



Bizzell Main Floor

In honor of his posthumous honorary doctorate at the OU Spring 2022 commencement ceremony, this exhibit honors Oklahoma native, Cherokee poet, and one of the 20th Century's most important writers Lynn Riggs, author of *Green Grows the Lilacs*. His play became Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*, one of many of his prominent works.

What is Neurodiversity?

Bizzell Main Floor, April 18 - June 30



Marking a departure from language that pathologizes them, this exhibit explores the term "neurodiversity," which disability rights advocates use regarding conditions such as autism and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Neurodiversity positions these conditions as naturally-occurring variations of the human brain and authentic forms of diversity benefitting from social supports instead of stigmatization.

Graduate College Design-A-Shelf Contest Winner Exhibits

Exhibits for the winners of the Design-A-Shelf contest are on display in LL2 of Bizzell Memorial Library in the Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center. Exhibits include work from:

- Emily Troyer, Department of Biology doctoral student
- Buket Cilali, School of Industrial and Systems Engineering doctoral student
- Vaughn Zrain, Educational Studies doctoral student
- Sweta Mahato, Health and Exercise Studies doctoral student

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis

May 18, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online ([Registration required](#))

May 19, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online ([Registration required](#))

[Software Carpentry](#) is a two-day workshop designed to teach beginning computing skills and best practices to faculty, staff, and students. This introductory workshop will cover how to incorporate better practices when working with data and to strengthen data management skills.

Software install requirement: [R and RStudio to be installed prior to the workshop](#)

Questions, comments, or concerns? [Contact Mark Laufersweiler](#).



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