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Faculty Newsletter

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Graduate students work in the Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center in the Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

Alternative Textbook Grant Applications Now Open

The University Libraries Alternative Textbook Grant application opens from **January 17 through March 6**. The grant program incentivizes instructors to adopt, modify, or create open educational resources (OER) instead 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 money in course materials costs. OU Libraries awards up to $2,500 for successful applications, and some colleges award discretionary funds to supplement the total award amount.

Please contact Morgan Briles if you have questions, want more information, or are ready to apply.

New Resources at the UL

Lean Library

Lean Library is a resource and browser extension for OU faculty, staff, and students available through University Libraries that enables access to the Libraries' online resources, full-text articles, and journal subscriptions when searching on the open web. The browser extension also connects to and populates the UL's interlibrary loan request forms for materials not available in the Libraries' regular holdings. Download the extension here.

SPIE eBook Collections
OU Libraries recently purchased the 2021, 2022, and 2023 SPIE eBook collections, expanding our coverage of SPIE eBook collections from 1989-2023. SPIE Press is the largest independent publisher of optics and photonics books, and this purchase includes titles from the Field Guides, Press Monographs, Tutorial Texts, and Spotlight series. Subject coverage for the new collections includes astronomy, nanotechnology, optical design & engineering, remote sensing, and sensing & measurement.

EBSCO Databases
The Libraries' EBSCO databases provide a wide range of functionalities that assist scholars and instructors. Some you may not be aware of include:

- Asking questions of Libraries personnel from within databases
- Accessibility support for screen readers such as JAWS
- Journal and search alerts
- Changing interface language (30 languages supported) and article translation
- Notetaking
- Supporting multiple citation styles, including APA, Chicago, and MLA

Profiles in Open
University Libraries regularly features OU scholars publishing open access.

David McLeod, PhD
Associate Director and Associate Professor
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This month's Profile in Open features Dr. David McLeod, who is very engaged in a range of open initiatives. He serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, a peer-reviewed, open access journal formerly published behind a paywall but now available for free through OU Libraries. Additionally, he has utilized subvention funding from OU Libraries to publish his research openly, including the articles "Intimate Partner Violence: Innovations in Theory to Inform Clinical Practice, Policy, and Research" and "Modernized female sex offender typologies: Intrapsychic, beh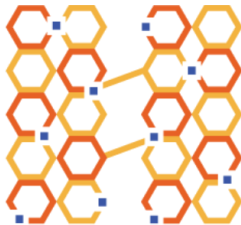avioral, and trauma related domains." More recently, he has been exploring open educational resources, including converting to teaching with an open access book.

In Dr. McLeod's profile, he discusses the increased impact of open access publications amongst students, researchers, and the broader public as well as the benefits of utilizing open educational resources (OER) to further pedagogical goals.

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

HELIOS Collaborates on Government's Year of Open Science

The Higher Education Leadership Initiative for Open Scholarship (HELIOS) is pleased to collaborate with NASA and other federal agencies in celebration of 2023 as the Federal Year of Open Science. On January 11, the White House launched this multi-agency initiative across the federal government to spark change and inspire open science engagement through events and activities that will advance adoption of open science. HELIOS will serve as a cross-sector collaborator, engaging across its 88 members to co-develop, promote, and advance a range of open science initiatives. Read more here.

OU joined HELIOS in fall 2022, becoming one of over 80 top-tier research universities and colleges across the U.S. to advance open scholarship via collective action. Read more here.

Study Captures Researchers' Opinions on Alternatives to Scholarly Paywalls

Scholarly work is still largely only available behind paywalls, despite growth in the Open Access (OA) movement. This pre-print study surveyed researchers' willingness to use alternatives to paywalled sites, including scholarly piracy and other alternatives.

ARL Surveys Investments in OA

Open Access (OA) and sharing of research outputs accelerate scientific progress and benefit society as a whole. However, the investments academic research libraries make in open initiatives are challenging to collect due to the various funding lines that support this area. The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) conducted a survey in May and June of 2022 to gather OA expenses. Read the report here.

New OSTP Public-Access Guidance

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) addresses concerns about public access and copyright raised by the August 2022 White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) guidance, "Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research" (also referred to as the Nelson memo). The Nelson memo updated the 2013 memorandum "Expanding Public Access to the Results of Federally Funded Research." Significantly, the 2022 guidance eliminates the previous 12-month embargo period for federally funded research, now requiring federal agencies to ensure that the research they fund is available immediately to the public at no cost.

ARL Supports Texas Library Coalition's Agreement with Elsevier

The Association of Research Libraries supported the agreement between Texas Library Coalition for United Action (TLCUA) and Elsevier in a statement released November 30. The agreement between 44 public and private university campuses in Texas and Elsevier secured cost savings, a restoration of author copyrights, and a set of favorable license terms. The agreement will benefit not just TLCUA members, but all authors. Read TLCUA's announcement here.

Exhibits at the University Libraries

Mother of Dragons: The Life and Discoveries of Mary Anning
Bizzell Main Floor, Through August 2023

In celebration of the University Libraries' new acquisitions of Hugh S. Torrens' collection in the History of Science Special Research Collections, we honor the impact of Mary Anning's fossil discoveries in Lyme Regis in the early 1800s on the history of geology in this exhibit.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

For a list of all upcoming UL events, visit our events page.

Data Management Compliance with OSF
January 24, 10 - 11 a.m., Bizzell LL123
Registration required. OSF helps you store, organize, document, and share your research projects, data, and files. This workshop is for beginners. Please bring a computer or tablet able to access a web browser. A workshop curriculum is available here. Please contact Mark Laufersweiler with any questions.

Smoother Academic Meetings: Tips from Your Librarians
January 26, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Online
Registration required. A captive audience, the modicum or illusion of some sort of operative authority, and the appearance of productivity can make academic meetings a perfect storm for inefficient and exhausting meetings. Join us to get tips from your librarians to run smoother meetings, which will encourage active participation in your meetings, while leaving more time for your scholarly pursuits. Please contact Claire Curry with any questions.

Data Management Plan Tool for Funding
January 31, 10 - 11 a.m., Bizzell LL123
Registration required. This workshop is an active learning "work-along" overview of the web portal DMPTool for creating a Data Management Plan (DMP). The workshop will walk through the step-by-step instructions for creating a ready to use data management plan that meets the agency requirements. Please bring a computer with a current web browser for accessing the web-based portal for DMPTool. Please contact Mark Laufersweiler with any questions.