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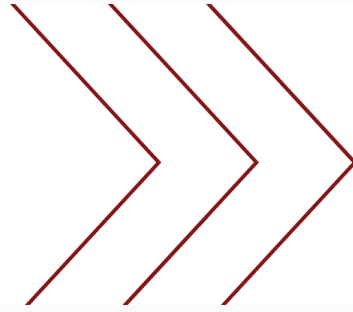


View of Bizzell Memorial Library from the South Oval.

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# News and Announcements

### University Libraries Beta Website

The University Libraries launched a beta website May 3, 2023 to gather user feedback from campus stakeholders. The UL will go live with a refreshed website on June 26 after incorporating feedback.

[Visit the beta site here](#). After exploring the site, you can provide feedback on the beta site through this [feedback form](#).

The UL especially encourages feedback on experienced bugs, ease of discoverability, and access to the user's most used content. Changes to the UL website will enhance user experience and access to online library services. Users will find refreshed layouts, navigation, organization, and branding.

Questions can be directed to [MaryAnn Martin](#), director of University Libraries Marketing and Communications.

## OU Researchers Win NEH Grant to Develop Indigenous Media Portal

Researchers working with the University of Oklahoma Libraries and the Native Nations Center won a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop an Indigenous Media Portal at OU.

[The award is one of only three from NEH given to Oklahoma researchers this year.](#) All three grants were given to OU researchers.

[Read more about the Indigenous Media Portal project.](#)

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# Open Access News

### Update: Open Access Policy
The OU Faculty Senate has passed an [open access policy](#). The creation of a policy was recommended by the University Libraries Committee's Scholarly Communication Taskforce in 2021, and Faculty Senate appointed an *ad hoc* committee in 2022 to draft the policy that was passed at the May 2023 Faculty Senate meeting.

Congratulations and thanks to the members of both the taskforce and committee for their commitment to the greater global exchange of knowledge promoted by openly accessible publications: Michael Bemben, Lee Fithian, Sam Huskey, J. P. Masly, Claude Miller, Katherine Pandora, Darren Purcell, Carrie Schroeder, and Bin Wang.

Over the coming months, the University Libraries will be working closely with OU stakeholders to develop the necessary procedures and support for successful policy implementation.

### Open Hardware's Role in Open Science
Sharing scientific instrument design—the open hardware movement—helps researchers replicate experiments and advance open scholarship.  Learn more about the global open science hardware movement [here](#).

### Leveraging Open Educational Resources to Advance DEI

A new [report](#) from the American Association of Colleges and Universities provides a guide for making coursework more inclusive and diversifying student learning sources.  Open educational resources (OER), which are free to access and can be adapted by the instructor to meet pedagogical goals, address affordability and equity.

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## Research Libraries Updates

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

### Scientific Sinkhole: Estimating the Cost of Peer Review

There are a variety of costs associated with publication of scientific findings. [This study](#) of 354 participants found that "The cost of peer review was estimated at $1,272 per person, per year ($1,015 for initial review and $256 for re-review), or $1.1–1.7 billion for the scientific community per year."

### American Historical Association Joins All4OS

[The American Historical Association (AHA) has recently joined the Alliance for Open Scholarship (All4OS)](#), a cohort of professional societies collaborating to identify, articulate, and socialize appropriate open scholarship norms within disciplines. Dr. Sarah Weicksel, AHA Director of Research and Publications, states "The [AHA] is engaged in mapping a broader terrain of scholarship, with more flexible boundaries. There are...many ways to do historical work."

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## 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.

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## Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

### Incentivizing Collaborative & Open Research Meeting (ICOR)
**May 17, 9:30 - 11 a.m., via Zoom**

[Registration required.](#) ICOR is an open community initiative that aims to build a

collaborative research culture throughout the research cycle, and it is actively building a body of evidence with best practices and case studies on the impact of projects that facilitate collaborative open research.

**Introductory R**
**May 18, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Bizzell LL123**
[Registration required.](#) This introduction to the R programming language will teach researchers concepts, skills, and tools for working with data so that they can wrangle and analyze data more efficiently. It is designed for participants with no programming experience.