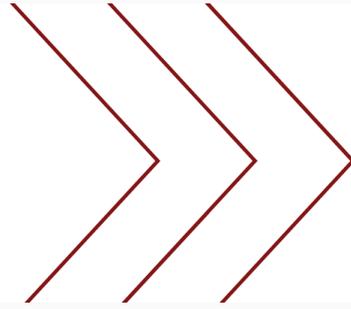**OU** UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
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View of Bizzell Memorial Library's Canyon Garden from the
Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center.

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News and Announcements

Western History Collections Preservation Underway
The Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma Libraries is undergoing
a professional preservation treatment for resources it houses. Some resources may

be unavailable during this process, which is scheduled through the rest of 2023 and possibly into the beginning of 2024.

Our collection catalog records and archival finding aids have been updated to reflect the specific assets that will be unavailable. Please contact Western History Collections at westernhistorycollections@ou.edu with any questions about resource availability.

Read more about the project on our website.

No Cost, No Limit: Free Textbook Alternatives

The Libraries offers a collection of ebooks allowing unlimited simultaneous use, making them potential options for instructors to lower student costs by using them to replace traditional textbooks. Looking for a title that is not in the collection? Contact us with details and we will purchase an unlimited simultaneous user ebook if feasible.

UL Announces Digital Scholarship and Data Services Unit

The Digital Strategies and Innovation Division reorganized four areas of its front-facing service units this summer into one combined streamlined unit, now named Digital Scholarship and Data Services (DSDS).

Combined in the new unit are formerly distinct areas: Emerging Technologies services, Data Analytics, Visualization, and Informatics Syndicate (DAVIS), Digital Scholarship, and Informatics services.

The UL's information professionals in DSDS can provide assistance with data creation, data management, data manipulation, 3D services, informatics, and visualization. The unit will be expanding service offerings in emerging technologies as they fill vacant positions and enhance expertise.

For questions, contact Tyler Pearson, director of DSDS.

Open Access News

Subvention Funding Updates

- **Open Access Book Publication:** The fall application period for newly-established funding to support the publication of open access books is open now through October 16. This funding is provided by the Dodge Family College of Arts & Sciences, the University Libraries, and the Vice President for Research and Partnerships. Learn more.
- **Hybrid and Open Access Subvention Funding Changes:**
  - Applications for hybrid and open access subvention funding must be received *prior to publication*. More publishers are unwilling to including funding acknowledgement statements in articles that have already been

published, or may require that acknowledgement after publication can only be accommodated via erratum.

Tools for Vetting Open Access Journals

The Libraries' [Open Initiatives & Scholarly Communication](#) monitors developments in the open access landscape. We note that there has been attention lately on *guest-edited special issues of open access journals*, specifically on their rapid proliferation. We want to encourage OU authors to thoughtfully select publication venues, whether open access or paywalled.

Tools for vetting and selecting quality publication outlets:

- [Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
- [Think. Check. Submit](#)

If you have questions about this or any other scholarly communication topic, please do not hesitate to contact your [liaison librarian](#) or [Open Initiatives & Scholarly Communication](#).

Featured Resources

New Databases

- [Exploring Race in Society](#) provides content related to race, ethnicity, diversity, and inclusiveness in society, covering topics such as affirmative action, food insecurity, environmental justice, voting rights, and much more.
- [CORE](#) is a not-for-profit service providing "access to the world's largest collection of open access research papers, collecting and indexing research from repositories and journals."
- [America's News](#) includes access to over 3,600 national, regional, and local news sources, including *The Oklahoman* from 1981 onward.
- [Black Life in America Series 3: 1976-Today](#) explores six decades of African American history, culture, and daily life.
- [Hispanic Life in America Series 3: 2010-Today](#) is a digital archive of primary source documents related to the Hispanic American experience.
- [Environmental Science and History Digital Archive](#) includes unique and rare archival collections from multiple global sources, including the Royal Anthropological Institute and New York Academy of Sciences.
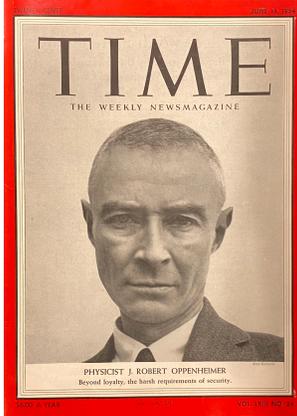
Course Reserves

Let our [reserves department](#) help you with course readings by providing you with

permanent URLs to share via Canvas for any items that are available from the Libraries' online collection.

Library Instruction
Library personnel are available to teach critical skills to your students, from how to search discipline-specific databases to evaluating the information you find. Contact your liaison librarian to arrange library instruction for your classes. We also offer a host of workshops to teach data management, coding, and citation management to your class available by request.

Atomic Era Materials from the Special Research Collections

To support and encourage student research projects on Atomic Era topics, materials have been gathered from the History of Science Collections and displayed on the 5th floor of Bizzell. Primary sources are on display in cases in the East Hall; secondary sources are available for browsing in our Reading Nook. Some materials are from the recently processed Jens Rud Nielsen archive (hours: Mon-Fri 9a-4:45p). Select items are included on the "Atomic Era" page of the History of Science Secondary Sources Research Guide.

If you are interested in discussing use of these materials to support instruction and research, please contact History of Science Librarian JoAnn Palmeri.

Research Libraries Updates

Each month, UL will provide the latest national and global news in academic research libraries and resources.
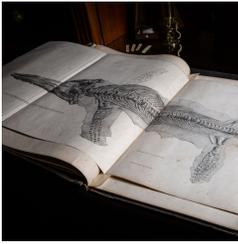
Chronicle Series Exposes Challenges with Digital Courseware
A recent three-part series by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reporter Taylor Swaak takes a deep dive into how the use of digital courseware in U.S. higher ed has grown, in many ways unaccountably, raising issues from outsourcing instruction, to data privacy, to creating a "homework tax" on students. Courseware accounted for a quarter of Pearson's $4.7 billion in revenue in FY22, 40% of Cengage's $1.5 billion in revenue for FY23, and one-third of McGraw-Hill's total customer invoices for FY23. See The Substitute Teacher, The Homework Tax, and The Textbook that Reads You.

Exhibits at the University Libraries

Mother of Dragons: The Life and Discoveries of Mary Anning
Bizzell Main Floor, Now through September 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.

Oklahoma's Women Warriors

Western History Collections, Monnet Hall Room 300, Through January 2024

The Western History Collections has installed a new exhibition co-curated by two of its graduate research assistants, Megan Green and Melissa Weiss. The exhibit focuses on three women and their efforts to fight for what was important to them. The "Fighting for Norman" case looks at June Benson's work as the first woman elected as a mayor in Oklahoma, along with her ongoing civic engagement after her two terms as Norman's mayor from 1957 to 1960. The "Fighting for Equality" case focuses on women's rights activists' attempts to rally support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in Oklahoma from 1972 through 1982. The Shirley Hilbert-Price Collection featured in the case includes a wide range of materials used to advocate for the ERA. The "Fighting for Justice" case features Anita Hill and her experiences at the University of Oklahoma during and after her testimony before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Supreme Court confirmation hearings about the sexual harassment she experienced while working for Clarence Thomas. Professor Hill's testimony bolstered conversations about sexual harassment across the nation and continues to be a litmus test for judging how much progress has been made since 1991 on gender-based harassment.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

You're invited

To a reception honoring our faculty

Hosted by
Dean Denise Stephens
of the University Libraries and
University Provost André–Denis Wright

Wednesday, September 6th
3:30 to 5 pm
Scholars Lounge, LL2
Bizzell Memorial Library

Contact mas@ou.edu with questions or accommodations

Data Management Plan Tool for Funding Online
September 6, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Online
Registration required. This workshop is an active learning "work-along" overview of the web portal DMPTool for creating a Data Management Plan (DMP).

MATLAB for Data Analysis
September 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bizzell LL123
Registration recommended. MATLAB is a tool used for calculations, analyzing data, visualizing data, and many other analysis tasks. In this workshop, we will explore how to interact with the MATLAB software and how to use MATLAB for data analysis with an example data set.

Visualization in R Using "ggplot2"
September 14, 2 - 4:30 p.m., Bizzell LL123
Registration recommended. This workshop is an active learning "code-along" overview of visualization using the popular R package 'ggplot2'. This is an expansion and extension of the R plotting materials presented in Data Carpentry, based around

principles of data visualization featured in [Survival Skills 101: Data-driven Visualizations](#)