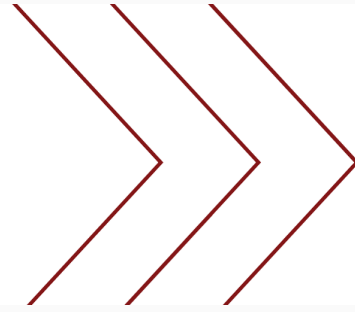




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**FACULTY NEWSLETTER**



Faculty and University Libraries employees gather for the 2023 faculty reception on September 6 hosted by the University Provost and the Dean of University Libraries in the Scholars Lounge of Bizzell Memorial Library.

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## **News and Announcements**

### **New OA Book Subvention Fund Applications Open Through October 15**

University of Oklahoma authors are invited to apply to the newly created Open Access

Book Subvention Fund to support the costs of publishing open access books through October 15. [Learn more.](#)

## **Libraries Announces Digital Scholarship and Data Services Unit**

The University Libraries Digital Strategies and Innovation division reorganized specific service areas 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.

These changes will enhance user experience, but its services and specialties remain the same: combining expertise to support researcher and scholarly endeavors in the digital realm through consultations, partnerships, and workshops.

For questions, contact [Tyler Pearson](#), director of DSDS.

## **WHC Preservation Project 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 during this period. Please contact [westernhistorycollections@ou.edu](mailto:westernhistorycollections@ou.edu) with any questions. Further information is available [on the UL website](#).

## **Newspaper Database Review**

A review of Libraries-subscribed newspaper databases has provided a recommendation to cease subscribing to the Nexis Uni database, effective July 2024. The recommendation is based on low usage, duplication of content, and a difficult search interface. Monies from the cancellation will be used to offset the cost of the [America's News](#) database. [More information](#), including a list of the databases covering the content provided in Nexis Uni, is available.

## **HathiTrust Seeks Paid eBook Focus Group Participants**

HathiTrust and the University of California Libraries are recruiting participants for a paid focus group study on the [future of e-books and digital lending within higher education](#). If you use e-books or e-book corpora for research purposes, or as a vital component of teaching and taking university courses, HathiTrust wants to hear from you – **please help shape the future of ebooks for higher education.**

Focus groups will take place online (via Zoom) and last approximately 1.5 hours. You will receive a \$75 Amazon e-gift card for participating. If you are interested, please complete this [questionnaire](#). If you have any questions, please contact the lead researcher Lin Li at [lin.li@uci.edu](mailto:lin.li@uci.edu).

## UL Adds Four New Student Works to Art Collection



University Libraries added four new student works of art this summer. The pieces hang in the Bizzell Memorial Library main stairwell, with other works by OU student artists. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about each piece.

## Faculty Reception Highlights



President Joseph Harroz, Dean of University Libraries Denise Stephens, and Provost André-Denis Wright gave remarks at the Libraries' annual faculty reception on September 6 in the Scholars Lounge of Bizzell Memorial Library.

## Open Access News

### Open Access Policy Update

The Norman campus open access policy, adopted by the Faculty Senate in May 2023,

has been approved by the Senior Vice President and Provost, effective August 15, 2023. The policy allows faculty to legally share their articles, making them available for anyone to read. Faculty are invited to [read the policy in full or learn more about it](#).

## World Bank Data Becomes Openly Accessible

In alignment with the World Bank's initiatives on openness, World Bank data is now [openly accessible](#). The Libraries provides access to seven World Bank resources covering documents, reports, data, finance, projects, operations, and archival materials.

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## Featured Resource

### University Libraries Tutorials

[OU Libraries' tutorials](#) offer convenient ways to learn more about the libraries and academic research strategies. On the tutorial pages, you'll find video tutorials, text tutorials, and interactive tutorials.

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## Profiles in Open

*University Libraries regularly features OU scholars publishing open access.*

### Dr. Sarah Breen

**Associate Professor at Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering  
Chair of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**



[Dr. Sarah Breen](#) (they/them) received their PhD in Biomechanics at the University of Limerick in 2012. Dr. Breen has been teaching at the university level for 10 years across three countries (Ireland, England, and the United States), and several degree programs (e.g. Sport Science, Physical Education, Health Promotion, and Engineering).

Dr. Breen is currently the Chair of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Associate Professor in the [Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering](#) at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Breen holds fellowships with the International Society of Biomechanics in Sport (ISBS), and the Higher Education Academy (HEA). Dr. Breen serves in a variety of service roles with several international societies. Dr. Breen is past Vice President, (Publications) for ISBS and currently supports the Black Biomechanists Association, the International Women in Biomechanics, and the Advancing Women in Biomechanics Groups.

Dr. Breen's primary area of research expertise is clinical biomechanics, and their research focuses on measuring human motion, with an emphasis on injury and clinical gait rehabilitation. Dr. Breen has also been recognized as a thought leader in the scholarship of technology enhanced learning, hosting several international workshops on online instruction in higher education. Dr. Breen received an OU Libraries [Alternative Textbook Grant](#) in 2022 for authoring openly licensed Biomedical Engineering lab manuals, ([Vol.1](#) and [Vol.2](#)).

[Visit Dr. Breen's profile](#) to read how OER has benefited their instruction and can be utilized to support diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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## Research Libraries Updates

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

### West Texas A&M to No Longer Require Paying for Textbooks

West Texas A&M University will no longer require students to buy textbooks starting next fall, President Walter Wendler said in a letter to students, faculty and staff. [Read more.](#)

### Achieving Open Science

Over a ten year period Carol Tenopir of DataONE and her team conducted a global survey of scientists, managers and government workers involved in broad environmental science activities about their willingness to share data and their opinion of the resources available to do so (Tenopir et al., [2011](#), [2015](#), [2018](#), [2020](#)). Comparing the responses over that time shows a general increase in the willingness to share data (and thus engage in Open Science). [Read more.](#)

### Copyright Office Issues Notice of Inquiry on Copyright and AI

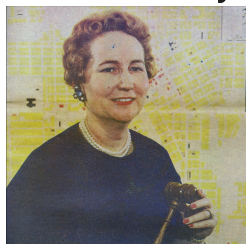
Last month, the U.S. Copyright Office issued a [notice of inquiry \(NOI\)](#) in the *Federal Register* on copyright and artificial intelligence (AI). The Office is undertaking a study of the copyright law and policy issues raised by generative AI and is assessing whether legislative or regulatory steps are warranted. [Read more.](#)

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## Exhibits at the University Libraries

### Oklahoma's Women Warriors

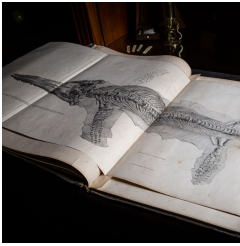
**Western History Collections, Monnet Hall Room 300, Through January 2024**



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.

### Mother of Dragons: The Life and Discoveries of Mary Anning Bizzell Main Floor, 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.

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## Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

### Software Carpentry Python Lesson

**September 22 and 29, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bizzell LL123**

[Registration required](#). Python is a popular programming language for scientific computing, and great for general-purpose programming as well. This is a 2-part (two consecutive Fridays) beginner-level workshop for researchers presented by OU Libraries. Our workshops cover better practices for research, data, coding, and communication. No prior experience is needed (i.e. no prerequisites).

### Presentations: Concepts and Practice

**October 10, Bizzell LL123**

[Registration opens September 19](#). This introductory workshop is targeted toward faculty, staff, post-docs, graduate students, and undergraduate students who want to make effective and memorable presentations. Our presentation coaches will discuss use of visual aids, visual aid design tips (including color palettes, font choices, and layouts), narrative and structure, and delivery of the presentation.

### Version Control Using Git and GitHub

**October 13, Bizzell LL123**

[Registration opens September 22](#). Version control is a name used for software that can help you record changes you make to the files in a directory on your computer. This workshop will introduce the concepts of version control and introduce the tools [Git](#) (software) and [GitHub](#) (cloud service). This workshop is for beginners and no previous experience with Git or version control is required.

### Nightmare on Research Street

**October 31, 3 - 4 p.m., Bizzell LL118 and Online**

[Registration opens October 10](#). Nightmare on Research Street is UL's annual Halloween Party about the horrors of losing your research, classwork, scholarship, or notes! Participants and librarians will hear and share stories of lost work, confusing file names, and notes-to-self-gone-wrong to prompt discussion. We'll also announce the winners of the Nightmare on Research Street [Social Media Contest](#). Let's learn from each other and keep our hard work safe!

Pizza and drinks are available for all in-person attendees. All levels are welcome: undergraduate students, graduate students, postdocs, staff, and faculty from all disciplines.



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