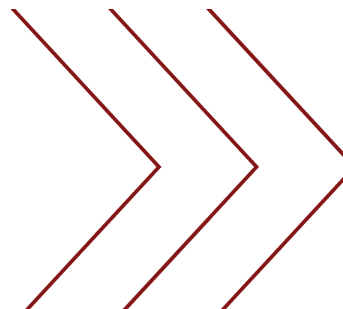




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View of Bizzell Memorial Library in the snow.

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News and Announcements

Alternative Textbook Grant Applications Open Today

[Alternative Textbook Grant applications are open January 15 - March 24, 2025.](#) The Alternative Textbook Grant is an initiative of OU Libraries. Its primary goal is to compensate instructors for the work required to abandon costly course materials in favor of open educational resources or other course materials free to students. The primary metric of success for this initiative is a reduction in what students spend on

course materials. The grant started in 2014 and accepts applications annually in January of each year. OU Libraries will award up to \$2,500 dollars to successful grantees, with some colleges providing additional funds.

Open Educational Resources Librarian Morgan Briles will host a virtual Alternative Textbook Grant Information Session on January 30, 10 - 11 a.m. [Please register](#) if you plan to attend.

Featured Resources

Resources for Spring Semester

University Libraries can help you prepare for spring classes. Faculty can [request a library instruction session](#), consult with [liaison librarians](#), and [much more](#)!

Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center

Located on Lower Level 2 of Bizzell Memorial Library, the Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center is a space dedicated to supporting the research and teaching needs of OU faculty and graduate students in a central campus location. [Read more.](#)

Exhibits at the University Libraries



A Celebration of 120 Years of the Pride of Oklahoma!

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2025

Co-curated by former members of the PRIDE and University Libraries, this multimedia exhibition will celebrate twelve decades of the PRIDE of Oklahoma, including physical material from the PRIDE's archives with a large array of historical photographs from the Western History Collections' [University Archives](#).



The Red Dress Collection

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2025

In celebration of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts' centenary year (1924 - 2024), *The Red Dress Collection* represents the unique, creative, and collaborative art form that is costume design.



Atomic Era Materials from the Special Research Collections

5th Floor of Bizzell

You've seen the film, now learn more about the Atomic Era and Oppenheimer in the History of Science Collections. Primary sources, including some from the recently processed [Jens Rud Nielsen Archive](#) are on display, and secondary sources are available in the Reading Nook.



Newbery Award 100th Anniversary

Main Floor of Bizzell

2022 marked the 100th anniversary of the John Newbery Medal, awarded to each year's "most distinguished contributions to American literature for children." The winners displayed in this exhibit are available for checkout.

Research Libraries Updates

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

ARL Tracking AI Bills

The Association of Research Libraries continually monitors attempts to legislate artificial intelligence. The latest update on this legislation is available in the ARL's December 2024 Policy Briefing. [Read more.](#)

Peer Reviewing Sources: A Framework-Informed Approach to Information Literacy in First-Year Writing

Scholarship on peer review has demonstrated its value for students. Standard peer review processes, however, tend to focus on students' writing rather than their engagement with the sources they work with, leaving the evaluation of students' information literacy skills to instructors. Researchers observed in interview transcripts that minoritized students, in some cases, had very different experiences with sources than their majoritized peers. [Read more.](#)

New Works Enter Public Domain

On January 1, 2025, thousands of copyrighted works from 1929 entered the US public domain, along with sound recordings from 1924. These works are free for all to copy, share, and build upon. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Increase Your Impact with Open Access

January 22, 1 - 2 p.m., Bizzell Community Room (LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

February 4, 10 - 11 a.m., Bizzell Community Room (LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

Registration required. University Libraries will begin hosting a series of workshops to promote and educate the academic community on how to deposit on FAS and SHAREOK, as well as the services UL provides to support faculty in making their research more accessible. For any questions, please contact the workshop instructor at scholarlycommunication@ou.edu.

Alternative Textbook Grant Information Session

January 30, 10 - 11 a.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) Interested in learning more about [Open Educational Resources](#)?

Have a few questions about the [Alternative Textbook Grant](#)? Come join Open Educational Resources Librarian Morgan Briles for a virtual Alternative Textbook Grant Information session. Come with your questions and get answers about Open Textbooks, OU Libraries' Alternative Textbook Grant, and how you can embrace academic freedom while saving your students money. For more information, please contact [Morgan Briles](#).

Survival Skills: Using Computers for Scholarly Research

February 10, 1 - 2 p.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) This introductory workshop is targeted towards scholars, practitioners, and researchers who are interested in using data analysis and digital humanities tools in projects for research, teaching, and service. This workshop provides more basics about how these tools work in general, allowing you to consider if new tools are right for your research process. For any questions, please contact the workshop instructor [Claire Curry](#).

Survival Skills: Managing Research Files

February 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) Managing Research Files will help you improve the organization of your research, scholarly, and class documents to make finding and sharing your work easier. For any questions, please contact the workshop instructor [Amanda Schilling](#).



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