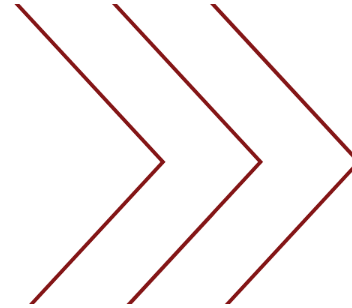




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Student in the stacks of Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

Pitfalls & Epiphanies Lecture

Faculty, students, and the broader community are invited to University Libraries' next [Pitfalls & Epiphanies](#) lecture on Tuesday, February 17 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room (Bizzell LL118).



This lecture series focuses on the behind-the-scenes process of research and scholarship. Please join us for Professor Ralph Beliveau's lecture, "Abjection, Epiphany and The Weird: What Horror Taught Me About Doing Scholarship."

Alternative Textbook Grant Applications Open

[Alternative Textbook Grant applications are open until March 22, 2026.](#)

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.

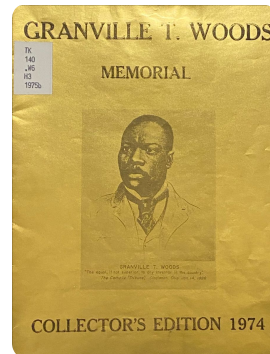
Open Educational Resources Librarian Morgan Briles will host a virtual Alternative Textbook Grant Information Session on Wednesday, February 18 at 2 - 3 p.m. [Please register](#) if you plan to attend.

Featured Resource

Research Information Specialists

OU Libraries' [research information specialists](#) are available for open office hours and consultations on research processes and tools.

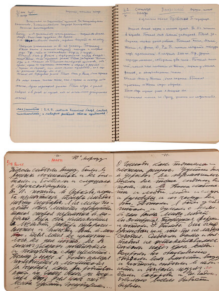
Exhibits at the University Libraries



Selections from the Collections in Celebration of Black History month

5th Floor of Bizzell, Through February 2026

This pop-up display features materials on abolition and slavery, inventor Granville T. Woods, and author Samuel R. Delany from the Special Research Collections in Bizzell.



Russia's Romanovs in War, Revolution and Exile, 1916 - 2016: Stories from a Family Archive

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2026

Featuring newly acquired artifacts and materials from the library's Special Research Collections, this exhibit focuses on the members of the Romanov family who survived the revolution and eventually emigrated to America, where they became patrons of other Russian immigrants. The exhibit situates the family stories in the larger story of how emigres and exiles build new lives in new countries, while also trying to preserve and advance the culture of the country they were forced to flee.



Storytelling, Media, and the Impact of Journalism and Mass Communication at OU

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2026

This exhibit explores the legacy, groundbreaking stories, and transformative role of the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication and the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism. In honor of the 25th anniversary of Gaylord College and 112 years of journalism at OU, this exhibit celebrates the past, present, and future of media. Exhibit items will come from areas represented in Gaylord College, including creative media production, print and broadcast journalism, advertising, public relations, and professional writing, including many historical images from the University Archives Special Research Collection.



Digging the Past; Preserving the Future

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Summer 2026

This exhibition looks at the history of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, past and current field projects, and their stewardship of Oklahoma cultural and material heritage, including the most famous archaeological site in the state: Spiro Mounds.

Research Libraries Updates

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

The Copyright Conversation

Library Journal recently convened a roundtable of experts to weigh in on the latest developments in a topic that is central to the library profession: copyright. [Read more.](#)

Could AI Save Endangered Archives? A Kenyon College Cohort Aims to Find Out

Deterioration is endangering historical archives across the country. A group of

students and faculty at Kenyon College, in rural north central Ohio, believes artificial intelligence could be the key to rescuing them. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Software Carpentry: Intro to Unix Shell

February 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Collaborative Learning Classroom (Bizzell LL123)

[Registration required.](#) Learn the basics of the Unix/Linux shell (or command shell, or terminal), a powerful computing tool. Bash is key to accessing other computing resources such as supercomputers and remote resources.

Thinking Like a Librarian: On the Process of Creating Information

February 24, 11:00 - 11:50 a.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118)

[Registration required.](#) This workshop series explores special topics on the role of the library and information in academic, professional, and daily life.

Presentations: Concepts and Practices

February 25, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) 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 presentations.



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