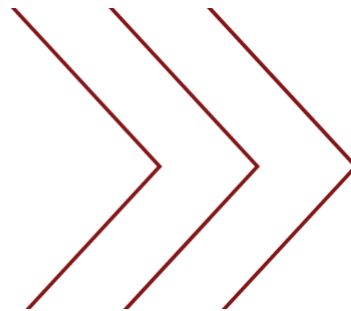




November 2025



Autumn scenery outside Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

UL Dean Discusses Library Modernization, Improvements

Dean of University Libraries Denise Stephens recently sat down with OU Daily to discuss changes to the libraries over the years, as well as the services available to students. [Read more.](#)

UL Hosts Harvard Librarian in Open Access Discussion

On November 13, University Libraries hosted Colleen Cressman, Harvard librarian for

Open Publishing, Open Scholarship and Research Data Services, for a faculty presentation examining how university open access policies support authors in a changing scholarly landscape. To learn more about the event and OU's Open Access Policy, [read more](#).

Bizzell Hours for Finals Prep Week

Bizzell Memorial Library will be open 24 hours through the Fall Final Exam Preparation Period (December 8 - 11). For all library hours, please visit the [OU Libraries Hours page](#).

Featured Resources

Faculty and Graduate Consultation Rooms

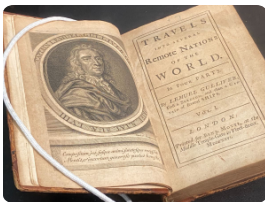
Consultation rooms are available for graduate students and faculty to meet with undergraduates in the Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center (Bizzell LL2). Each room includes a table and multiple chairs, and most include white-boards. [Read more](#).

SHAREOK Repository

[SHAREOK](#) is the joint institutional repository for the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). It serves as the home for the intellectual output of both institutions, such as: digital theses and dissertations, faculty publications, open access publications, open educational resources, institution-specific content and much more.

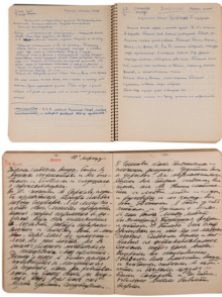
Digital assets placed in the repository are available to a global audience, and search engine optimization techniques are used to increase their visibility to researchers and thus their impact on the global community.

Exhibits at the University Libraries



Selections from the Special Research Collections **5th Floor of Bizzell, Through Fall 2025**

The current display in the 5th floor Special Research Collection in Bizzell features materials that were donated to OU Libraries or were acquired through generous financial support. Gift books on view come from the Bass Business History Collection and the Nichols Collection, including items from donors Walter and Dot Neustadt, George Lynn Cross, and George C. and Cecilia McGhee. More items on display from the History of Science Collections were acquired through the generous support of Joe Castiglione and OU's Athletic Program.



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.

Information in the Age of Infocracy: Recalibrating the Definition of Information for Library Instruction

In this article, Research Librarian Richard M. Cho from the University of California, Irvine delineates the emerging discourses on information and offers insights from his own attempts to engage students with its evolving nature in his library instruction sessions. [Read more.](#)

Far Out: Pushing the Boundaries of Academic Library Outreach

Although library outreach programs are not new, the wide array of programs offered has expanded—wellness, cultural awareness, creative activities, and perennials like open houses and information literacy workshops. But why do academic libraries spend time, money, and energy on outreach? [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Repetitive Tasks in R

December 5, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) Learning how and when to automate tasks makes your research workflow more efficient, more reproducible, and less error-prone. This workshop is an active learning "code-along" overview of how to automate repetitive tasks while programming in R. Repetitive tasks can include performing the same calculation, set of tasks, or import on multiple datasets or R objects. For any questions, please contact the [instructor](#).



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