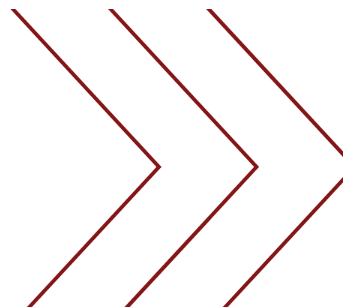
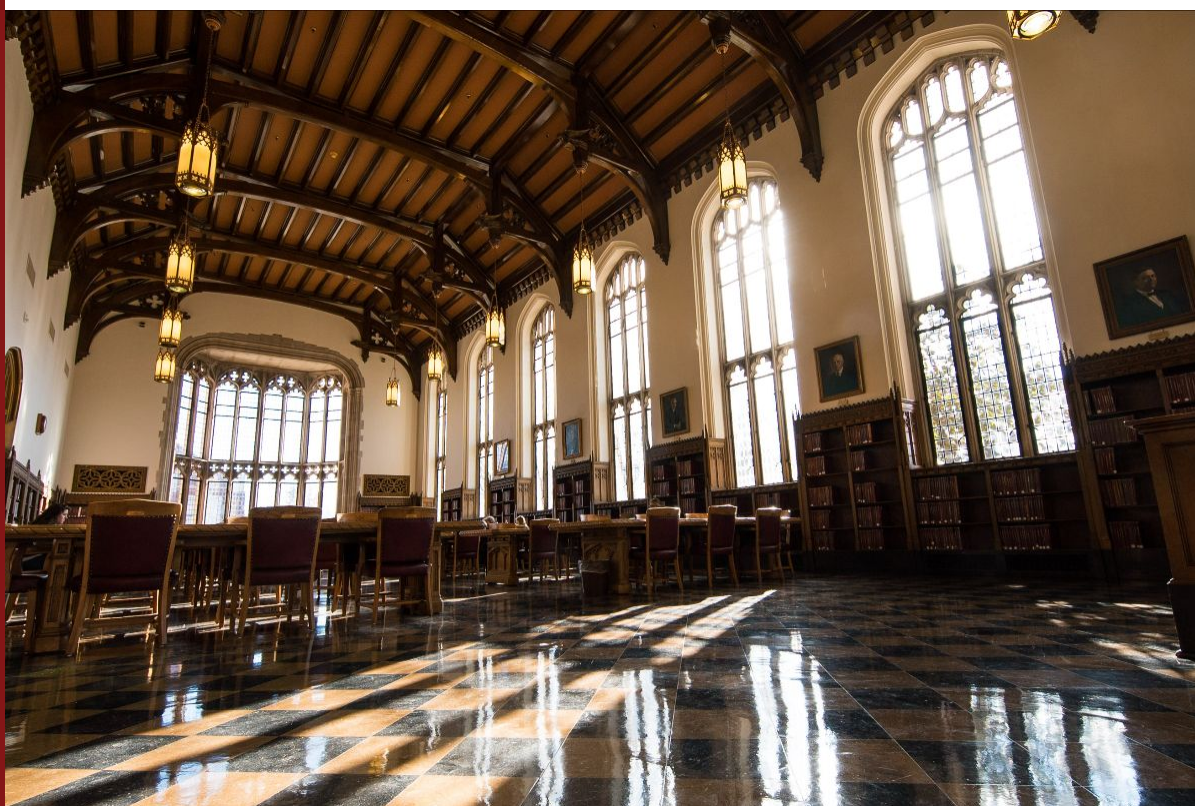




April 2025



The Great Reading Room of Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

Increase Your Impact with Open Access

OU Libraries is taking a bold step in advancing open scholarship with the launch of our campus-wide OA Policy, ensuring that faculty research reaches the widest possible

audience—at no cost to readers. Beginning with articles published in 2025, this policy empowers faculty to share their work more openly. To support your participation, OU Libraries is [offering an “Increase Your Impact” Workshop series](#). These hands-on sessions will guide you through the process of depositing articles in the Faculty Activity System or SHAREOK, equipping you with the tools and strategies needed for a seamless transition.

The next workshop will be today at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Bizzell Community Room (LL118). [Registration is required.](#) Join us to make the most of this initiative and amplify the visibility of your research. Bring a device—these interactive workshops will help you take actionable steps toward open access success! We also invite you to participate in the [OA Digital Passport](#).

For any questions, please contact the workshop instructors at scholarlycommunication@ou.edu.

Pitfalls & Epiphanies: OU Libraries Faculty Lecture Series

Faculty, students, and the broader community are invited to University Libraries' next [Pitfalls & Epiphanies](#) lecture on Tuesday, April 22 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Bizzell Community Room (LL118).



This lecture will be presented by Dr. Farina King, Associate Professor and Horizon Endowed Chair of Native American Ecology and Culture. Her primary area of research is colonial and post-colonial Indigenous studies, mainly Indigenous experiences in colonizing forms of education, such as at federal American Indian boarding schools. Her research traces the changes in Diné educational experiences through the twentieth century, using a hybrid approach of the Diné Sacred Four Directions. She has facilitated oral histories with Diné boarding school survivors, involving former students of the Intermountain Indian School, Crownpoint Indian Boarding School, Tuba City Boarding School, Leupp Boarding School, and Kayenta Boarding School.

For questions about the lecture or for accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact amanda.schilling@ou.edu or libpr@ou.edu.

Finals Week Hours

Bizzell Memorial Library will be open 24-hours through Finals Week (starting at 12 a.m. Monday, May 5 through 9 p.m. Friday, May 9). For all OU Libraries locations' hours, please [check our website](#).

Featured Resource

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.

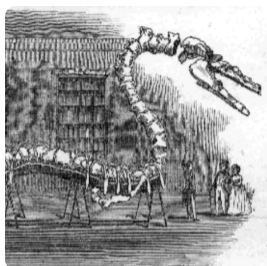
Exhibits at the University Libraries



A Celebration of 120 Years of the Pride of Oklahoma!

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2025

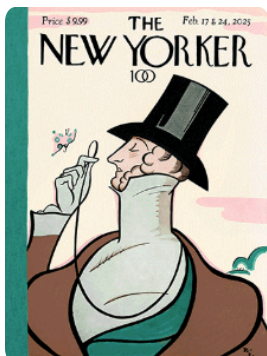
Co-curated by former members of the PRIDE and University Libraries, this multimedia exhibition will celebrate twelve decades of the PRIDE of Oklahoma, including physical material from the PRIDE's archives with a large array of historical photographs from the Western History Collections' [University Archives](#).



Hoaxes and Humbugs

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Memorial Day

This exhibit examines significant hoaxes and frauds which have plagued scientific communities. These instances serve to remind us of the importance of critical thinking and assessment, as well as the self-correcting nature of science.



Periodicals as Primary Sources

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Memorial Day

OU Libraries maintains a robust collection of periodicals ranging from popular magazines to peer-reviewed journals. Available physically, digitally, or a combination of the two, several collections stretch back over a century. *The New Yorker* celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.



Periodicals in the Special Research Collections **5th Floor of Bizzell, Through Memorial Day**

As a tie-in to the *Periodicals* exhibit on the main floor, a selection of periodicals are also on display from these collections: Bass Business History, Nichols, and the History of Science Collections.

Research Libraries Updates

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

Fear and Politics: Today's Climate in Academic Libraries

"Academic Library Workers in Conversation" is a C&RL News series focused on elevating the everyday conversations of library professionals. Each of the topics in the series were proposed by the authors, and they were given space to explore. This conversation is about the current political climate for academic libraries and how library workers can support each other. [Read more.](#)

Explainable AI: An Agenda for Explainability Activism

If artificial intelligence (AI), particularly generative AI, is an opaque "black box," how are we able to trust it and make the technology accountable? One path is through explainability: the capacity of AI tools and services to explain their outcomes, recommendations, or decisions. Academic libraries need to adopt a multifaceted approach to explainability to ensure intelligent systems meet (and hopefully exceed) our expectations for authority, credibility, and accuracy. [Read more.](#)

Gen Z, New Student Orientations, and Information Overload

Information overload (IO) has become a pervasive concept in both librarianship and the broader media landscape of the 2020s. Gen Z does not want to be given information; they want to actively participate in their learning and the information given to be relevant to their daily lives. University of Arkansas Libraries took this into account when deciding to redesign their approach to the campus-wide New Student Orientation (NSO). [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Increase Your Impact with Open Access

April 15, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Bizzell Community Room (LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

April 30, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Bizzell Community Room (LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

University Libraries proudly showcases our commitment to open scholarship through OU's new campus-wide [Open Access Policy](#)., effective 2025. Join us to learn more about the tools, resources, and support available to help faculty and researchers embrace open access and make a lasting impact in their fields! For any questions, please e-mail scholarlycommunication@ou.edu.

Your Impact Matters: Research Impact Metrics for Your Dossier

April 16, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Virtual

[Registration required](#). In this short workshop, you'll learn how to accurately report your publications' impact on the academic community and beyond. Citation tracking tools are not perfect, but they are a great starting point for measuring impact. We'll look at two: Web of Science and Google Scholar. For any questions, please contact the [workshop instructor](#).

Visualization in R Using "ggplot2"

April 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bizzell Collaborative Learning Classroom (LL123)

[Registration required](#). 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](#). For any questions, please contact the [workshop instructor](#).



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