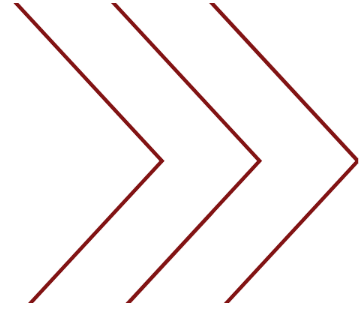
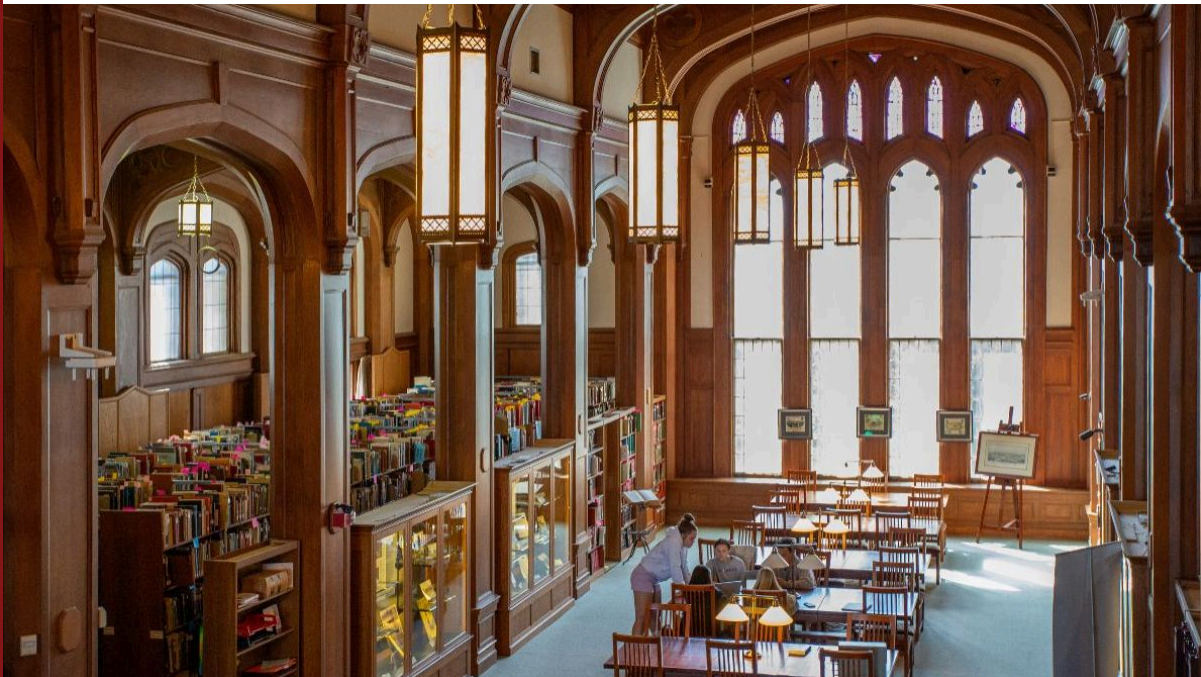




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View of the Western History Collections reading room.

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News and Announcements

Alternative Textbook Grant Applications Open Today

[Alternative Textbook Grant applications are open January 20 - 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 January 29, 10 - 11 a.m. [Please register](#) if you plan to attend.

OU Libraries Launches Redesigned Website

In an effort to better serve students, faculty, and staff, OU Libraries has launched a comprehensive redesign of our website. The updated site, which will remain at libraries.ou.edu, offers a modern look, simplified navigation, and improved organization so users can more easily find the resources and services they need. [Read more.](#)

OU Librarians Publish Article

OU Librarians Karie Antell, Todd Fuller, Jay Shorten, Jackie Slater Reese, and Jennifer Watson along with former OU Librarians Bailey Hoffner and Eugene (Joey) Albin have published "[How to Describe a Massacre? A Collaborative Metadata Justice Project](#)" in *Collaborative Librarianship*.

Love Data Week

Celebrate [Love Data Week](#) with OU Libraries, February 9 - 13! OU Libraries participates in International Love Data Week each year by offering workshops, designed and led by librarians, that teach data and research skills. These workshops include our Survival Skills series, which focuses on beginner level data and computing concepts to help you with organization and workflow. Participants can also join the Level-Up League, a software development community where we play, game, and discuss why video games have the magic they do.

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."

Featured Resources

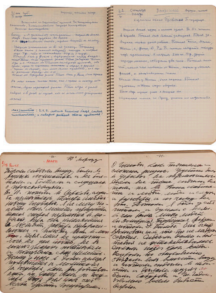
Research Lifecycle

The [Research Lifecycle](#) encompasses the full journey of scholarly inquiry—from the initial idea to the dissemination and preservation of results. OU Libraries supports researchers at every stage with expert consultants, services, and platforms.

Resources for Spring Semester

University Libraries can help you prepare for your Spring 2026 classes. Faculty can [request a library instruction session](#), consult with [liaison librarians](#), and [much more!](#)

Exhibits at the University Libraries



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.

Creating a Culture of Care: A Case Study of Finals Week Activities & Student Wellbeing Assessment

This case study investigates the role of Auburn University Libraries (AUL) in enhancing student wellbeing during finals week, a period characterized by elevated stress and anxiety levels among students. In light of rising mental health concerns within college populations, this research aims to assess the effectiveness of AUL's targeted initiatives designed to support students during this critical time. [Read more.](#)

From Subjects to Partners: Centering Participants in Library Assessment

This second part of *C&RL News'* Making Assessment Matter series focuses on enabling librarians to use the results of their assessment projects. At its most impactful, assessment is not something done to students, faculty, or other library constituents but rather with them. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Library Carpentry: Data Cleaning with OpenRefine

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

[Registration required.](#) OpenRefine is a program used to clean and format data reproducibly with tracked changes. This workshop is targeted towards new users of OpenRefine working with tabular data. We will be working with a dataset of open-access articles from the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#).

Your Impact Matters: Research Impact Metrics for Your Dossier

February 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Online

[Registration required.](#) In this short workshop, you'll learn how to accurately report your publications' impact on the academic community and beyond through Web of Science, Google Scholar and Altmetrics for your academic tenure review.

Citation Management with Zotero

February 6, 1 - 2 p.m., Collaborative Learning Classroom (Bizzell LL123)

[Registration required.](#) Zotero is a free tool that allows you to automate much of the process of gathering, organizing, storing, and citing articles, books, and more. You can also create and manage a citation library with other people in a group - useful for classes, research groups, literature review projects, and other group efforts.



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