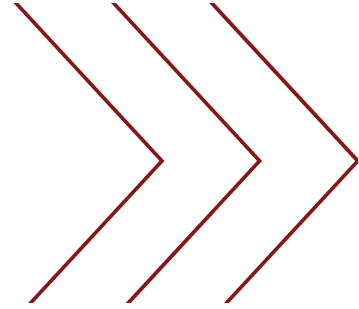
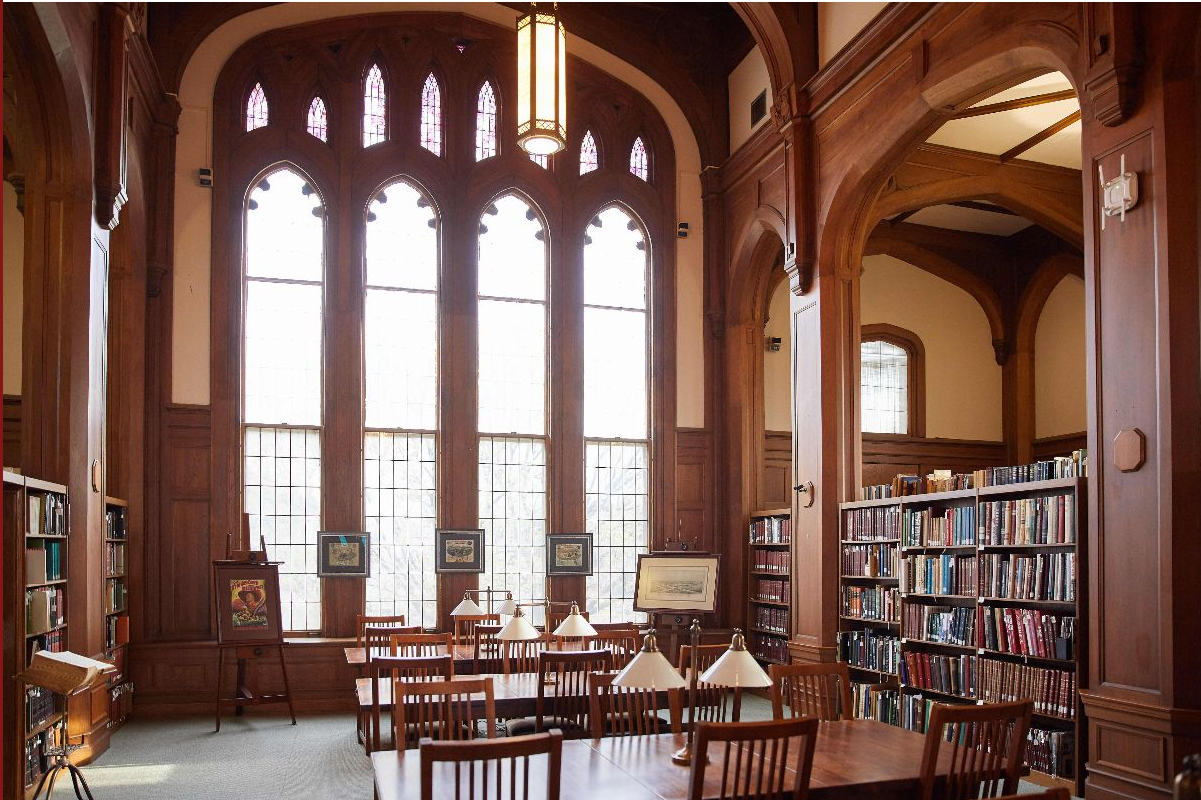




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View of the Western History Collections reading room.

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News and Announcements

2025 Alternative Textbook Grant Recipients

The University of Oklahoma Libraries has awarded 21 Alternative Textbook Grants to 16 faculty members for its 2025 cohort. Representing a range of colleges and

departments at OU, the grants are expected to save students nearly \$200,000 in textbook costs over a single semester. [Read more.](#)

Summer Hours

Be sure to check [OU Libraries' hours](#) for operating hours and closures over the summer.

Featured Resource

Resources for Fall Semester

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

Open Access Journals

OU Libraries is proud to partner with departments and organizations to publish faculty-driven, peer-reviewed [open access journals](#). Journals are published using [Open Journal Systems \(OJS\)](#), a collaborative, open source journal management software developed and maintained by the [Public Knowledge Project \(PKP\)](#) and used widely by institutions and communities around the globe.

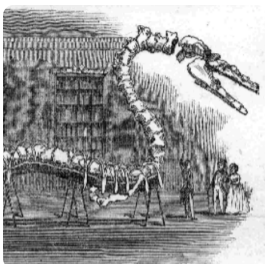
Exhibits at the University Libraries



A Celebration of 120 Years of the Pride of Oklahoma!

Main Floor of Bizzell, Through Spring 2025

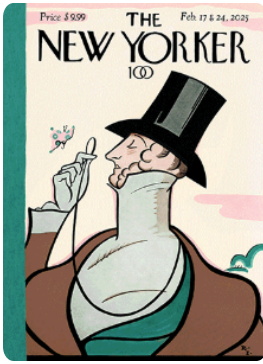
Co-curated by former members of the PRIDE and University Libraries, this multimedia exhibition will celebrate twelve decades of the PRIDE of Oklahoma, including physical material from the PRIDE's archives with a large array of historical photographs from the Western History Collections' [University Archives](#).



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.

Unlocking Minds: The Nexus of Reading Literacy and Cognitive Strategies in Educational Advancement

By providing access to a wide range of reading resources and hosting workshops on cognitive techniques, the University of Madura's library promotes a culture of reading and critical inquiry. Collaborations with faculty ensure that reading literacy and cognitive strategies are integrated into the curriculum, enhancing the learning experience and fostering intellectual growth, thus illustrating the transformative potential of these elements in educational advancement. [Read more.](#)

Preparing the Next Generation of Citizens: What Libraries Can Learn From Campus Civic Initiatives

Shamichael Hallman, Director of Civic Health and Economic Opportunity at the Urban Libraries Council, discusses fostering civic engagement and discourse with students and library patrons on campus and beyond. [Read more.](#)

Empowering Students Through Academic Resources

Academic librarians have always adapted to change, but today's pace—driven by advancements in technology and artificial intelligence—demands even quicker pivots. One key challenge is ensuring students have visibility of available tools, such as Libby or Kanopy, and can effectively use them while demonstrating responsible digital citizenship. They won't use tools if they don't know about them. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Increase Your Impact with Open Access

May 15, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

May 27, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

June 11, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

July 8, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

July 23, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118) - [Registration Link](#)

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 contact the workshop instructor at scholarlycommunication@ou.edu.



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