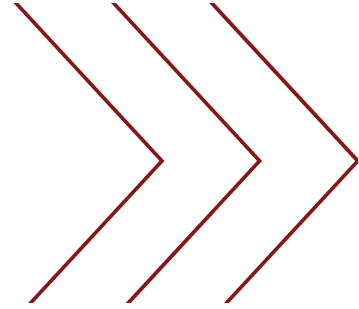




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Student studying in the stacks of Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

Faculty Invited to Share Research Through Open Access Policy

Faculty on the Norman campus at the University of Oklahoma now have a new way to

expand the reach of their scholarship, thanks to OU's open access policy and the SHAREOK repository.

By placing their work in [SHAREOK, OU's institutional repository](#), faculty make their articles freely available online, where they are indexed by Google and viewed by readers worldwide. Approved by the OU Faculty Senate in 2023, the policy says that OU faculty and the Board of Regents retain distribution rights to published research starting in 2025.

"Open access directly supports [OU's strategic goal](#) of becoming a top-tier public research institution," said Jessica Davila, associate dean for digital strategies and innovation. "When faculty scholarship is discoverable without paywalls, it increases citations, broadens impact and elevates OU's research profile globally." [Read more.](#)

Open Access Week

October 20 - 26 is [International Open Access Week](#)! Celebrate with University Libraries by joining us for OA Week events:

- **OA/AI "Fill-in-the-blank" Word Game**

October 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bizzell Main Floor

Is artificial intelligence (AI) impacting you, your research, scholarship, publishing, and understanding of open access (OA)? Tell us about it! Join us for a quick, free, in-person OA/AI "Fill-in-the-Blank" Word Game centered on the intersection of open access and artificial intelligence. Play the game, win a prize, and contribute your thoughts on the impact of OA and AI.

- **Open Access Jeopardy!**

October 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118)

[Registration required.](#) Join us for a lively, in-person round of Open Access Jeopardy!, where knowledge is free and fun is guaranteed! Test your wits and learn about the world of open access publishing, copyright, Creative Commons licensing, and more! Whether you're a seasoned open access advocate, or just interested in learning more, this event is designed to be interactive, educational and fun! You might even win a prize! Light refreshments will be provided. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

Interlibrary Loan Service Update

Due to the [suspension of duty-free de minimis treatment](#) in August 2025, the Interlibrary Loan department is unable to lend or borrow print materials internationally. Under de minimis treatment packages of goods valued under \$800 were exempt from tariffs which allowed international lending at an affordable cost to University Libraries. The suspension of duty-free de minimis has resulted in a suspension of service to the US from many European, Asian, and Pacific postal services. We will continue to offer electronic delivery from and to international lenders. We will continue to monitor the situation and resume lending when circumstances allow.

Nightmare on Research Street Contest

Tell us your scariest story about losing your work. Did you overwrite your final paper the day before it was due? Film your video project on a corrupted memory card? Or worse? We can't wait to hear, and we've got suggestions for how to avoid this in the future!

Submissions are due at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 27. The top three crowd favorites from our Nightmare on Research Street competition will win [a rugged, high-quality 2 TB external hard drive!](#) To learn more, [check the contest rules](#).

Featured Resource

Open Access Journals

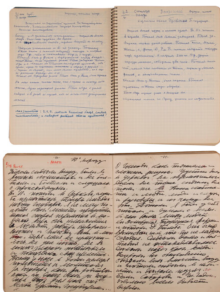
OU Libraries is proud to partner with departments and organizations to publish faculty-driven, peer-reviewed [open access journals](#). Journals are published using [Open Journal Systems \(OJS\)](#), a collaborative, open source journal management software developed and maintained by the [Public Knowledge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

Exhibits at the University Libraries



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.



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 will explore 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.



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.

Research Libraries Updates

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

How Library Consortia are Building Resilient Open Infrastructure in Times of Crisis

New research reveals how US library consortia are evolving from service providers to critical bulwarks, using collective action and open infrastructure to help members navigate unprecedented financial and political pressures. [Read more.](#)

Making the Invisible Visible

The environmental impact of digital consumption remains largely invisible to students. While universities increasingly promote artificial intelligence (AI) and digital expansion, few students are encouraged to consider the environmental costs of these technologies. This article explores how information literacy sessions can highlight the resource use of online behaviors. Through interactive exercises and discussions, students understand how their digital habits contribute to global environmental challenges and learn sustainable digital practices. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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

Citation Management with Zotero

October 15, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Online

[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. For any questions, please contact the instructor at David.Rankin@ou.edu.

Increase Your Impact with Journal Publishing

October 16, 2 - 3 p.m., Community Room (Bizzell LL118)

[Registration required.](#) Are you looking to boost your scholarly impact? OU Libraries partners with OU faculty, staff, departments, and organizations to publish peer-reviewed open access journals in research fields ranging from education, literature, and the arts, to social work and politics. For any questions, please contact the workshop instructor Scholarlycommunication@ou.edu

Visualizations in Python Using Matplotlib

October 17, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Collaborative Learning Classroom (Bizzell LL123)

[Registration required.](#) [Matplotlib](#) is the most widely used scientific plotting library in [Python](#). This workshop will cover intermediate uses of matplotlib, including making different types of graphs, customizing graphs, and producing batches of graphs from raw data.



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