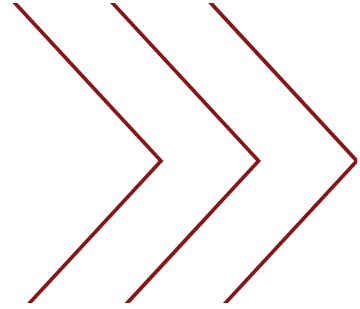




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Snow outside Bizzell Memorial Library.

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News and Announcements

Intersession Hours

Be sure to check the [OU Libraries Hours page](#) for operating hours and closures over Winter Break.

Featured Resources

Micro Tutorial on Fact-Checking ChatGPT

The University Libraries AI Working Group is excited to announce the release of a new micro tutorial, "[Fact-Checking ChatGPT](#)," created by Bianca Azartash-Namin, AI Literacy Project Librarian. This excellent tutorial helps students critically evaluate information generated by AI tools and provides practical strategies for verifying AI-assisted content.

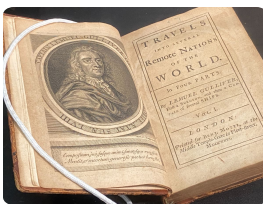
This tutorial represents a key deliverable of the UL's AI Research Support and Academic Success Action Team, which is developing a series of digital learning objects to support understanding of AI concepts, ethical AI use, and targeted AI applications for research and learning. It is also an important contribution to the campus AI Education Working Group's "AI 101 Student Tutorial," which will launch in Spring 2026.

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

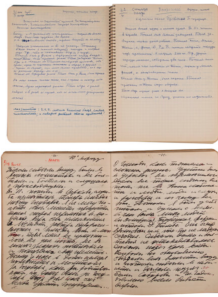
Leaving Soon



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.

Current Exhibits



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.

A New Paradigm for Librarianship: A Review of Library Associations' Work and AI from 2019 Until the Present

This article reviews how library associations worldwide have shaped the profession's engagement with Artificial Intelligence (AI) from 2019 to the present. During this period, AI has driven a paradigm shift in librarianship, influencing professional practice, education, policy, and global advocacy. [Read more.](#)

The Post-Graduation Transition

Academic Library Workers in Conversation is a *C&RL News* series focused on elevating the everyday conversations of library professionals. This issue's conversation discusses the transition from graduate student to librarian, building relationships, and the unspoken rules that shape libraries. [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

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.



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