

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## Kresge Library



## Fall 2019 eNewsletter

## Message from the Dean

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2019-20 academic year represents a time of transition in the leadership of OU Libraries. It is my honor to serve as interim dean and to provide institutional continuity. I am very grateful to Dr. Amanda Hess for serving as interim associate dean as well. The search process for selecting a new library dean is well under way and we look forward its successful completion.

Even as the leadership is in transition, the pace of accomplishments and the enthusiasm for new initiatives is as high as always:



- [Research Help](#) services are piloting a new model of on-call research help, offering extensive FAQs online and meeting students where they are digitally through chat and email.
- [Dominique Daniel](#), Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections, continues to encourage donations of materials about OU's history to be added to our archival collections, most recently in an [Oakland Post article](#).
- [Julia Rodriguez](#), Scholarly Communications Librarian, has headed up a campus-wide [Affordable Course Materials Initiative](#) to move the needle on student expenses for textbooks.
- [Anne Zacharias](#), Outreach Librarian, is in the process of bringing new events that focus on inclusion and on breaking through common social stereotypes. More as details are finalized.
- [Amanda Hess](#) has headed up a task force charged with researching and developing a proposal for the re-envisioning of how we utilize the south wing of our main floor.

OU Libraries continue to offer welcoming learning environments and library collections and services to help students, faculty, staff, and community researchers meet their academic goals and enrich their learning. "Knowledge Unbound" is a befitting motto encapsulating the intent behind our selection of relevant resources to include in the libraries' electronic and print collections, the choice of meaningful digital and physical access to them, and the development of



library services to best unlock the potential for new knowledge in every library experience.

We are excited to have another successful academic year!

Kindly,

*Mariela Hristova*

Interim Dean, University Libraries

## Faculty / Staff Focus

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**Molly McGuire**

*Assistant Professor, Digital Strategies Librarian*

OU Libraries welcome Molly McGuire, who joined our faculty in September 2019. Previously, Molly has worked primarily in the museum field, focusing on digital projects at institutions such as the Princeton University Art Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the National Portrait Gallery. She is interested in how libraries, archives, and museums can collaborate to make our cultural heritage accessible in new and innovative ways.

## Noteworthy

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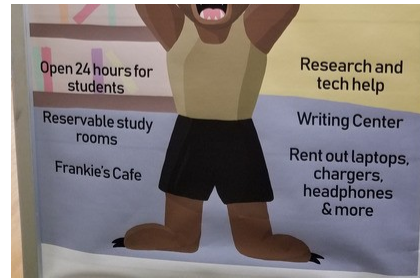
### Welcome Week - Winning Poster

OU has sponsored a welcome week poster contest for the first time this year, asking different areas to design a creative poster or sign that welcomes students during the first week of classes. Two library student employees volunteered to create a welcome



poster and display it in the library lobby... and WON the contest.

Congratulations to Christina Reso and Jessica Nelson!



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### Presentation Practice Room

A generous donation to the library has enabled us to start an exciting project of establishing a Presentation Practice Room. Such a room will allow students to develop their public speaking skills by recording themselves giving a practice run of their presentations and analyzing the recordings. During the summer, a task force began researching and planning the room; sound proofing and equipment installation will begin as soon as finals end in December; we are outfitting the room with presentation-related technology, a lectern, and the necessary setup to record either using our camera or one's own cell phone. We look forward to making the Presentation Practice Room a reality.

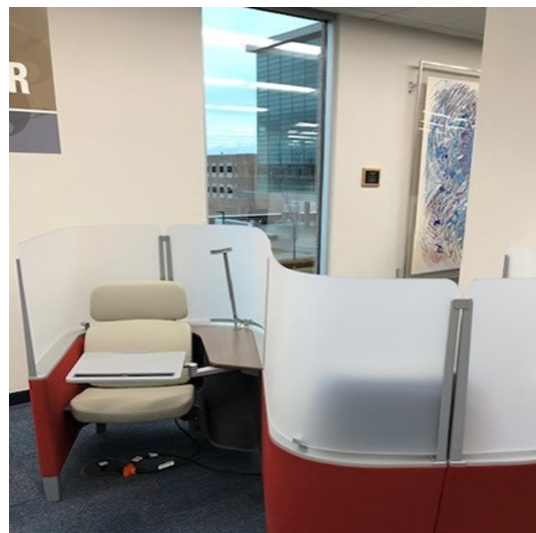
[See more about naming opportunities within Kresge Library.](#)

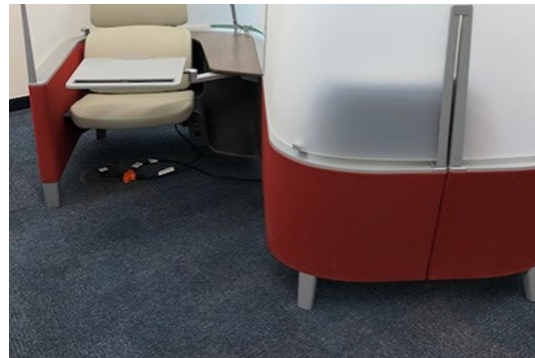
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### Updated Furniture on 3rd Floor

Earlier this year, OU Libraries updated some of the furniture on our quiet floor, introducing comfortable soft-seating and contemporary study carrels that offer power outlets and table lights to support focused, individual study. Study carrels in libraries have come a long way!

We look forward to future opportunities to update furniture in more areas of the building.





## Recent Library Events

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### Treasures of the OU Archives: A White Glove Event featuring The Charles Dickens Collection

On September 17, OU Libraries hosted a private event at which Professor Emily Spunaugle delivered an engaging presentation unraveling the double mystery of Charles Dickens's *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* and Professor Dominique Daniel shared the story of the lifelong philanthropy of Florine Trumbull. We appreciate the time and commitment of the many library supporters who joined us!

### Caring for Rare and Old Books - Workshop

On November 6, OU Libraries hosted a workshop delivered by Sean Ferguson of the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC). The workshop was open to the public and very well attended. Special thanks go to Professor Dominique Daniel, who made this workshop possible in part by a [preservation assistance grant](#) for smaller institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Upcoming Library Events

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### Finals Week Events

Every semester, OU Libraries organize a number of fun events during the week of finals to offer students a study break and a way to recharge for the long hours of intensive study in the library -- chair massages, snacks, henna painting, knitting and crocheting lessons. The highlight event, Pause for Puppies, remains popular semester after semester and now includes over a dozen dogs that visit the library. We are grateful to have the sponsorship of

[Oakland University Credit Union](#) for these events.

### Literature to Film Book Club

On the first Tuesday of every month, we hold a book club discussion at 6pm in KL 225B. Upcoming [book/film discussions](#) include:

- December 3, 2019 - ***Marnie*** by Winston Graham
- January 7, 2020 - ***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas

[See our full event calendar for Fall 2019.](#)

## Giving to Kresge Library

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### Donor Impact: Teckla Rhoads

Teckla Rhoads, generous supporter of the library and current chair of the Kresge Library Board for Advocacy and Resource Development, has established a blended gift that will allow the library to continue to make a difference in students' academic experiences and in their access to educational resources.

[Read more from the OU Magazine.](#)



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OU Libraries are proud to be part of [Aspire. Advance. Achieve. The Campaign for Oakland University.](#) Through support from our community, we will bring innovation to the library through five campaign priorities: student success; teaching, research and discovery; community collaboration; innovative programs; and campus expansion.

If you would like more information on supporting the campaign with a current or

planned gift to OU Libraries, please contact Lynn Fisher at (248) 370-4313 or by email at [lfisher3@oakland.edu](mailto:lfisher3@oakland.edu).

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