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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Winter 2019 eNewsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Since I arrived at Oakland in September 2015, many exciting programs, events and initiatives have been implemented at OU Libraries, enabling students and faculty across campus to engage in collaborative research, hands-on learning and much more. Highlights of our collective accomplishments include: opening of the Krompart-Hildebrand Digitization Lab and the Mike Roger Collection of congressional papers and documents; digitization of student newspapers; and a Makerspace to inspire student collaboration and creativity.

We have increased student access to scholarly information critical to their education and success through the promotion of affordable textbooks and the adoption of Open Educational Resources across campus. We have provided quality research assistance and information literacy instruction to our community of scholars, and increased engagement



with our local communities through events, cultural celebrations and shared programs.

Through the development of a strong strategic plan for the library, in conjunction with the launch of the University's largest comprehensive campaign, OU Libraries is poised for continued success.

While I have enjoyed working with each of you and have learned much here at OU, I have informed Provost Lentini of my intention to retire effective August 15, 2019. It has truly been my privilege to serve as dean of University Libraries. However, for me personally, it is time to move back home to my family in New York, to spend time working on personal projects, and to do a bit of fishing.

A national search for the next dean will commence soon, and I will do what I can to make sure there is a smooth transition. Thank you for your continued friendship and support as we pursue the next chapter of OU Libraries.

Yours truly,

Stephen P. Weiter, Dean
University Libraries

KRESGE LIBRARY FLOOD UPDATE

By now, most of you have heard the news about the unfortunate flood that occurred in Kresge Library due to the frigid temperatures we experienced a couple of weeks ago. A water pipe burst in the ceiling over Frankie's Cafe during the early morning hours on February 1. Restoration experts were called in immediately to extract the standing water, remove damaged equipment/materials, and begin remediation of all areas impacted. Significant water damage to the first and second floors caused the library to close for seven days.

Kresge Library was able to reopen most of the building to the campus community on February 7, with limited hours of operation and limited availability of some services. It remains unclear at this point when the library will be able to resume full operations on a 24-hour basis. A decision will be made when all areas affected by flooding have been remediated and deemed safe for public use.



Areas of the library that are currently inaccessible include Frankie's Cafe, some meeting and study rooms, and the entire lower floor. In addition, some library services – including

Archives and Special Collections access, the Makerspace and others – may be offline or available on a limited basis until further notice.

We appreciate your support and patience during this time as we work tirelessly to make the library accessible for students 24/7.

Help protect OU's historical archives to prevent future losses with a gift to the library. Several funds, including the Charter Challenge Endowment, the Phillip and Barbara Williams Endowment, and the Krompart-Hildebrand Digitization Fund support digitization and preservation activities to ensure materials are protected and accessible for generations to come.

MAKE A GIFT

NOTEWORTHY

NEW COLLECTION



Actor, producer, writer and OU alum Curtis Armstrong, has donated twenty boxes packed full of memorabilia from his career in film and television to the University's archives. Armstrong, a 1975 graduate of Oakland University's Academy of Dramatic Art, is best known for his roles in "Risky Business" and "Revenge of the Nerds" and his work on shows, such as "New Girl" and "Supernatural."

Donated items include an original copy of the first script for "Risky Business," behind-the-scenes photos, character biographies, journals, letters, and press clippings he has accumulated during his 40-year professional career. Much of his collection will be cataloged, preserved and digitized. Materials will be available for public viewing at Kresge Library and used in film studies and theatre classes at OU.

Armstrong returned to campus earlier this month for a public speaking engagement with the campus community, which highlighted his acting career and his OU memories.

BOARD CHAIR NAMED

Teckla Rhoads has been named chair of the newly-formed Board of Advocacy and Resource Development. Rhoads and her late husband Mike are longtime supporters of the library and the University. Both served as past presidents of the Friends of Kresge Library organization.

Rhoads retired from General Motors Design



in 2017 as Executive Director, Global Industrial Design. In this role she led the teams responsible for the visual brand expressions for the GM brands and the company, including graphics and corporate identity, photography and video, environmental design, auto shows and events and merchandise development.

Her 34 years at GM Design also included experience as Director of NA Design Operations and the opportunity to work globally with the nine design studios. Rhoads received her BFA in Industrial Design from the College for Creative Studies. A passionate advocate for arts education, Rhoads devotes much of her time engaging with students, teachers and parents to encourage the pursuit of careers in the creative arts.

Rhoads also serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Board of Directors for Paint Creek Center for the Arts, the Michigan Design Council, and Board of Directors for the Concours of the Americas.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



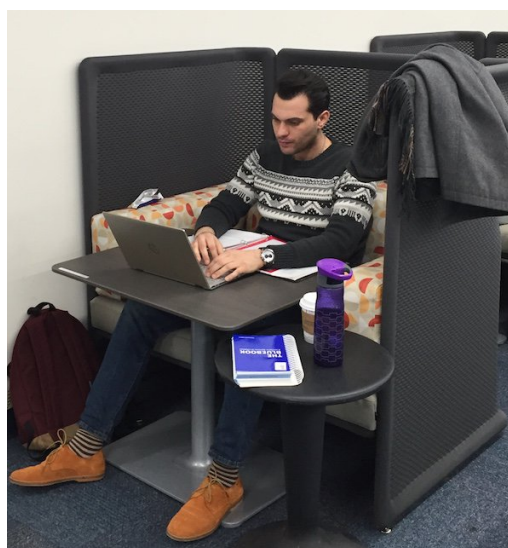
The University Libraries' Frank Lepkowski Undergraduate Research in Writing Award celebrates excellence in library research with two scholarships funded by the Oakland University Credit Union. This annual award recognizes two undergraduate students who have most successfully applied information literacy in a research paper or project.

Submissions will be accepted for the 2019 award through February 24, 2019. Award winners will be announced at the annual OU Libraries' Authors at Oakland event on March 20, 2019.

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Frank Lepkowski was an associate professor with OU's Kresge Library from 1985 until his sudden passing in 2014. This scholarship was established in his memory.

MODERN AND FLEXIBLE STUDY SPACES



New furniture has been installed on the 3rd floor of Kresge Library. A contemporary take on the traditional study carrel, the new pods are a seamless blend of aesthetics and functionality. The pods create a quiet and comfortable retreat for busy OU students, ensuring privacy to focus on tasks while allowing users to maintain their connection to the surrounding open environment. Students also have the ability to charge electronic devices while sitting at their personal table tops, which provide adequate space to spread out textbooks and laptops.

FACULTY/STAFF FOCUS

SPARC OPEN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) works to enable the open sharing of research outputs and educational materials in order to democratize access to knowledge, accelerate discovery, and increase the return on our investment in research and education. Last year, Julia Rodriguez, associate professor and nursing, health sciences and scholarly communications librarian, was selected to participate in the SPARC Open Education Leadership Program, an intensive professional development program designed to empower library professionals with the knowledge, skills, and connections to lead successful open education initiatives that benefit students. The two-semester program blends online, peer-to-peer, and project-based learning to build a comprehensive understanding of the open education space coupled with practical know-how to take action on campus and beyond. Fellows participate in a 24-member cohort that becomes a vibrant community of practice, enhanced by expert instructors and mentorship support.

Rodriguez spent the Fall 2018 semester of the SPARC leadership program critically reading, pondering and tweeting about Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices. She developed resources to better educate the OU community about OER and affordable course materials options. Rodriguez drafted and submitted a campus plan for an Affordable Course Materials Initiative, which was endorsed by the Provost in December 2018.

For her capstone project, Rodriguez will conduct a comprehensive OER readiness and environmental scan of 3-5 departments with the highest enrollment courses to gather data about current practices, structures, policies, attitudes and course material usage to determine which departments are best positioned to switch to OER or low-cost alternatives. A team of collaborators and supporters interested in working toward greater affordability in support of student success will be gathered to launch the campus Affordable Course Materials Initiative.

For more information about OER, visit the library guide to [Open Educational Resources](#). Anyone interested in getting involved in the campus affordability initiative should contact Julia Rodriguez at julia@oakland.edu.

STAFF NEWS

Geoff Johnson was recently promoted to Library Technician III upon the retirement of longtime cataloging specialist/Metadata Technician Jerri Swinehart in October. Congratulations to Geoff and best wishes to Jerri!

FELLOWSHIP AWARDED

Emily Spunagle, assistant professor and humanities librarian, and her collaborator, Megan Peiser, assistant professor of



english, have been awarded the Bibliographical Society of America (BSA) and the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS) Fellowship of \$3,000 for their project "Gender, Disability, and Finding Women in the Archives: Establishing the Provenance of the Marguerite Hicks Collection, 1660-1820." They plan to use this money to travel to the British Library, which holds significant correspondence between Marguerite Hicks and Maggs Brothers antiquarian book dealers, as she began assembling her collection in the late 1930s.

NEW ONLINE COURSE

OU students now have the opportunity to self-enroll in a freestanding, online course designed to help users learn more about effectively reading academic journal articles. *Reading Scholarly Articles* was developed by Amanda Nichols Hess, associate professor, e-learning, instructional technology, and education librarian; and Joanna Thielen, assistant professor, research data librarian and science librarian for biological sciences, chemistry and physics. The pair gathered input from other library faculty to make the three-lesson e-course a broader resource for more academic areas. Students who enroll in the course can pick subject areas to explore so that the knowledge they gain is transferable to their major, area of interest, or future career.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



"The library is not only an amazing resource for students, but it is also the heart of the University."

Many of you know our marketing intern, Elizabeth "Lizzi" Deneen, who has brilliantly handled the library's marketing endeavors for the past two and a half years. She started working as an LTS Technology Help Desk mentor in August of 2015, and in September of 2016, she moved into the marketing intern position.

"I started working at the library my first semester at OU, so it has really felt like my college home. I met so many great friends and mentors through my jobs at the library. I gained the confidence to pursue careers that I otherwise might not have thought myself capable of. My experience as a marketing intern helped me decide what I want to do after college, and gave me hands on experience that I wouldn't have been able to get anywhere else on campus. Working at the library was one of the best decisions I made during my time at Oakland because it allowed me to become familiar with all that OU Libraries has to offer and afforded me many unique learning opportunities."

-Elizabeth Deneen

Deneen will be graduating from OU this spring with a BA in Marketing and a minor in Business Analytics.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIT TO FILM BOOK CLUB

The Lit to Film Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in Kresge Library. Members read the book before the meeting date and have a discussion following the viewing of the film. Book Club meetings are free and open to the public.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
March 5, 2019 | 6-9 p.m.
Room 225B, Kresge Library

The Danish Girl by David E. Bershoff
April 3, 2019 | 6-9 p.m.
Room 225B, Kresge Library



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LIBRARY EXHIBITS

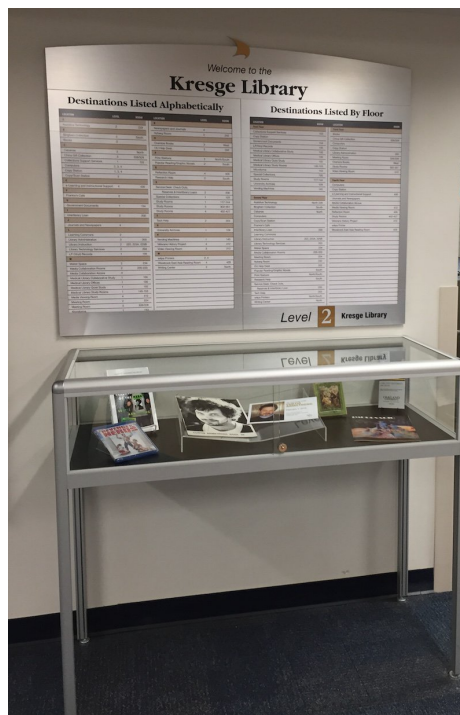
African American Celebration Month
Display Cases | February 11 - 28, 2019
2nd Floor, Kresge Library

Women's History Month
Display Cases | March 2019
2nd Floor, Kresge Library

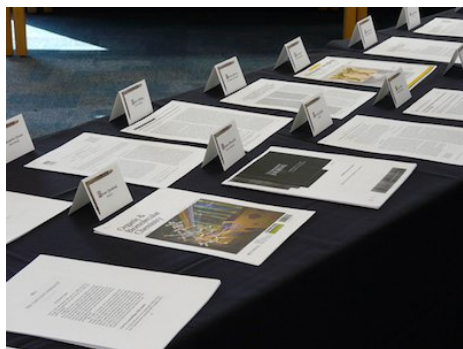
For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform
National Library of Medicine Exhibit
March 18 - April 27, 2019
Library Lobby

Judge a Book by its Cover
Student Art Project by Rebecca (Archie) Foote
Display Cases | March and April, 2019
Nyberg Room, 242 Kresge Library

Pride Month
Display Cases | April 2019
2nd Floor, Kresge Library



AUTHORS AT OAKLAND



A Celebration of the Journal Article

March 20, 2019
2-4 p.m. | 4th Floor, Kresge Library

The Senate Library Committee and Kresge Library are pleased to present the 14th annual Authors at Oakland event to honor the authors among our faculty who have recently published. Two faculty members will present their scholarly work. All book submissions will be on display.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SOUNDING SERIES

"Discover Who's Talking about Your Research with Altmetrics"
by Joanna Thielen and Julia Rodriguez

March 28, 2019
3 p.m. | Nyberg Room (242), Kresge Library

Thielen and Rodriguez will be teaching OU faculty how to harness the power of Altmetrics for analyzing and measuring the broader impact of their research.

RSVP NOW

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Treasure:
From Tragedy to Trans Justice, Mapping a Detroit Story

April 2, 2019 | Noon - 1 p.m.
Room 225B, Kresge Library

All are welcome to attend this free event in celebration of Pride Month.

**POETRY SLAM**

OU Libraries celebrate National Poetry Month with a Poetry Slam. Everyone is welcome to compete or just be part of the audience. You may be chosen as a judge.

April 4, 2019
7 p.m. | 4th Floor, KL

**FOOD FOR FINES**

Students with overdue fines can have \$1 worth of fines forgiven for each nonperishable food item they donate. All donations benefit the Golden Grizzlies Pantry.

April 11-16, 2019
Service Desk | KL

**FINALS WEEK EVENTS**

With sponsorship from OUCU, OU Libraries organize multiple events to help students take a study break, featuring Pause for Puppies, chair massages, henna painting, etc.

April 18-24, 2019 | KL

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

OU Libraries hosted some friends at the Men's Basketball game at the Athletics O'rena on January 10, 2019.



Pictured left to right: Bill and Ellen Couch, Dean Stephen Weiter, Justin Silles, SBA '10, and Lisa Cali, CAS '02.



Pictured with President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D., are students Zach Sadowski (on left) and Brock Willett.

DID YOU KNOW?

OU Libraries has its own channel on YouTube, which features several short videos highlighting the library's resources and services, its robust collections and more. Share these videos with family, friends and the world. Be sure to leave a comment.

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GIVING TO OU LIBRARIES

OU Libraries is 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 these 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) 370-2058 or by email at lfisher3@oakland.edu.

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