

FALL 2018 UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES eNEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to a new and improved electronic newsletter of the Oakland University Libraries (Kresge Library and OUWB Medical Library). The purpose of this publication is to provide our friends and community partners with regular updates on library events and innovative programs, including highlights from our robust collections, facility

enhancements, and a sampling of the first-rate work of my accomplished colleagues.

For more than 60 years, the library has been at the heart of Oakland's campus life. It is a place where the community comes together for the collective pursuit of knowledge with access to academic resources that play a vital role in student success. Library expertise and services will continue to evolve to support the campus, cultivating research, knowledge and creative activity for our students and faculty.

It is my hope that this eNewsletter will keep you connected to all of the exciting things happening at OU Libraries. I appreciate your continued support and welcome your [feedback](#).

Yours truly,

Stephen P. Weiter, Dean
University Libraries

NEWS

STUDENT NEWSPAPERS DIGITIZED



A multi-year project to digitize the historical student newspapers (*The Oakland Observer*, *Focus: Oakland*, *The Oakland Sail*, and *The Oakland Post*) has come to fruition. The very first issue dated October 23, 1959 included an article on the library (pictured above). Student newspapers can be viewed online as a searchable archive in the Our@Oakland digital repository. To search the collection, [click here](#).

The student newspaper digitization project was made possible with generous

support from Library professor emerita Janet Krompart and her family in honor of Library professor emerita Linda Hildebrand.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE



OU's popular *History Comes Alive* lecture series, now in its 15th year, kicked off in September with a special presentation on "How Meadow Brook Farms Became Oakland University" by Dominique Daniel, an associate professor with OU's Kresge Library. She also serves as humanities librarian for history and modern languages, as well as coordinator of the library's archives and special collections. During her talk, Daniel showcased OU's archival collection of historic photographs to explore what life was like on and off campus in the early days. [Click here](#) for more information on upcoming lectures, which will continue through March 2019.

ENCOUNTERING THE RARE BOOK



Earlier this fall, OU Art Gallery and Kresge Library's Special Collections collaborated to create a unique exhibit, *Encountering The Rare Book*, which showcased a selection of the University's 3,000 unusual and obscure books.

Curated by Andrea Eis, professor of cinema studies, the exhibition centered around the participation of university faculty who chose books from the Special Collections that spoke to them uniquely – ones that generated an unexpected realization, or delighted with an unconventional narrative, or fascinated with a lush materiality.

Among the works chosen for the exhibit: a first edition of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with hand-colored illustrations; intelligent, sometimes raucous women's writings from the 1600s and 1700s; a mammoth book from 1605 and a tiny one from 1607. A lecture series accompanied the exhibit with talks by Rebecca Baumann, Emily Spunaugle, and Andrea Eis. To read an article about the exhibit that appeared in *The Oakland Press*, [click here](#).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Nichols Hess

American Libraries, the magazine of the American Library Association, recently selected the work of OU School of Education and Human Services alumna and Kresge Library associate professor Amanda Nichols Hess, Ph.D., as one of eight dissertations nationally to hold the greatest potential to advance library best practices.

In "From Information Experts to Expert Educators? Academic Librarians' Experiences with Perspective Transformation and Their Teaching Identities," Dr. Nichols Hess explores the ways in which academic librarians see teaching as a part of their professional identity and create opportunities for professional growth – not only for themselves but also for fellow librarians.

In her day-to-day job at Kresge Library, Dr. Nichols Hess is the liaison to the School of Education and Human Services, supporting students and faculty with instructional resources, research support, and much more.



Robert Gaylor

Congratulations to Robert Gaylor, former OU librarian and retired professor emeritus, who was recently honored with a 2018 Honorary Alumni Award, presented to individuals who have not graduated from OU, but who have given outstanding service to the University. Pictured with him above are Bryan Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills and OU alum, and Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, president of OU.

In his 38 years at Kresge Library, Professor Gaylor served in a variety of roles. He has been instrumental in fundraising activities through the Friends of the Kresge Library organization. He is well-known on campus for the Gaylor Collection, housed in Kresge's Special Collections, which covers a wide range of fiction and non-fiction works of historical significance to the LGBTQIA community.

Professor Gaylor remains active with OU. He is a board member of the newly-formed Kresge Library Advisory Board and co-chair of the Pioneer Club Planning Committee. He is also extremely active with many charitable organizations in the Metro Detroit area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIT TO FILM BOOK CLUB

It's no secret that much of today's cinema is inspired by classic, modern and contemporary literature. Do you ever wonder how often filmmakers stay faithful to the book that's the inspiration for their film? Join Kresge Library for a stimulating and unique approach to the classic book club, as the Lit to Film Book Club explores the transition and interpretation of literature on the silver screen.

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.



2019 BOOK CLUB DATES



LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The First Dorms and Resident Students on the OU Campus

Display Cases
November & December, 2018
2nd Floor, Kresge Library



GALA CELEBRATION

Featuring speaker
Malcolm Gladwell
November 17, 2018
5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Program
Oakland Center

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AUTHORS AT OAKLAND

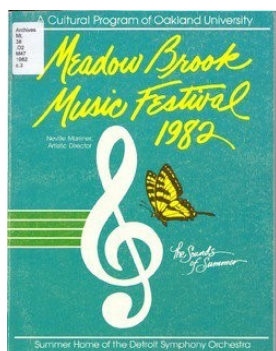
Join the Senate Library Committee and University Libraries as they honor the recent publications of OU's faculty.

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

NOTEWORTHY



One year ago, the Makerspace in Kresge Library opened for use by all students, faculty, and staff at Oakland University. This learning environment and collaboration space facilitates hands-on learning about new state-of-the-art technologies, including a 3D printer. The interdisciplinary Makerspace encourages creativity, experimentation, design, and even fun.



CALL FOR OU MEMORABILIA

Check your attic! Check your basement! Do you have old items relating to the University's history? The OU Archives needs your help! They are interested in artifacts, such as official records, papers, reports, minutes, publications, photographs, flyers, ticket stubs, programs, maps, t-shirts and other clothing, etc. If you have items to donate, please contact [Dominique Daniel](#) or [Shirley Paquette](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

Guests are welcome to visit Kresge Library from 7 a.m. - midnight on most days. Check the [library's hours](#) for more information. Visitors are welcome to access most of the Libraries' online resources from workstations within Kresge Library.

GIVING TO OU LIBRARIES

It's not too early to think about making a year-end gift to OU Libraries!

This year, generous donors have stepped forward with a special matching challenge gift in support of OU Libraries. In an effort to encourage giving to the library, all new and increased gifts to the Library Gift fund (32498) will be matched dollar for dollar, up to a total match of \$5,000.

That means your gift will go even further to advance academic research, support student and community programming, as well as provide robust collections and support data management. We hope you share our excitement for how such programs position OU Libraries as a key contributor to Oakland University's future.

Thank you for considering a gift and helping us meet the evolving needs of our students, faculty and the entire Oakland University community.

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