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Kresge Library



A Message from the Dean

As the academic year draws to a close, I want to send a big congratulations to our Library Student Assistants who are graduating this month!

The OU Libraries could not function without our student assistants and we are grateful for the excellent work that they do. We have asked the graduating seniors to share a little bit about themselves and their plans for the future in this newsletter. We will miss you at Kresge Library!



The OU Libraries strive to create a safe, comfortable space for our students to study and do their work. The Library environment is especially important during stressful exam time. We are currently in the midst of finals week and we have created a Stress-Free Finals Zone sponsored by our friends at the OU Credit Union where we offer time with puppies as well as beverages and snacks. ***Thank you OUCU for your continued support of OU students!***

We have been busy this past year with strategic planning for the OU Libraries. We decided to start from the very beginning by reimagining our values, vision and mission statements which will set the context for our strategic goals. Strategic planning is always a lengthy process and I think we have done great work – especially given that most of the work has been conducted via Zoom. With our values, vision and mission in place, we are now drafting our goals.

Read on to learn about the great things happening at the OU Libraries starting with exciting Kresge 60th anniversary events this spring and fall!

60th Anniversary News and Events



60th Anniversary of the Dedication of Kresge Library

Please join us as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of Kresge Library!

Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 2:00-3:00pm

Front entrance of Kresge Library

There will be comments from Provost Britt Rios-Ellis, Dean Polly Boruff-Jones, and Charter Class members Beverly Miller and Mary Jo Ahern.

Light refreshments will be served.

Kresge Library Diamond Jubilee

The OU Libraries Board of Advocacy is planning a fundraising event to wrap up our 60th anniversary year of celebration!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 10 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

More details will follow.

Farewell to our Graduating Seniors

Nana Akua Assibey, *Masters in Clinical Mental Health*

Nana, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Ghana. After graduation she looks forward to working for a year. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library was “the supportive and caring supervisors.”

Madison Bull, *BS in Environmental Science*

Madison, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Imlay City, MI. After graduation, she plans to move to Glasgow, Scotland to pursue her Master’s degree at the University of Glasgow. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library - “The people. I enjoyed helping people that came up to the desk and I loved working with all of my coworkers.”

Megan DeGeer, *Bachelors of Science in Wellness and Health Promotion*

Megan, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Eastpointe, MI. After graduation, she looks

forward to being able to travel and spend more time with her guinea pig. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library - "Working with all of my coworkers and supervisors :)"

Lauren Foss, *Elementary Education*

Lauren, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Holly, MI. In the fall she will be student teaching at Independence Elementary School in Clarkston, and then following that she will hopefully receive a job teaching kindergarten in the Clarkston Area School district. One of her favorite things about working at Kresge Library was "the work environment. Everyone is so welcoming and kind!"



Anna Gomez, *Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Anna, a Help Desk Mentor, is from Muskegon, MI. After graduation she is looking forward to hopefully attending graduate school at GVSU, where she will pursue her Masters in Social Work. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library was "being able to get to know the great people I worked with!"

Grace Kaiser, *Nursing*

Grace, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Frankenmuth, MI. After graduation, she is planning to get married in August and moving to St. Johns, MI. She then plans on getting a job as an RN near the Lansing area. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library - "I love the people who work here!!! They are all incredible and so much fun to work with!"

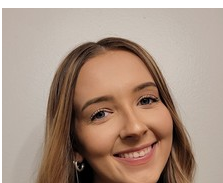
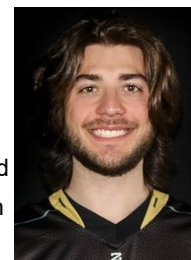


Tetyana Legunyak, *Bachelor of Science in Marketing*

Tetyana, the Marketing Intern, is from Farmington, MI. After graduation, she looks forward to traveling and reading more books. Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library - "I really enjoyed my time with Kresge Library! It gave me the opportunity to work with amazing people, develop my creativity, and have a flexible schedule."

Matthew Leuker, *Management Information Systems - Information Security*

Matthew, a Help Desk Mentor, is from Milford, MI. After graduation he looks forward to finding a job as a Network Analyst and hopefully moving out west and working in sports. His favorite thing about working at Kresge Library was "helping solve complicated issues."



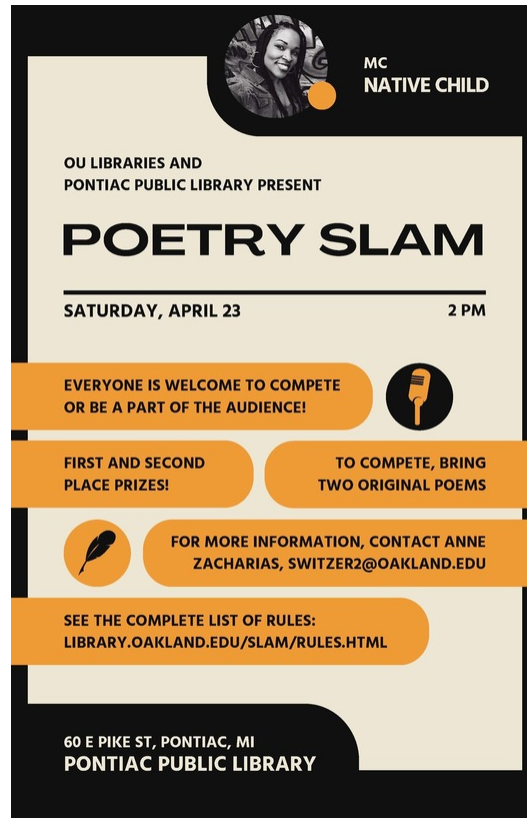
Lauren Polly, *Major in criminal justice & minor in psychology*

Lauren, an Access Services Student Assistant, is from Sterling Heights, MI,



After graduation her plan is to “just vibe.” Her favorite thing about working at Kresge Library - “the people <3”

Future Events



Lit to Film Book Club

"The film was nothing like the book!"

Join us 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. Members read the monthly book and then watch the movie together at the library. There will be lively discussion on plot details, themes, and the movie's fidelity to the book. ***All are welcome!***

Where: Nyberg Room (room 242), Kresge Library

When: First Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm

Upcoming Features:

May 3 - *Princess Bride* by William Goldman

Jun 7 - *Native Son* by Richard Wright

Sep 6 - *The Lost Daughter* by Elena Ferrante

Oct 4 - *The Woman in Black* by Susan Hill

Recent Events

Race Relations in Metro Detroit: Past Decades to Present Day

The OU Libraries joined Oakland's African American Celebration with a virtual panel discussion on Thursday, February 3rd, titled: Race Relations in Metro-Detroit: Past Decades to Present Day. The participants included Professor Graham Cassano (Sociology), and Wayne State University Professor David Goldberg (African American Studies), and moderated by Omar Brown-el, Director of OU's Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

Pride Month Event featuring The Robert Gaylor Collection

On Thursday, March 17th, OU Libraries celebrated Pride Month with a virtual panel discussion highlighting the LGBTQ+ focused OU Libraries' special collection, [The Robert Gaylor Collection](#).

Professor Emeritus, Robert Gaylor, former OU librarian, participated in the event, describing the scope of the [Robert Gaylor Collection](#), and how the collection, which he calls a "labor of love," came to be. Panelists Professors Jo Reger (Sociology) and George Sanders (Sociology) and recent OU grad Elijah Sanders participated in a discussion on how they utilize the collection for personal and classroom use. The event was moderated by Outreach Librarian, Anne Zacharias.



OU Alumnus Curtis Armstrong visits Oakland University

Actor and OU alumnus, Curtis Armstrong visited campus in March. Armstrong generously shared his experiences from his 40-year career in theatre, film, and television with more than 160 students. Kresge Library hosted a "Meet and Greet" featuring items from his personal collection in the Kresge Archives.

Visit [The Curtis Armstrong Collection](#).

Register for [80's Trivia Night with Curtis Armstrong](#) on Tuesday, April 26 7-8:30pm

Authors at Oakland: A Celebration of the Book

The Senate Library Committee and the University Libraries honored the recent publication of Oakland University's faculty in the annual Authors at Oakland Celebration on Wednesday, March 16. Over 75 publications were submitted for display at the event, and two of the professors were asked to present their work to the audience. **Erin Dwyer**, Associate Professor of History, discussed her publication: *Mastering Emotions: Feelings, Power, and Slavery in the United States*. **Crystal VanKooten**, Associate Professor of Writing and Rhetoric, presented on her publication: *Transfer across media: Using digital video in the teaching of writing*.

Frank Lepkowski Undergraduate Research in Writing Award Winners

First prize: **Kylie DeVlaminck**, for "Branding Their Business and Developing and Refining Their Menus: A Qualitative Study of Mobile Food Vendors in Southeastern Michigan" Fall 2021 - Faculty-directed Research - Prof. Melissa Reznar

Second prize: **Jennifer Jaster**, for "The Experience of Females in STEM Fields" Fall 2021 - WRT 1060 - Composition II - Prof. Craig Smith

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