

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

Kresge Library



A Message from the Dean

Happy Winter! It finally feels, and looks, like winter in Michigan after this week's snowfall.

A lot has happened since we published our last newsletter, and we are eager to update you on recent events. A few highlights of what we've been up to:

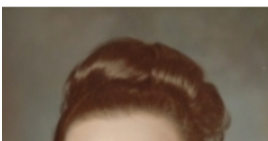


- We celebrated Kresge Library's 60th anniversary last year and topped off the festivities with a Diamond Jubilee fundraiser.
- We dedicated a new technology-enhanced study room created with the generous support of the Ahern family.
- We created the OU Libraries Sustainability Committee to align the library's efforts with those of the larger university community.
- We offered de-stress events during finals week that were very well attended.

Thank you OUCU for your continued support of OU students!

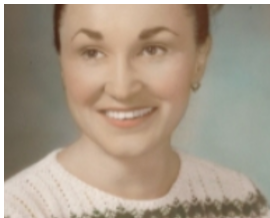
Read on to learn more about what we've been doing and what we have planned for this winter and spring!

And don't forget the [Day of Giving](#) on February 2! We are promoting the OU Libraries' [Affordable Education Materials](#) Gift Fund again this year. Please consider supporting student success by donating to this fund on February 2.



Remembering Ann Pogany (1939-2023)

We are sad to announce the passing of Ann Pogany on

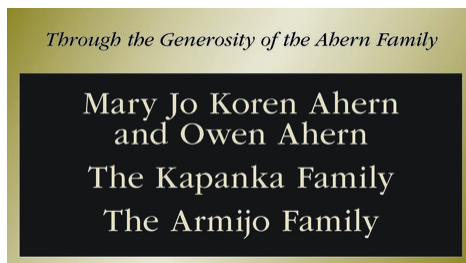


January 13, 2023.

Ann was employed by Oakland University for over 40 years as a librarian and assistant professor. She joined Oakland University in July of 1970 as a Serials Librarian and received tenure in 1978. In 1979, she began serving as Coordinator of Technical Services, which continued through her retirement in

August of 2011, at which time she was appointed Professor Emerita. During her time as coordinator she oversaw the library's transition from a card catalog to the online environment that we use at this time. From the print journals she originally came here to catalog, to the e-books and e-journals that every day push our stacks further into cyberspace, Ann was responsible for achieving and extending bibliographic control over the mélange of materials. She was also the library liaison to the departments of Art and Art History and Music, Theatre, and Dance, reflecting her own personal interest in the arts. In all of her activities, Ann combined intelligence, wit, openness, and sparkle that made her a valued friend and employee of Oakland. She will be missed. Her obituary can be found [here](#).

Spaces and Places



New Ahern Study Room

This past fall Kresge Library celebrated the opening and dedication of the Ahern Family Room on the second floor of the library.

The Ahern Family Room (218KL) is an accessible study room with interactive hardware and software, a 55" screen mounted at a height that accommodates users who are standing or sitting, and table-arm chairs on wheels which may be easily moved for group work. The Dell screen with 4K UHD resolution is optimized for reading text and displaying 4K content and allows multiple users to interact with the screen simultaneously.

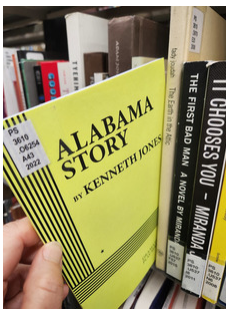
A generous gift from OU charter class alum, Mary Jo Ahern made this room possible and celebrates the Ahern family legacy which honors husband, Owen Ahern, and their children and grandchildren: Heather, Jim, Joe and Ben Kapanka and Shannon, Dan and Norah Armijo.

In Other News . . .



The Kresge Library Diamond Jubilee was a Success!

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, the Oakland University Libraries and the OU Libraries Board of Advocacy and Resource Development celebrated Kresge Library's 60th anniversary with a jubilee event in the library. Proceeds help fund the second floor refurbishing. [Check out more pictures and a video from the event!](#)



Alabama Story by Kenneth Jones

Those of you who may have joined us for the staged reading of Alabama Story by OU alum Kenneth Jones in August of 2021, will be pleased to see that the play has been published!

You can check it out (pun intended) on the third floor of Kresge Library in the American Literature section.



OU Libraries' Stress Free Finals Week

On Wednesday, Dec. 7th, we offered students a chance to get away from their textbooks and relax with some four-legged friends during Pause for Puppies. Studies indicate that petting animals can improve your thinking and lower your stress level. It seems to be working!

On Friday, Dec. 9th, we were able to offer students, staff, and faculty *free* massages courtesy of [Irene's Myomassology Institute](#)! Massage therapists-in-training lined up more than a dozen massage tables and massage chairs, giving 152 massages to very grateful Grizzlies!

And again, this semester, the [Oakland University Credit Union](#) provided the funds to allow us to offer three days of free daytime snacks and nighttime coffee for the students during finals week!

Kresge Library Upcoming Events



Lit-to-Film Book Club

Join the OU Libraries' Lit to Film Book Club for a stimulating and unique approach to the classic book club! Once a month, we read a book, then we get together to watch the film adaptation. If you love books and movies, meeting new people, and popcorn, come to a meeting! Members vote on the titles we read/view.

Where: Nyberg Room (room 242), Kresge Library

When: First Tuesday of the month at 6pm

Contact: Anne Zacharias at switzer2@oakland.edu for more info.

[Upcoming 2023 Book/Movie List can be accessed here.](#)

Authors at Oakland: A Celebration of the Journal Article March 15, 2023, 2-4 pm

Please join us for the 18th Annual Authors at Oakland event which will take place on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 2-4 pm on the 4th floor of Kresge Library. This year we will celebrate Journal Publications from our Oakland University faculty. Two faculty members will be chosen to give presentations on their articles.

Also, [The Frank Lepkowski Undergraduate Research in Writing Awards](#) will be given out at this event. These awards honor two undergraduates who have done exemplary work in research on a paper or project. This award is generously funded by the [Oakland University Credit Union](#) and private donors.

Pride Month Event: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - Noon

As part of OU's campus wide Pride Month Celebration, OU Libraries' will host a screening of the PBS Independent Lens documentary *Real Boy*. [Synopsis](#)

Transgender advocacy is important because trans people are some of the most vulnerable of the LGBTQIA community in terms of victimization of violent crimes, suicide, bullying, and other types of discrimination ([The Trevor Project | For Young LGBTQ Lives](#))

There will be a Q & A following the movie.

OU Day of Giving is coming . . . Thursday, February 2, 2023

Support the [Affordable Education Materials](#) Gift Fund #32365 at OU Libraries.

1) Sign up now to become a social ambassador to help spread the word. Sign up is easy at the following link: [Social Ambassador](#)

2) Make a gift of any size to this fund on February 2nd to help us achieve our goal of 45 donations to the fund in 24 hours. Gifts of ANY amount will help us reach our goal and unlock a special challenge gift.

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