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Fall 2020 eNewsletter

A Message from the Dean

Welcome to our Fall 2020 University Libraries newsletter!

I am excited to join Oakland University as Dean of University Libraries!

The faculty and staff of Oakland University Libraries work hard every day to move us toward achievement of our mission to “expertly integrate teaching, information, and technology to create dynamic, welcoming, learning environments. We are committed to fostering academic excellence and promoting information literacy within the campus community and beyond.” For our OU community, the University Libraries offer knowledgeable and experienced faculty, dynamic study spaces, and advanced resources that enhance every academic area of the University.



For the past several months, we have been focusing on continuing to offer library services and functions in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions and while respecting the health and safety of our library staff and faculty and of our users. Our motto is “Knowledge Unbound” and it is especially relevant today. The University Libraries’

support for teaching, learning, and research is not bound by place or space. In response to the unique pandemic situation, we have assured robust virtual research support and information literacy instruction to serve the needs of students and faculty on- and off-campus. As always, we offer thousands of online resources, including ebooks, journal articles, and streaming videos, for our users. As the heart of the university, I am committed to fostering a welcoming environment in the University Libraries as we navigate through this challenging time.

During our annual fall retreat, the Oakland University Libraries faculty and staff began drafting short-term goals to focus our efforts over the next two years. We identified four goals for our attention:

- 1) Enrich the student experience through University Libraries engagement with teaching, learning, and research across campus
- 2) Build and sustain quality University Libraries collections
- 3) Enhance access to University Libraries services and collections
- 4) Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the operations, collections, services, and initiatives of the University Libraries

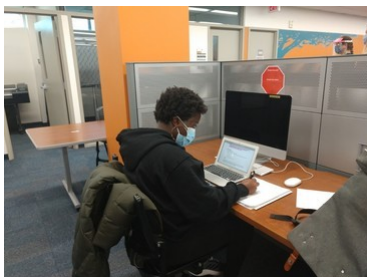
The next phase of our planning is identifying the strategies we will use to achieve our goals and I look forward to sharing that work as it develops.

Best Wishes,

Polly D. Boruff-Jones
Professor and Dean of University Libraries
Oakland University

You can watch the Provost's interview with the new OU Deans [here](#)

Happening at the Library



Thank you for wearing your mask!

To encourage students to wear masks and socially distance while they are in the University Libraries, we have started weekly drawings for goodie bags that include a mix of useful and fun items, with monthly drawings for a bigger prize. As our student

assistants, staff and faculty are walking around the library, they will hand out raffle tickets to students who are following the mask and social distancing guidelines. To enter the raffle, students simply write in their contact information and drop the ticket in the raffle box at the service desk. There is no limit to the number of times a student may enter the drawing each week. Monthly drawings include all entrants from the four previous weeks.



Finals Week Beverages and Snacks

During finals week, the library purchased individual coffees, water bottles, and snacks for the students, using a grant from the Oakland University Credit Union. The treats were a big hit with the students!

Lit to Film Book Club

On the First Tuesday of every month, we hold a book and movie discussion at 6:00pm in KL 225B . During the pandemic we have been reading the book and watching the movie on our own, and meeting virtually.

- Jan. 5 - MASH: A Novel About Three Army Doctors by Richard Hooker (Film: MASH)
- Feb. 2 - The Wife by Meg Wolitzer
- Mar. 2 - Call Me by Your Name by Andre Aciman
- Apr. 6 - The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
- May 4 - Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Jun 1 - The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith (Film: Philomena)

For more information please check out the [Lit to Film Book Club](#) web page or contact Anne Zacharias at switzer2@oakland.edu.

Treasures of the OU Archives - A Virtual Event : “The Land of Healthful Delight”

Highlights from the Rod and Susan Wilson Collection of Rochester History

For decades, Rod and Susan have tirelessly sought out books, photos, manuscripts, posters, objects, and other items documenting the history of the greater Rochester area. Many local residents, hearing about their dedication, donated personal heirlooms. In 2019, the Wilsons generously donated their collection to Oakland University.

In this Zoom event, Mr. Wilson shared his expertise and experience as a collector, as well as stories and tidbits about some of the interesting items in the collection.

You can view the Zoom event [here](#). The online exhibit can be accessed [here](#)

Spotlight on OU Libraries Board of Advocacy Members



Mike and Penny Nyberg

What is your original affiliation with Oakland University?

Penny and Mike's first contact with Oakland University was in 1959 as students in the Charter Class.

Mike graduated in the Charter Class with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Science. Penny deferred her education to get a job and save money so they could marry.

Penny returned to Oakland University mid 1980's, to participate in an Accounting Assistant program and prepare to enter the job market after staying home to raise three daughters for 20 plus years. She worked for the Henry Ford Health Systems for 15 years before she retired.

Mike returned to Oakland University during the first half of the 1980's to obtain a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics, which helped him in his 36-year career at Ford Motor Company.

What do you love about Kresge Library?

Penny and Mike believe the Kresge Library has a central function on the Oakland University campus to serve all students, faculty and administration personnel. It is excellent for students to study, do research, and learn outside the classroom.

How do you like to spend your days? Do you have hobbies or pets?

They love to travel and see how people in different countries live and enjoy life. They became interested in travel through their association with people learning how to dance Argentine Tango. Prior to Covid-19, they enjoyed opportunities to celebrate birthdays and holidays with their three daughters' families. Mike deer hunts with their daughter's family in the Upper Peninsula.

Mike restored a 1970 Mustang BOSS 302 during the first 7 years of his retirement. He uses it for cruises, car shows and some open track events at Waterford Hills Road Racing Course. Penny let him purchase a 2013 Mustang BOSS 302, which he now uses more often for open track events.

What are you reading right now and/or what is your favorite book?

Penny enjoys reading romance novels. Her favorite novel is "The Thorn Birds" by Colleen McCullough. Penny likes one of the bestselling fiction authors, Danielle Steel, and has read several of her novels.

Mike's favorite book is "Soaring to Glory, a Tuskegee Airman's Firsthand Accounting of World War II" by Philip Handleman with Lt. Col. Harry T. Stewart Jr. Mike's favorite picture is his 1970 Mustang parked next to a P-51 Mustang Red Tail (Tuskegee Airman, airplane tails were painted red) with "By Request" painted in the fuselage. This book and the current Black Lives Matter movement got Mike interested in reading about Antiracism. He has recently read "Begin Again, James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own" by Eddie S. Glaude Jr., "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo and "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi.

Check out the article about the [Dedication of the Nyberg Room](#).

Make a Year-End Gift to OU Libraries

Thank you for your past support of OU Libraries! With your generosity, we have been able to make continual improvements to our physical space and provide first class resources to enhance the academic experience. We were proud to be able to successfully shift our services to a virtual environment during the early days of the pandemic and safely open the building last August.

As we close out 2020, please help ensure that we can continue to meet the emerging academic needs of OU students and faculty. Your gift will help us enrich the student experience, enhance access, support advanced technology, build our collections including e-resources, advance affordable education initiatives, and make continued improvements to our building.

If you would like more information about supporting OU Libraries with a current or planned gift, endowment or naming opportunities, please contact Lynn Fisher at (248) 370-4313 or by email at lfisher3@oakland.edu.

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