Libraries

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About the Libraries

The University of Oregon Libraries supports the teaching, learning, and research programs of the university and is open to the general public. The range of support provided to the faculty and students is broad, including

- reference and research assistance
- information literacy and research data management instruction
- access to print, media, and digital collections, including extensive special collections and archives
- interlibrary loan services
- access to computers and electronic resources
- access to fabrication labs, AR/VR technology and a sound recording studio
- media-rich and technology-enhanced classroom facilities

The UO Libraries, an Association of Research Libraries member, houses one of the largest research collections in the Pacific Northwest, with more than 2 million titles in its general collection, and serves as many as 50,000 users per week during the academic year. Extensive holdings of manuscripts, microforms, CDs, DVDs, phonograph records, films, videotapes, slides, maps, and state, federal, and international documents complement the core collections. To meet the growing demand for digital resources, the UO Libraries continues to expand its digital holdings, with millions of objects and two million digital newspaper pages currently available online. The Libraries is home to a special collection which holds one of the largest manuscript collections on the west coast, and a plethora of rare, distinctive, and globally significant records that annually draw visitors from around the world. The Libraries is also home to the University Archives, which preserves and provides access to the University of Oregon’s institutional history.

The Libraries serves as a cross-disciplinary connector across campus and annually hosts numerous events and exhibits that bring academic communities together.

A special center within Libraries is the Network Startup Research Center, which provides support and training to build foundational network infrastructure around the world, making it easier for scientists, engineers and educators to collaborate via the Internet with their international colleagues by helping to connect communities of interest.

The UO Libraries is committed to providing a culturally inclusive environment where diversity of thought and expression is valued and respected. With a more global outlook and a focus on equity in service, we strive to create a powerful learning community, a welcoming space where all Library patrons can access the information necessary to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Facilities and Resources

The University of Oregon Libraries comprises seven libraries: Knight Library (the main branch), four branch libraries in Eugene, and two branch libraries outside of Eugene. Eugene campus libraries include the John E. Jaqua Law Library, located in the Knight Law Center; the Allen Price Science Commons and Research Library, located in the Lorry I. Lokey Science Complex; the Mathematics Library in Fenton Hall; and the Design Library in Lawrence Hall. Branch libraries at other UO campuses include the Loyd and Dorothy Rippey Library at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, Oregon, and the Portland Library and Learning Commons based at UO's Portland, Oregon campus. Reference and research service is provided in all libraries. For hours of operation, consult the Libraries' website (http://library.uoregon.edu).

The libraries provides access to an array of services and technology resources, including technology workshops, scanning equipment, digital cameras, color printers, and desktop computers equipped with production, presentation, and graphics software. The libraries also offers technology-rich and creative spaces such as the Visualization Lab and DeArmond MakerSpace in the Price Science Commons, and the Digital Research, Education, and Media (DREAM) Lab and the Innovate, Design, Aspire (IDEA) Space in Knight Library.

The UO Libraries' website is an excellent starting point from which to explore information resources and services. With robust search capabilities, the website provides access to information on library services and programs and to resources in all formats. Materials not held by the UO Libraries or its regional partners may be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

The libraries’ online catalog is updated constantly with information about library materials, new books and book orders, and electronic journals. Users can search numerous online periodical indexes, databases, newspapers, e-books, and e-journals. Search tools for e-journals are accompanied by a feature that allows users to easily locate the full text of articles. Convenient access to unique digital collections is provided through the website as well.

Services

The UO Libraries' instructional programs include technology workshops, in-class presentations by librarians and archivists, and credit courses on research methods, information access, data management, and digital scholarship. These programs reach more than 22,000 students and faculty members each year.

The UO Libraries collaborates with faculty members and students to advance research and scholarly communication using new media and digital technologies. Based on a foundation of access, sharing, and preservation, the library provides digital asset management, digital preservation, training, consultations, and tools for digital scholarship. The library also manages and maintains the UO Scholars’ Bank, an online archive of the scholarly output of the campus community, and assists researchers with the organization, management, and curation of data.

The UO Libraries personnel are committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education, research, and service, and strive to ensure that collections, services, and facilities are accessible to all users. For more information, consult the website (http://library.uoregon.edu/library-accessibility/). For assistance or accommodation, please contact a library employee in person at any service desk or by phone, email, or a live chat

session. Special accommodation requests may be directed to Library Administration at 541-346-3056.

Borrowing

Students who are currently enrolled or registered and University of Oregon employees may borrow materials from the UO Libraries. They also may borrow materials and receive online article deliveries from any of the other libraries with which the UO Libraries has reciprocal lending agreements. A number of document delivery services are available, including special programs for distance-education students. Through its course reserves program, the library provides students with access to selected course readings. Information on access to user accounts and other services is available on the library's website.

Student Employment

The UO Libraries employs students to assist in all facets of library operations, and students often are able to work in areas related to their academic, professional, and personal interests. For more information, contact the library's Human Resources office at libhr@uoregon.edu.

History

The first official library at the University of Oregon was established in 1891, when Henry Villard donated a book collection valued at $1,000. As collections grew during the next twenty years, the library moved to progressively larger quarters in various locations. In 1905 the legislature appropriated funds for a new library building, now Fenton Hall. The building was completed in 1907, and a fireproof stack annex was added in 1913.

Knight Library was designed by Ellis F. Lawrence and constructed in 1937. The facade has been described as "exotic, a combination of modernized Lombardy and Greco-Roman with art deco details." The building contains exceptionally fine exterior and interior decorative work, including the fifteen stone heads by Edna Dunberg and Louise Utter Pritchard, ornamental memorial gates by O. B. Dawson, and carved wooden panels by Arthur Clough. The 1937 building and the quadrangle it faces are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Additions to Knight Library were constructed in 1950 and 1966. During a third expansion and renovation project, a 132,000-square-foot addition was completed in 1992, and substantial renovation of the existing building was completed in 1994.

Donor Program

Gifts from alumni and friends help strengthen library collections, enhance library facilities, purchase new technology, employ student assistants, and preserve Oregon's rich history. For more information, call the Library Administration office at 541-346-3056.

Faculty

Margaret Alexander, assistant librarian; core systems librarian. BA, 1989, Kenyon College; MLIS, 1995, San Jose State. (2020)

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The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Courses

LIB 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Introduction to general library resources and to subject-related library resources. Repeatable when topic changes.

LIB 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Introduction to general library resources and to subject-related library resources. Repeatable when topic changes.

LIB 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 406. Practicum. 1-12 Credits.

LIB 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Topics are Library Resources, Bibliography. Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 409. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

LIB 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Topics are Library Resources, Bibliography. Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable up to six times.

LIB 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

LIB 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable up to six times.