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Success Starts with a Solid Foundation

Greetings! The Fall 2018 semester is underway, and we are energized by the buzz of having students back on campus and actively using Albertson Hall. The Library, as part of University College, strives to help students, faculty, and staff build a solid foundation upon which to be successful. As the updates in this newsletter demonstrate, the Library supports, connects, collaborates, and engages with our campus community in the provision of information resources and services that foster the University’s goals of teaching, learning, scholarship, and community outreach.

The Library supports student development of the critical skills necessary to aptly navigate the information landscape, evaluate information for appropriateness, and use information ethically. Our own assessment data has demonstrated that students with more exposure to library services and resources tend to have higher grade point averages! The Library also supports student success by offering a variety of safe and welcoming spaces to facilitate both individualized study and collaborative group work. We are excited about the updates to second floor that occurred over the summer. Read about our improved space on page 3 or come see for yourself.

The Library connects our users to the resources needed to be successful. We provide equitable access to information and technology resources and are continually evaluating our collections to ensure they match our campus’ curricular and research needs. From print to electronic, we coordinate access to resources from a variety of sources including state funded Badgerlink, UW System Libraries shared electronic collections, resources paid for by UWSP Library, and the growing open access landscape. Read about updates to our Collections on page 3.

The Library collaborates with our new colleagues at the branch campuses in Marshfield and Wausau to leverage the strengths of all three campus libraries. Because of the UW System Libraries’ long history of working cooperatively, libraries are well-positioned to respond to the changes necessitated by restructuring. We are excited to work more closely with branch campus faculty and staff to support our students.

The Library engages with departments across campus in a variety of ways. Recently, we have been meeting with department chairs and library representatives to learn how the Library can best meet department needs. As subscription costs continue to rise, budgets continue to shrink, and library resources and services continue to evolve, the Library needs to make informed decisions about what resources and services to invest in. These department discussions will be instrumental in helping the Library shape its future. If you haven’t yet met with us, please reach out to schedule a time. We welcome your input to help the Library build a solid foundation to support our students, faculty, and staff.

Mindy King
Library Director
LIBRARY STAFF UPDATES

We have had some changes in library staff recently due to retirements or new adventures, as well as welcoming our library colleagues from the Wausau and Marshfield campuses.

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COLLECTION UPDATES

- New Databases from Badgerlink, Wisconsin’s online library for state residents.  
  - Computers & Applied Sciences Complete  
  - Poetry & Short Story Reference Center  
  - Small Engine Repair Reference Center  
  - U.S. Newsstream

- We now have access to hundreds more ebooks through Proquest’s Ebook Central location, which are all discoverable via Search@UW.

- More streaming video titles have been added to Films on Demand.

- We have discontinued the Mergent Intellect and Reference Universe databases.

SPACE UPDATES

The second floor has been renovated! It now includes:

- study spaces and whiteboards where the Current Periodicals were housed
- a better browsable area for our Current Periodicals
- additional study spaces along the window area (and new bean bags!)
- our leisure reading collection
LIBRARY EVENTS

We will be celebrating some national and local events this semester:

**September 23-29**

**Banned Books Week**
Stop by and learn more about books that have been challenged or restricted from libraries and schools throughout the nation.

**September 29**

**Family Day**
The Library will participate with mini tours and other resources on Saturday, Sept. 29th.

**October 22-28**

**Open Access Week**
The Library will post information about the importance of open access. Open access refers to the free and open availability of scholarly content on the Internet. Open-access materials are made available via digital repositories (archives) or scholarly journals. Open access does not equate to “anyone can publish anything”; rather, open access refers to the ability of anyone to view, download and use scholarly information.

**December 10**

**Exam Cram**
Our end of the semester Exam Cram will be held on Monday, December 10th. This year we will feature a LEGO night and the Archives is pulling out all the stops with classic video games (Super Mario Bros., Sonic, Mario Kart, etc.) on “older” gaming consoles for students to play.

LIBRARY LABS WORKSHOPS

The Library offers a Library Labs Series of workshops for students, and they are approved for Pro Events credit (Professional Pointer Events credit, formerly SBE Events Credit). Please share with your students.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Keepin’ It Real: Tips and Strategies for Evaluating Fake News**
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (CPS 107) | Presented by Dave Dettman
Fake News is becoming a real problem for individuals that rely on web delivered news (often via social media) to help them make sense of the world. This library lab will define fake news, provide examples, and discuss strategies and resources to help you successfully identify “news” content that is out of context and/or motivated by political or social bias.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**Access to Census Statistics via the American Factfinder**
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (CPS 107) | Presented by Dave Dettman
Are you looking for Census statistics? Not quite sure how to get started finding the population information you need for a class project? This library lab will walk you through the American FactFinder data access tool. Session objectives are as follows:

- How to access the American FactFinder
- View American FactFinder features
- Use the search and navigation
- Hands on time with guided exercise
**REMINDERS**

- A reminder that course-related materials may be put on reserve (print and ereserve options) for your students. Contact Terri Muraski for more information.
- Librarians are happy to meet with classes and to offer instruction in how to use the Library and its many resources. Each instructional session is tailored to the specifics of the course and its assignments. Contact Dave Dettman for more information.
- Faculty and Staff are now limited to three renewals for most library materials. Contact Carrie Kline for more information.
- We have an updated guide to predatory publishers available.
- There is a list of Library liaisons by department.
- You can link to Google Scholar full-text resources off-campus, if the Library subscribes to it, by adding UWSP to the library preferences available under Google Scholar’s settings.

**FUN FACTS**

**LIBRARY STATISTICS DURING 2017-2018**

**Reference**
- 2,603 Library reference questions
- 3522 Archives reference questions
- 93 one-on-one and group research consultations

**Instruction**
- 331 course integrated group sessions reaching a total of 6979 students
- 4 sections of LRES 101: Library Resources
- 3 sections of LRES 102: our new Library Ambassador Honors Program

**Usage**
- Total queries in Search@UW: 236,950
- Total materials in physical collection: 700,767 items
- Total materials in electronic collection: 760,185 resources
- Total physical materials loaned: 53,383
- Total materials received by Interlibrary Loan: 7,740

**MOST USED DURING 2017-2018**

- Book: *The Singer’s Musical Theatre Anthology*
- Instructional Materials Center (IMC) book: *The Music Tree: A Plan for Musical Growth at the Piano*
- Database: *Academic Search Complete*
- Ejournal: *Science*
- Ebook: *The Sixties in America*
- DVD: *The Twilight Zone*
- Films on Demand: *Bill Moyers: Earth on Edge*
- Kanopy video: *The Mask You Live In*
- Swank video: *Hacksaw Ridge*