

New OU-Tulsa Library: Opening Soon!

The OU-Tulsa Library started out as a few medical books at the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1932. The books found their first official home together on shelves in 1938 when TCMS moved into a two-room suite in the Medical and Dental Arts Building in Tulsa. The library, supplemented by donations from Tulsa physicians, grew to fill the entire 12th floor, and its first full-time librarian was Miss Irma Beehler. (If anyone has a photograph of her, we'd love to have a copy.) Over the years, the library moved to a building near Hillcrest Medical Center, and in 1974 became officially associated with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, then located on 21st Street. The first OU-Tulsa Library director was Marty Thompson, now director of Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library at the OU Health Sciences Campus in Oklahoma City.

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After many years at the OU College of Medicine Campus at 28th and Sheridan, the OU-Tulsa Library moved to its Schusterman Center home in August of 2000. Within two years, all the OU programs in Tulsa also moved to Schusterman from what is now the OSU Tulsa campus on Greenwood. The Library has enlarged its scope since then to support these new Graduate College programs, as well as the expanded Health Sciences programs.

Over the years our library has found itself in small spaces, and we've had to keep a lot of material in off-site storage areas. As programs expanded and new academic programs were added, we've rearranged and interfiled and tried to find ways to squeeze new materials onto already crowded shelves.

But no more!
 In September of 2009, we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Schusterman Library at OU-Tulsa.

We've documented the construction with photos that you can see on our library's Facebook page, and made a construction cam available for interested viewers. Our available floor space will double in the new library. For the first time we can move books and journals from all our offsite locations to a space under one roof.

The new library, now renamed as the Schusterman Library, includes expanded individual and group study space for students, an information commons area, and an arts and information gallery designed to highlight the work that people on our community-focused campus are engaged in.

We plan to move into the new library in late May during the intersession, and we open our doors on May 30th. Come visit us!



Our new front porch – facing the intersection of Boren Boulevard to the south, and Yale Avenue to the east.

News from:

Oklahoma City University Library

Beth Fleming, Oklahoma City University Music Librarian had eight articles accepted for the Grove Dictionary of American Music. The subjects are (Evelyn) Ruth Anderson, The Columbia String Quartet, Judith Dvorkin, Betty Freeman, Frances Magnes, Liz Phillips, the Sequoia String Quartet, and the Tremont String Quartet. She also recently presented a paper on the use of digital resources to enhance information literacy training by music librarians at the Music Library Association annual meeting.

Oklahoma City University Monographs Librarian Robert Dorman's most recent book, *Oklahoma: Past and Present*, was published in September. The book, aimed at the middle school audience, was issued by Rosen Publishing as part of its juvenile series, *The United States: Past and Present*.

Submitted by: Victoria K. Swinney, Ph.D.
Director of the Dulaney-Browne Library



The Dulaney-Browne Library at Oklahoma City University

Oklahoma Panhandle State University Library

- Access Services Librarian Rhonda Donaldson selected to attend OLA Gold Leadership Institute in Nov. 2010 and partnered with University of Pittsburg library classmate on a poster presentation "Preservation on a Tight Budget" for the 2010 ALA Annual Conference.
- Installed a "Quick Print" station for students who need quick print jobs from their flash drives. It's appreciated.
- Completed major space utilization moves summer of 2010, purchased brainstorming tables, new chairs for most public areas, new furniture, new smart board in instruction area and currently remodeling to create our first group study room.
- Technical Services Librarian Janet Kravig is telecommuting after move to Colorado, managing student staff and attending library staff meetings via Skype, cataloging using scanned title and verso pages, and taking care of a toddler and infant. This has been a creative, effective solution beneficial to both Janet and the library during these times of budget cuts and vacant librarian positions.
- Preservation projects are expanding thanks to two successful grant applications. We began preservation of university publications with an Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board grant from Oklahoma Department of Libraries and are completing a preservation grant for small libraries from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The NEH grant addresses the needs for a specific collection, the Howsley Poetry and Shakespeare special collection donated in the 1940s and 1950s with many old editions needing care and attention.
- Systems, Electronic Resources, and Digital Librarian Elaina Stewart is serving on the campus wide Campus Computing task force, providing input toward much needed IT planning. She also researched, located, and authored two successful grant applications.
- OPSU is partnering with six peer Oklahoma academic libraries, actively pursuing information literacy grant funds. We recently completed an AT&T funded "Successfully Completing College; Developing Integrated Information Literacy Skills" grant which funded SAILS testing to establish bench marks for incoming college freshman. Lead institution East Central University has also authored two additional grant applications to IMLS and Amigos to continue work on interactive information literacy tutorials.

Submitted by: C. Evelyn Schmidt, Library Director and Associate Professor, Marvin E. McKee Library

Providing Library Services for International Students

The ACRL Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group held a discussion at ALA Midwinter to discuss, oddly enough, common practices for providing services to international students. The discussion led a list of recommendations that fell into four different categories: Services, Instruction and Reference, Outreach, and Programming.

Services

- Provide literature specifically designed for international students. Highlight differences between foreign and U.S. academic libraries.
- Provide a glossary of common library-related terms that may be unfamiliar.
- Eliminate jargon, slang, and colloquialisms from any materials.
- For video tutorials/guides, provide closed-captioning so students can read as well as hear.
- Explain to students that most library services are free! This is not the case in many countries.

Instruction and Reference

- To address different learning styles, provide information in multiple ways: orally, written, and visually.
- Re-state important items in diverse ways, especially when questioned. Don't just repeat things slower and louder.
- Encourage students to use IM to ask questions if they are uncomfortable approaching a librarian.
- Ask specific questions to gauge understanding instead of "Do you understand?"

Outreach

- You can reach many international students through ESL classes, but find other avenues for outreach like international student clubs or organizations.
- Be a guest speaker at an international student club meeting.
- Develop partnerships with other units on campus (i.e., writing center, international student services).
- Employ international students for public service desks.

Programming

- Offer international programming during library downtimes, such as spring break or between semesters.
- Focus more on making a personal connection with students at new international student orientations. Don't overwhelm them with a lot of detailed information.
- Include the stacks on library tours for international students. Many students may not be familiar with open stacks and call numbers.
- Offer a "service fair" for international students in the library, and invite other campus units (i.e., career services, academic support).
- Offer programming for international students only. Some international students are embarrassed to ask questions in front of American students.

Submitted by: Victor Dominguez Baeza,
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Update on SLA/OK-ACRL Fall 2011 Conference

November is only eight months away meaning... OK-ACRL's Fall Conference, which will be a joint conference with the Oklahoma chapter of the Special Libraries Association (OK-SLA), is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 4th to join us at Oklahoma State University's Advanced Technology Research Center. The conference's theme of creativity and leadership will be a conference not to miss!

While we can't give all the details away just yet, we can say that OSU Provost Dr. Robert J. Sternberg will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Sternberg who served as the Dean of the Tufts School of Arts and Sciences before joining OSU was also recently a speaker at the World Creativity Forum held last year in Oklahoma City. Dr. Sternberg's work, which started in psychology, has focused on the nature of leadership. More details concerning the conference will be forthcoming.



Conference scene from 2010

SWOSU Mobile App

Southwestern Oklahoma State University has launched- goSWOSU- the official smart phone mobile app for the university. goSWOSU will provide access to on-campus technology services as well as weather, news, library services and more. Features of this mobile app include the SWOSU directory where smart phone users can look up SWOSU students, faculty and staff and connect using mobile capabilities with email and phone. The SWOSU campus map, allowing users to search for buildings by name, pinpoint them on the map or simply zoom across campus, and use GPS capabilities on smart phones to determine distance from current location to desired campus destination. SWOSU students can connect to Desire2Learn, CampusConnect (course enrollment platform), and SWOSU webmail. Users can stay up-to-date with the latest news and events at SWOSU and stay informed of facility hours (cafeteria, computer labs, library, Wellness Center, etc.). Current employees, students and alumni can connect to SWOSU's tradition by accessing the lyrics to the SWOSU fight song and Alma Mater as well as listen to the audio files. goSWOSU also connects to the university's social media presence on Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter.



goSWOSU has extended the capabilities for students and faculty to connect to the services and resources of the SWOSU Libraries. Mobile users can search books and articles in the library via Credo Reference which includes our Library Catalog, Academic Search Complete (EBSCO), Ebrary, NetLibrary, and Oxford Reference Premium Online (Collection). The Library's streaming video resources and downloadable audio book platforms are available through the mobile app as well. If users have questions about research, the mobile app connects to the Library's Text a Librarian service. The Library's Facebook page and blog are included as well.

This mobile application is a university-wide cooperative including the Library's input into the highlighted services and resources. SWOSU Web Services Office launched this app in February 2011 using Boopsie. The mobile app is available to everyone for download. Visit your mobile phone's app store to download goSWOSU.

Submitted by: SWOSU Library

X Marks the Stand: OCCC Library Tries a New Marketing Approach

This past year, a group of librarians and a paraprofessional at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) Library formed an internal marketing committee to look at how to better advertise the library's resources and services to students, faculty and staff at OCCC. The group wanted to create a campus ad campaign that was modern and showed the lighter side of the Library.

The project grew into a collaborative effort with OCCC's own Marketing and Public Relations Department which resulted with the creation of ten X-Stand banners. The X-Stands, which are six foot tall vinyl banners that stand upright, have been placed all over campus in high traffic areas. The banners have proved popular to OCCC students, staff and faculty alike and have helped the Library showcase its

different services and resources as well as the Library's sense of humor. For an image gallery of the banners, please see (please note the image watermarks do not appear on the real banners): <http://bit.ly/dZGT4r>

Submitted by: OCCC Library



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Getting to Know New Librarian...

Jessica Moad

Position: Reference and Instructional Services Librarian

Library: University of Central Oklahoma's Max Chambers Library

From: I was born in OKC, grew up in Edmond, and have lived in Arizona, Texas, and Indiana.

Favorite book: At the moment, Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five* or Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*.

Pets and/or Family?: 1 Husband, 1 Son, 1 Daughter, 2 Cats, and 1 Dog; all adorable and amazing!

Hobbies: Painting, beading, film criticism, tennis, cycling, etc.

Things you wish were in vending machines: Dried fruit or fresh vegetables.

Name one thing not many people know about you: I really enjoy street art.

Famous Favorite Saying/Quote: Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. - Thomas Edison

Finish this sentence: If I weren't a Librarian, I would be a fish out of water.



Jessica Moad

Do you have a new staff member that you would like to introduce? Simply send an email to oklahomacrl@gmail.com and we'll get you into our next newsletter!