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The mission of the Oregon State University Libraries and Press (OSULP) is to cultivate excellence in scholarship and creativity, empower discovery, and preserve and disseminate knowledge. We develop user-focused services, share our expertise through teaching and research, and build gateways to unique resources to further the growth of the OSU community, the people of Oregon, and the global scholarly community. OSU Libraries supports the instructional and research needs of OSU students, faculty, and staff through traditional and innovative services and collections. We advance OSU’s mission and contribute to learner success, scholarly excellence and community engagement. Policies for OSU Libraries may be found online (https://library.oregonstate.edu/policies).

Libraries Serving Oregon State University

Oregon State University Libraries is the second largest research library system in Oregon and offers library services at three locations: the OSU campus in Corvallis, the Marilyn Potts Guin Library in Newport at the Mark O. Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the OSU Cascades Library in Bend, OR.

The OSU Libraries collection includes materials in all subject areas and contains nearly 1.5 million physical volumes including books, journals, and audio-visual material. The Libraries subscribe to 150 full-text and index databases, and more than 85,000 subscriptions to online journals. OSU Libraries is a federal depository library and maintains print and electronic holdings for both state and federal government documents. More than 600,000 electronic books are available through the OSU Libraries’ catalog. In addition to the primary research collection, a robust resource-sharing program ensures access to information for research and pedagogical needs. OSU Libraries has digitized thousands of documents, photographs, and maps to make them widely accessible for researchers, students and the general public. Additionally, a notable collection of contemporary Northwest artwork is on display throughout the Valley Library with more than 120 works of art by more than 80 different artists.

The Marilyn Potts Guin Library houses the research and teaching collection that support Oregon State University’s Hatfield Marine Science Center. The Guin Library’s collection of more than 35,000 books and journals covers a broad range of marine-related topics including fisheries, aquaculture, oceanography, geology, environmental studies, and biology. Particular attention is paid to collecting material on marine fisheries, marine mammals and information specific to the Northeast Pacific Ocean. The Guin Library is a leader in helping marine and aquatic libraries worldwide share their resources, consistently ranking as one of the top lenders in the IAMSPLIC Resource Sharing Network.

OSU Cascades Library housed in Tykeson Hall serves the OSU Cascades campus in Bend, OR; and the McDowell Veterinary Medicine Library serves the Carson College of Veterinary Medicine on the Corvallis campus. OSULP does not have direct administrative oversight of these libraries, however these locations are supported by OSULP through coordinated licensing and purchasing of electronic resources as well as centralized acquisitions, cataloging, and other technical services.

Learning Spaces

The Valley Library provides a flexible learning environment that supports community and engaged learning. The Valley Library has wireless internet throughout the building. Hours at the Valley Library are extended to 24 hours, five days a week while classes are in session.

Two of its learning spaces are the Learning Commons and the Undergraduate Research and Writing Studio (URWS). The Learning Commons offers a variety of spaces for groups to collaborate or work individually. It features more than 130 computers (https://library.oregonstate.edu/floormaps/learning-commons-computer-stations) (both Macs and Windows OS) providing access to a wide variety of services including black and white printers, a color printer, and even 3D printers as well as scanners and photocopiers. A partnership between OSU’s Writing Center and the Libraries, the URWS (http://writingcenter.oregonstate.edu/faculty-information) supports undergraduates as they complete their writing projects. Trained peer consultants are available to guide students through their research and writing process. Faculty are welcome to bring their classes to the Studio, after scheduling with staff.

Located near the Circulation Desk, the Student Multimedia Studio (SMS) (http://is.oregonstate.edu/sms) gives students access, along with training and support, to video editing and multimedia production software, large format printing, video cameras, microphones and audio recording equipment — much of which can be borrowed.

Peer tutors and graduate teaching assistants from the College of Science assist students with chemistry are available during scheduled hours on the Valley Library’s third floor in the Mole Hole (https://library.oregonstate.edu/clc). The Math Learning Center offers tutoring support in the same area.

The Valley Library has 29 group-study rooms available for three-hour time slots, 37 research rooms that are available for 90-day periods, three long-term research rooms, and one designated floor for quiet study.

A drop-in day care facility is available on the third floor.

OSU students, staff and faculty can check out a variety of technologies and equipment, (https://library.oregonstate.edu/loanable-equipment) including six-hour or week-long laptop reservations. The Libraries also circulate board games.

Collections

OSU Libraries supports faculty and student research not only through its purchased collection, but also through unique and rare materials held by the Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives Research Center (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/ChapterDetail.aspx?key=17/#Section3760). Content in signature collecting areas is made freely accessible on the web to facilitate use by students, faculty and other researchers. This includes extensive documents from the Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers, the History of Science Collections, the Oregon Multicultural Archives, OSU Queer Archives, the Natural Resources Collections, the Oregon Hops and Brewing Archives, and the University Archives.
OSU Libraries also manages the university’s institutional repository, ScholarsArchive@OSU. This database makes a wide variety of information resources produced at OSU freely available on the web. Contents include faculty articles, OSU theses and dissertations, and all publications by the OSU Extension Service and experiment stations. ScholarsArchive@OSU is consistently ranked among the top 10 institutional repositories in the United States (according to Webometrics).

OSU Libraries extends services and resources to the on- and off-campus community in a variety of ways. The collections can be accessed both online and through mobile devices, and print material can be shipped directly to students or researchers.

Questions and Instruction
Reference assistance (https://library.oregonstate.edu/reference) is available in person, by phone, email, text message, and by live chat. Library faculty are available by appointment for individual research consultation. Students, faculty, staff, and community members consult in-person, by phone, through chat, or via email with a librarian.

Teaching librarians (http://ttps/guides.library.oregonstate.edu/TED) provide course-integrated instruction, workshops (https://library.oregonstate.edu/graduate-students), tutorials, and course and research guides (https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu) to develop student research skills. In partnership with faculty from departments outside of the library, they provide targeted learning experiences in classes and lend their expertise to assignment design and assessment projects to enhance student success in learning and to support their critical thinking and lifelong learning. More than 7,200 students participate in 400+ library classes and workshops each year.

Students can obtain credit for internships under the Library 410/510 course.

The Valley Library has two classrooms on its third floor: Willamette East and West. These two classrooms are separated by a divider which can be removed to double the capacity of the space. Each sits 20 students, and both have a computer workstation and projector system in them. Willamette East also has a conferencing system installed, so that presentations, classes, and meetings can be broadcasted to external participants.

The Autzen electronic classroom in the Valley Library is an enhanced classroom for library-related instruction. It provides a hands-on setting with 24 networked Mac workstations, white boards, clickers, six large-format projectors and screens, and built-in sound. Additional furniture provides seating for classes up to 50 students.

Research Data Services
Library faculty meet with students, faculty and staff one-on-one to assist with challenges of managing research data. This includes guidance on how to write data management plans for grant proposals; review of data management plan drafts; help identifying repositories to preserve and make datasets publicly available; assistance with preparing datasets for deposit in ScholarsArchive@OSU or other repositories; and discussing best practices to organize, backup or control versions of research data. Visit the Research Data Services website (https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/research-data-services) to find out more.

Oregon State University Press
OSU Press has been a department of the OSU Libraries since 2007. OSU Press publishes scholarly and general interest books in forestry, natural resources management, and natural history as well as the cultural and social history of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The Press and Libraries collaborate on projects including an open textbook initiative that supports the development of free online textbooks written by OSU faculty.

Collaborations
OSU Libraries collaborates with other academic and research libraries and cultural heritage organizations through various consortial memberships and partnerships:

- OSU Libraries is a member of the Orbis Cascade Alliance that includes 39 universities, colleges, and community colleges in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho with total holdings of 28.7 million titles.
- The Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA), a consortium of 38 research libraries across 18 states, enhances library services and programs through collaborations focused on interlibrary loan, scholarly communication, shared acquisitions, and digital collections.
- OSU Libraries is a founding member and active contributor to Archives West, a consortium of 48 archives and special collections in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Alaska. Archives West provides enhanced access to archival and manuscript collections across the northwest through a union database of Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids.
- The Oregon Statewide Database Licensing Program provides a suite of 22 general periodicals and reference database products from Gale/Cengage Learning, the State of Oregon’s current database vendor.
- As a member of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), OSU Libraries can provide unlimited access to all CRL resources — approximately five million publications, archives and collections to supplement our holdings, especially in the areas of humanities and social science. OSU faculty can borrow CRL materials for extended periods.
- OSU Libraries is a member of the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST), a distributed retrospective print journal repository program serving research libraries, college and university libraries, and library consortia in the Western U.S.
- OSU Libraries is a member of the Coalition for Network Information, the Council on Library and Information Resources, the Online Computer Library Center (the world’s largest library cooperative), the Library Publishing Coalition, and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition.
- A highlight of the Libraries’ successful collaborations with the University of Oregon (UO) is Oregon Digital, a shared digital asset management system providing integrated online access to digitized materials from both research libraries.