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HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

OUR IMPACT

2017/18 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Welcoming space. The HSU Library is a place that brings everyone together. We led many positive changes in the 2017-2018 academic year, spearheaded by talented faculty and staff transforming library spaces. Among the highlights were the creation of the beautiful new Special Collections & Archives space and the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL). The Library created dynamic, innovative learning environments to provide ample opportunities for the campus and community to learn and to participate in engaging and educational events. We also offered inspiring events, and experiential learning with authentic and relevant contexts that expand education, such as; ideaFest, HSU Authors Celebration, Library Lifelong Learning Lounge (L4HSU), SkillShops, and Campus/Community Dialogue on Race.

We opened space in the Library to create opportunities that enhance collaboration and foster student success. The Learning Center expanded services and spaces on the first floor. The opening of the CTL on the third floor made services more convenient to both students and faculty. The new Special Collections & Archives space inspires individual researchers and class assignments to utilize primary and regional sources. We hired HSU Computer Science students, in collaboration





Special Collections Grand Opening, March 1, 2018

with ITS, to develop a mobile application that enables us to better research the use of spaces to plan renovations, resulting in significantly greater use by our students and community.

The Library's accomplishments extend well beyond new spaces. During the academic year, HSU Press published four new books and the second edition of the *ideaFest Journal*, published over 450 authors and the works downloaded over 31,600 times. Attendance is increasing for both SkillShops and L4HSU, over 2,000 learners developed new skills and built social connections at HSU Library. We also welcomed over one thousand local eighth grade students to campus as part of the *I've Been Admitted to College* (IBAC) program, as well as new and returning students during the annual Library Welcome Back Open House.

While library spaces and opportunities will continue to change and transform, our commitment to serving the academic, professional, and personal growth of students, faculty, staff, community members, and researchers will remain steadfast. Our vision is to curate a comprehensive learning environment that supports lifelong learners, their academic and problem-solving skills, creativity, communication, leadership, inter/intrapersonal skills, and resilience needed for today and the future.

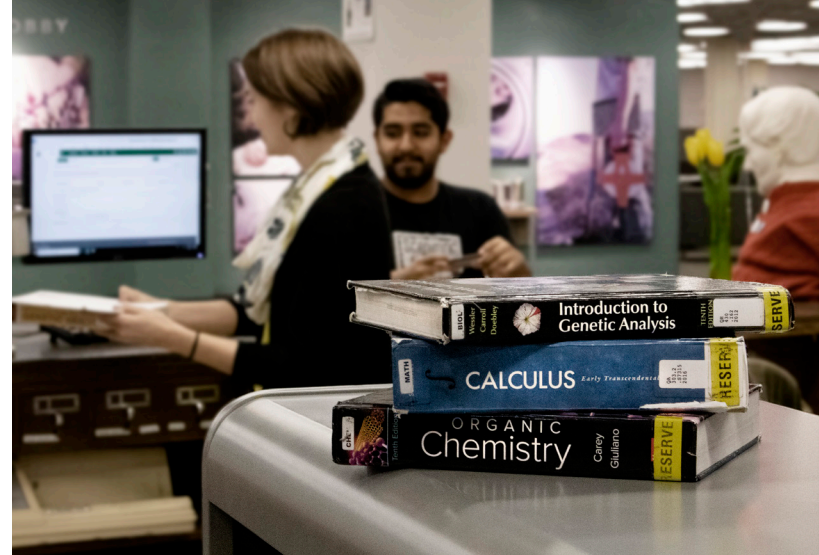
YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks on Reserve. Find your book here.

Textbooks provide much needed access to information. To some, these hefty books are a stressful financial investment for the new semester. This fall semester, 11 textbook titles cost over \$300, and between August 20 - November 30, 2018 our copies were loaned out to 114 unique students. Overall, we served over 23% of current students by checking out textbooks on reserve to 1,816 unique students.

After polling students and working to secure cost-efficient items to borrow at the Checkout Desk, the Library initiated a pilot of 10 textbook rentals. By renting some of the very expensive textbooks, we are saving students considerable money. In addition, HSU Library saved over \$1,300 by renting textbooks that cost over \$300 each to purchase.

Over the past three semesters, Access Services student assistants and staff have meticulously analyzed course offerings. Our team paired class capacity and textbook cost with library materials to target more cost savings. Conversations with instructors and students resulted in over 200 instructors making over 1,200 different textbooks available to students, impacting students' academic success dramatically. Since last semester, our scope of majors on reserve has increased by 14%, meaning every major with required textbooks is now represented in our reserve collection! Together, we are helping to make college more affordable for students. In addition, over the last two years, our HSU Sustainable Learning has provided workshops to faculty that resulted in saving students over \$1M in free online and affordable textbooks.

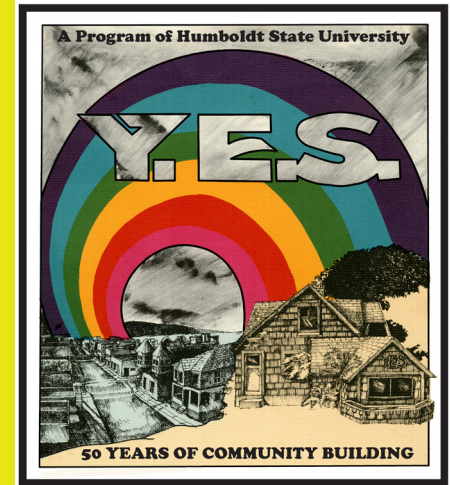


OUR INTERNSHIPS

Library Scholar Internships: an education that lasts a lifetime!

The HSU Library Scholar Internship program provides exciting project-based learning opportunities that enhance creativity and explore student career opportunities while also strengthening academic portfolios. The Library offers paid internship opportunities as an example of campus commitment to career exploration that fosters student learning of lifelong skills and discipline-specific competencies. Below is just a sample of outstanding works by student interns:

- Digital Media & Learning Interns utilize emerging technologies to create digital projects. An example is the “HSU Student Snapshot” project, developed Spring 2018, which invited students to share their unique perspectives focusing on campus life, social justice, and environmental activism. library.humboldt.edu/internships/students



Erika Andrews, Scholarly Communications Intern

- Throughout the Spring and Summer of 2018, Special Collections Interns digitized archival collections to create websites that explore the subjects of environmental preservation in "Researching the Redwoods" (rnp.omeka.net) and Native American activism in the "Gasquet-Orleans Road" project (goroad.omeka.net). Students presented their work at the Society of California Archivists Annual Conference in Yosemite, California.
- In the Summer of 2018, the Scholarly Communication Interns published Y.E.S.: 50 Years of Community Building with HSU Press. Three Library Scholar Interns researched archival materials on Youth Education Services (Y.E.S.) and conducted oral histories with historic figures. In doing so, the students developed multidisciplinary skills and a portfolio, highlighting the great tradition of community volunteerism at Humboldt State University.

"When I think of my internship with Humboldt Scholars, Special Collection, and the Y.E.S. House, I am truly amazed at what we were able to produce in such little time. While writing about the Y.E.S. House, every decade I researched, I became more intrigued and inspired. The commitment Y.E.S. has to the community is humbling. From radical student organization to long-standing community collaborator, Y.E.S. has never lost sight of their vision of community participation... After Kyle Morgan took a chance on me and offered me the internship, I immediately called my mother to celebrate with her.... **look Mom I wrote a book!!!!** " -Erika Andrews, Scholarly Communications Intern

For more information about the works of Library Scholar Interns, please see library.humboldt.edu/internships/works.

A Year of Impact

HSU Library Activity at a Glance

Book Checkouts

31,747

Top Titles

The New Jerome Biblical
Commentary

13

Breakfast Served Any
Time all Day

10

Duck! Rabbit!

9

724,713

Library Visitors



Media Checkouts

7,102



Top Titles: Ponyo 44 Spirited Away 34 Arrival 28

eJournals

Downloads 421,520

Top Title: "Journal of Wildlife
Management"

640 views

eBooks

Downloads 5,684

Top Title: "Water Resource
Systems Planning and
Management"

4,435 downloads

31,995

Laptops & Chromebook
Checkouts

317

Checkouts in one day



1 out of 23 HSU students used
textbooks on reserve this semester

Textbook Loans

33,157

Top Titles

Calculus Early Transcendentals
1,414

Intro to Genetic Analysis
935

Organic Chemistry
716

**Digital
Commons**
downloads

33,580

HSU Press

392

Newly published
works

Sold 1,410 print editions

Humboldt Digital Scholar
546,572 items viewed
(1,630 searches)

I've Been Admitted to College
1,343
8th Graders from 35 local Middle Schools

920 Events hosted
by library staff & faculty

Library Lifelong Learning Lounge

L4HSU:

42 Workshops
886 attendees

SkillShops:
155 Workshops
1,366 attendees



184 different people
from **112** campus
organizations (**26%** campus)
requested event space in library

Campus & Community Dialogue on Race

20 YEARS

Annual event that invites students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members to present and attend programs that relate to racial justice and its intersections with all forms of oppression and resistance. Our objective is to create spaces and structures for reflection, analysis, dialogue, and positive strategies for change.

In 2018: **30+**

WORKSHOPS

One of the events, Diversity Day, at the Arcata Farmers Market grew out of the *We're Your Community* poster campaign created by two masters students in Social Work, Erin Youngblood-Smith and Amy Mathieson, with the aim of bridging the gap between the local community and students of color.

3,000
ATTENDEES

ideaFest

5 YEARS

Annual event that showcases student & faculty research across all academic and other departments. Get a glimpse of the type of research and creative work that's possible here at HSU. You'll be impressed!

In 2018:

400+

POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

Across three colleges, two ideafest journals published, dance performances, sculpture walk & music performances.

2,278
ATTENDEES

[@HSULibrary](https://www.instagram.com/HSULibrary)



YOUR SPACE

Learning Research at HSU.

Since 2015, the Library observes where students prefer to study in the building, and uses the data for strategic renovations. By studying seating preferences and aligning renovations to meet students where they prefer to work, the use of library spaces has dramatically increased. For example, a second floor renovation of group study areas has seen a 273% increase in use. Similarly, the recent third floor remodel of the Humboldt Scholars Lab area saw a 206% increase.

Most recently, our research methods were radically transformed. The HSU Library has a long tradition of supporting student project-based learning and internships: providing undergraduate research projects is a remarkable opportunity that make classroom lessons into real-life adventures. In 2018, the Library hired three HSU Computer Science



L to R: Ben Miller, Eric Mott, Sam Alston, HSU Computer Science Students

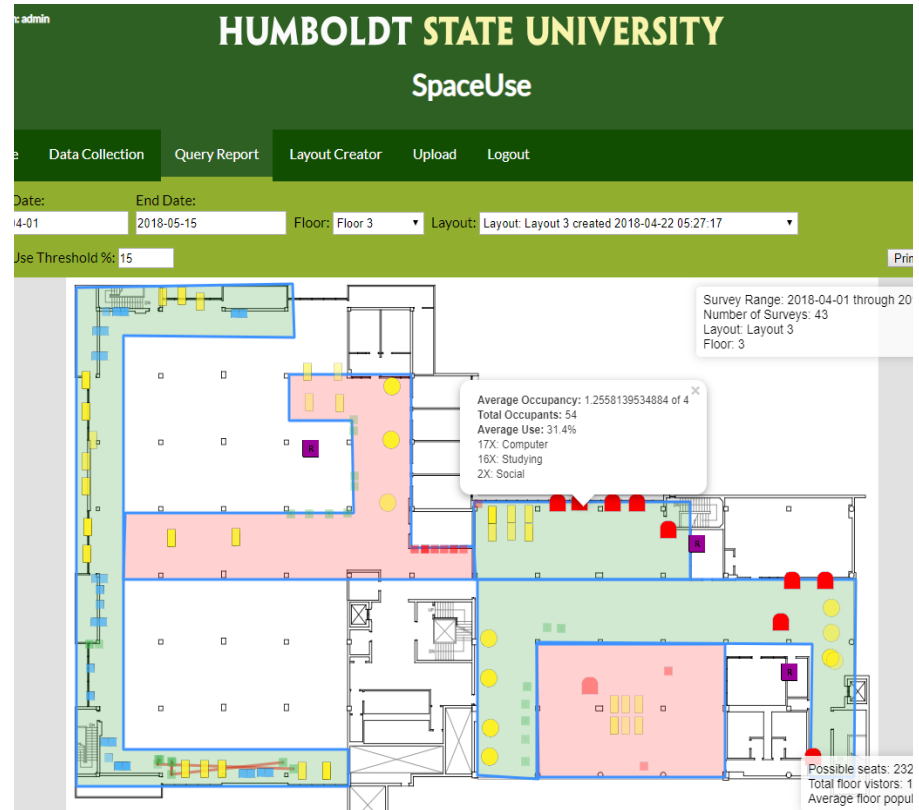
students, and with additional support from Information Technology Services, we embarked on developing software that expands our data gathering and understanding of how students use the Library. **The results are amazing!**

In the past, we used printed floor maps that were tabulated by hand, thankfully, we now have SpaceUse, open-source software on a portable tablet to understand where and how people use areas. The software provides analyses of preferences including tracking where furniture is moved, trends

by day of the week, hour of the day, and time of the semester. It is easy to use and allows smart decision-making for space use and renovations.

Continuing to be a resourceful, welcoming, and inspiring place for research, study, and collaboration is crucial for student success, the seating use analysis is essential to enhance the Library environment for student learning. SpaceUse is a powerful real-world, project-based, learning opportunity for the Computer Science students and they have a bright future ahead: one already has a computer programming career thanks in part to SpaceUse, and two students are exploring a startup business. Infused into our organization, HSU Library curates a dynamic learning environment that welcomes everyone, and deliberately fosters innovation to positively transform the lives of students.

More information is available at library.humboldt.edu/assessment.html



OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

What's Ahead at HSU Library.

Over the last four years, the campus community has watched impressive transformations of the services and spaces of the Library. This year, we are facing significant seismic retrofit construction along the outer walls of the Library, but please don't let the fencing around the building discourage you from venturing inside. Faculty, staff, and students work hard every day to provide information resources, tools, and unique learning experiences. There is so much to see, from art to virtual reality, from the Brain Booth to the Digital Media Lab. We have over a half million books to read, too.

The Library is launching a Virtual Reality Station this spring semester, with a Flight Simulator to follow. These immersive environments are crucial to expanding innovative opportunities for learning, research, and creativity. Imagine exploring Google Earth using the VR Station. It's much like flying, and when you find what you

are looking for, you can set your virtual feet on the ground and use Google Street view to explore details. Students may also want to use the VR Station to travel inside a virtual human body to better understand material covered in the classroom, or use 3D Paint to create virtual art in three dimensions. Thanks to Tim Miller, Digital Media & Learning Librarian, Mario Torres, Instructional Designer, ITS, and others in the Library, we are expanding how students research and create in virtual reality. In physical reality, the VR Station and Flight Simulator will be located near the Augmented Reality Sandbox (youtu.be/KxtqFZSNDHQ) a Geospatial learning tool created by HSU students in 2018 on the third floor across from Special Collections, HSU Press, and the Humboldt Scholars Lab. This new equipment is integral to the design of an innovation hub and makerspace in the year ahead.

Our transformational journey focuses on connecting students to ideas, information, and community. We continue to design opportunities to explore the changing learning landscape, from providing experiences with emerging technology and innovations that showcase HSU research, scholarship, and creativity, to providing hundreds of educational programs and events each semester to enhance academic growth and foster a positive lifelong learning adventure. Next year's adventure includes an expanded lower floor with Academic & Career Advising and the Youth Educational Services moving into the building. There is so much to see and do at the HSU Library! Please join us for a tour anytime.

We welcome your interest, participation, and collaboration in positively transforming the lives of thousands of students each year. We greatly appreciate your support for the Library Scholar Interns, Textbooks on Reserve, and information resources that inspire the next generation of scholars.



I've Been Admitted to College Student exploring Virtual Reality

Impact

1,330,382

Pages printed in the Library

500,000+

Books, enough to read a book every day for 1,369 years

95,421

Journals & Serials

33,157

Number of textbooks checked out

15,307

Number of books checked out

14,007

Hours worked by student assistants

8,829

Attendees inspired by learning at 508 Library Instruction & Presentations

7,102

DVD/CD/videos checked out

1,630

Media Resources

1,410

HSU Press print editions sold

1,302

Attendees engaged in SkillShops

101.75

Hours per week the Library is open during the semester

Shared Impact

3,174

Articles received through InterLibrary Loan

2,734

Books & media lent to other libraries

2,366

Books & media borrowed

1,898

Articles sent to other libraries

Our Transformation

We moved out **over 3.5 tons** of steel shelving (more than 2 Priuses) and shifted the entire collection of **over 500K** items.

In other words, we shifted **approx. 250 tons** of books, documents and serials.

453

HSU faculty, lecturers,
students, alumni, emeriti,
& community members
published with HSU Press.

392

Original articles, books,
open educational
resources, posters, thesis
published with HSU Press.

OUR STATISTICS

Digital Impact

546,572

Humboldt Digital Scholar item
views online

280,810

ebooks

280,187

OneSearch searches

33,580

HSU Press downloads

11,760

Omeka views

5,684

ebooks viewed

1,350

Videos streamed

191

Databases

Intern-Curated Online Exhibits

6,865

Views of HSU Redwoods Project
hsuredwoodsproject.omeka.net

2,405

Views of Researching the Redwoods
rnp.omeka.net

772

Views of Lucille Vinyard Collection
vinyard.omeka.net

614

Views of G-O Road
goroad.omeka.net

383

Views of Humboldt Hindsight is 2020
homeboldt.omeka.net

79

Views of Klamath Forest Alliance Collection
kfacollection.omeka.net

YOUR IMPACT

Giving to the HSU Library

The HSU Library Annual Report for 2017-18 is a story that invites you to help transform the world. This report shares our commitment to serving our students, faculty, staff, and community, creating genuine and significant improvements for success. This positive impact is strongly evident in the academic, professional, and personal growth of thousands of learners.

The first improvement you may notice in the Library are the new spaces we created for our Special Collections and the Center for Teaching & Learning on the third floor. Looking online, you will see we published a number of unique, high-quality books, journals, and websites. In addition, we have provided much needed information resources and services for teaching, learning, research, and scholarship. To this end, our educational programs and events have further developed information and digital literacies to thousands, and our many events foster meaningful community within the campus and beyond.

Your support is crucial to HSU Library's ability to help students achieve success. Donations provide much needed paid Library Scholar Internships, Textbooks on Reserve, circulating laptops, additions to Special Collections, and other possibilities. These educational experiences and resources make a profound impact on the lives of students and the community.

Please help transform the lives of students and the community by giving to the HSU Library in 2019. Visit our Giving page at library.humboldt.edu/giving to **make your impact.**

Thank you,

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Student Erika Espino checking out a laptop

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