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Library Liaisons

Amid change we continue to provide support in assignments related to information literacy and critical thinking. And we want to hear from you. One easy way to work together is to contact your liaison. Some of the projects we have worked with in collaboration with faculty include:

- Information Literacy Outcomes Assessment with COMM111 students through courseembedded library instruction
- Embedded librarian online on evaluation of information and research BIOL111 & 112
- Library collections especially in relation to the Open UAS Project: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/oer/index.html

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Your liaison will send you an email letter communicating the latest for Fall 2019 – look for it in your inbox!

No One Campus One Book

Given the budget situation, this year's One Campus One Books has been canceled. Books had not been purchased yet, nor contracts signed, and it was a program available to be cut for immediate savings. The library catalog still has copies of the selected book, *If Our Bodies Could Talk* by James Hamblin, if you are interested in reading it.

Save the Date: Library Open House

The library is planning its annual Open House for Thursday, September 26th. Some faculty in the past have encouraged or required attendance, let us know if you want to partner in any way with this event. The event is geared towards first year students as an introduction to the library. There will be an online version as well (details to come).



Three 1-Credit Library Science Course Options

This fall library faculty are offering three 1-credit Library Science courses, perfect for the student who needs another credit, an elective, or a class to support a research project. Please keep these courses in mind when advising students, and if you have a research-heavy course don't hesitate to reach out to Kaia to discuss collaboration.

- LS 110 (Library Resources and Information Literacy) and LS 111 (Library Information Literacy for E-Learners) will be offered again this fall, starting on September 10th. These one-credit classes provide a solid foundation in the research process, and are a great choice for new students or students who are taking a course with a significant research component. Students will be allowed to use topics from their other courses or personal topics to learn the steps in the research process, from crafting a defined topic to developing search strategies, finding and evaluating a variety of academic sources, and giving proper attribution.
- LS 193 Special Topics: Google vs. Humanity. "From search to smartphones, we use Google products every day. In this course we'll take a deep dive into the products and policies of the global tech giant through the lens of the ethics of information." This class will meet in-person, and begins September 11.

Curriculum Builder

UAS faculty now have access to Curriculum Builder, a tool that enables you to create reading lists that link directly to articles and ebooks from Egan Library within your Blackboard course site. With this tool, you can also provide links to web resources as well as add notes for students about required reading in their assigned textbooks or other printed materials.

By using the Curriculum Builder reading list tool, students will connect to texts directly through Egan Library's databases, giving them access to additional accessibility tools (like the ability to increase font sizes and use screen readers) that are not available when reading photocopied or scanned documents. By using resources directly from the library's databases, you can also be sure you are in compliance with copyright regulations for use of the articles and ebooks on your reading list. For more information on how to use Curriculum Builder, check out the PDF of basic instructions linked from http://www.uas.alaska.edu/celt/stl/course-design.html, or email uas.celt@alaska.edu to set up a time for one-on-one training.



Update on Resources and Collections

Be on the lookout for a list of journal titles we might be looking at cutting that would impact your area. Faculty input helps us make these decisions. As renewals come through, a number of resources have already been in consideration, with action happening over the summer. For details on where things stand with those, please see this page: http://uas.alaska.libguides.com/c.php?g=481987&p=6829930

The big one to notice there is **we have not put any money into our Kanopy subscription**. If there is a title you would like to use for instruction, please let us know and we can get a copy or license it for streaming. If you want to sample it first, Kanopy is available through Juneau Public Libraries. Previously licensed titles are still available until they expire.

For several years the majority of our new books have been purchased via small library endowments, which leave us with a revenue stream to purchase books still this year. Requests from faculty and from patrons are an important priority, and even more so as the budget shrinks. **Please continue to make recommendations to the library** for materials you think would be suitable for our collection or important for your instruction.

Also, in tight budget times donations of books are even more wonderful than normal. If you are published and have a copy of the book you could donate, that would help us make sure that we can get a copy and keep the intellectual output of the university available at the library. And if you find yourself shrinking the size of your personal library, know that we are happy to accept donations, and that items we don't keep for our collection end up either being offered to other libraries around the state or donated to Friends of the Library.

Staff Changes

The library has seen a number of staffing changes:

- Maureen O'Halloran retired at the end of last Spring, and the future of her position has yet to be determined.
- Jessie Morgan has pursued a new opportunity, leaving the library without Interlibrary Loan staff as the semester begins.
- Jeri Cary moved over to Facilities Services as their new Administrative Manager.
- Caitlin Purdome has started as the new library administrator, leaving her previous position in Serials and Collections unfilled.

Library services may take longer now than before. Journals may take longer to appear on the shelf, books out for repair may take much longer to return to circulation, and we will strive to keep ILL going with minimal interruption. ILL questions can be directed to uas.ill@alaska.edu. At the moment we have no one to take on event coordination in the library, questions about the library event space can be sent to Elise.



CELT Update

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) will be offering several training opportunities on the Thursday after Convocation, including a workshop with Amy Carney on creating accessible documents open to faculty and staff from 10-11:30am, and a drop-in tech help session in the CELT classroom (Egan Library 103) from 12-3pm.

Maureen O'Halloran retired in June, and her position has not been filled. For the time being, you can contact the UAS Help Desk for instructional design and Blackboard help. Kaia Henrickson is working on developing a calendar of CELT programs for fall semester. One program that will be offered again this year is Teaching Squares, a non-evaluative process that allows faculty to observe and learn from each other. Last year's participants found it to be a positive experience and a good source of techniques to try out in their classroom, like new pedagogical strategies, management methods, and ways to begin class. Teaching Squares is a low-stress opportunity to meet faculty in other disciplines, observe different teaching methods, and reflect on your own pedagogy. More details on this program will be sent out via email soon.

To keep up with what is happening in CELT, check out the CELT Events calendar at http://bit.ly/2MwKoBQ, follow us on Facebook @UASCELT, or peruse the CELT website at http://www.uas.alaska.edu/celt/.