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A Message From Dean Doherty

As you peruse some of the online databases that we license, you may notice a select few are beginning to offer tools to enable textual analysis of documents, journals and/or books contained in the database. This type of research has existed for some time, but with the recent spurt in the growth of AI and the ongoing development of many other technologies, text analysis tools have become more powerful and easier to use.



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Services

Library Instruction Introduces New Formats

This fall, the **instruction team** embarked on an exciting test of new instructional methods for its library tours. Instructors developed a new tour format in which students form teams to solve the case of Edith Dupre's missing diary, all while exploring the library and its services. So far, students have enjoyed the new tour, solving puzzles and learning along the way. The team hopes to continue evolving its instructional methods to include more active learning, fun and play!



Library Partners with Advance

Last spring, **Drea Broussard** and **Olivia Peltier** introduced **DUPRExPATHWAYS**, a new program series in collaboration with ASRE Pathways that provides additional research support to students pursuing the Pathways endorsement. Several librarians also provide research services embedded in courses required for Pathways completion. This fall, eligible Pathways disciplines increased from five to 27 and with it, librarians have been hard at work to continue this partnership and increase support to more students than ever.

Faculty & Staff

Spotlights

Olivia Romaguera is a new library specialist assisting in both U.S. Government Information and University Records Management.

Congratulations to **Mallory Blair**, cataloging specialist, for 10 years of service.

Tiffany Ellis, senior instructor, and **Olivia Peltier**, instructor, are new adjunct instructors for UL Lafayette's first-time freshman course, UNIV 100.

Highlights

Learning with LOUIS and Listen with LOUIS Presentations

- **Peter Klubek**, assistant professor and head of Research & Access Services, co-presented "[Submitting a Proposal to LUC](#)," where he shared tips and ideas about submitting proposals to the annual LOUIS Users Conference along with the benefits and experience of presenting at LUC.
- **Susan Richard**, professor and associate dean of University Libraries, co-presented "[Creating Annual Reports](#)," where she shared her experiences, tips and ideas for compiling library annual reports.
- **Olivia Peltier**, instructor and instruction librarian, was a podcast guest on the episode "[Using Artificial Intelligence to Create Widgets](#)," where she discussed the Pickaxe Project and other tools libraries can use to create widgets for LibGuides and other resources. She also presented "[Creating AI-Powered Widgets with Pickaxe Project](#)" on the same topic, giving viewers an opportunity to see the process for creating widgets and other tools using Artificial Intelligence.

ACRL-LA Summer Research Forum Presentations

- **Andrea Broussard**, instructor and research and instruction librarian, gave a presentation titled "Do You Have, Like, Actual Books?: Curating a Leisure Reading Collection in an Academic Library," where she discussed how Dupré Library's Leisure Reading Collection was funded, built and housed. Broussard's presentation earned her an award of \$100.00 and a year-long membership to ACRL-LA.
- **Dr. Zachary Stein**, associate professor and assistant dean of Technical Services, presented "Bringing it All Together: Revamping Records Management at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette."
- **Janelle Zetty**, associate professor and head of Cataloging, co-presented "Better Together: How Academic Librarians Can Advocate for Our Profession."
- **Peter Klubek**, assistant professor and head of Research & Access Services, presented "A Content Analysis of Railroad Travel Posters of the 1920's and 1930's."

LOUIS Users Conference Presentations

- **Olivia Peltier**, instructor and instruction librarian, and **Madison Manuel**, Research & Access Services specialist, presented "Do You Want to Play a Game?: Exploring Library Services Through Augmented Reality Games."
- **Janelle Zetty**, associate professor and head of Cataloging, co-presented "Better Together: How Academic Librarians Can Advocate for Our Profession."

Articles in *CODEX: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL*

- "Search Books, Databases, and More: The Swift Rise of Federated Search Boxes and Discovery Services on Academic Library Web Sites" - **Jennifer Hamilton**, assistant professor and head of Library Instructional Services
- "RAD! Creation of a Research and Access Services Department" - **Peter Klubek**, assistant professor and head of Research & Access Services

Grants

Advance Equipment Grants

The library received \$10,000 in Advance Equipment Grants from the Student Center for Research, Creativity & Scholarship (SCRCS).

Tiffany Ellis, senior instructor and user engagement/instruction librarian, was awarded \$9,550 to fund school supplies for the [Library of Things](#).

Ellis and **Peter Klubek**, assistant professor and head of Research & Access Services, were awarded \$450 to fund tablets for [Research & Access Services](#) in the library stacks.

Events

ORCID iD Registration

As an R1 university, faculty and students contribute to research and scholarship at international, national, regional and state levels. To support these efforts, the library periodically hosts registration drives encouraging everyone to sign up for a free [ORCID iD](#), which is a unique and persistent identifier that helps individuals distinguish themselves in research, scholarship and innovation. It ensures credit for your work, even if others share your name, and facilitates the seamless sharing of information between your profile and funding, publications, data repositories and other research workflows.



Anime Afternoon

In the fall semester, the library introduced a monthly program called Anime Afternoon. This event offers students and staff a fun opportunity to relax, enjoy ramen and watch anime while connecting with fellow enthusiasts. Each Anime Afternoon, held on the last Monday of the month, features several episodes from a selected anime series, with a different theme each month.



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Past Exhibits & Events



Becoming Woman

Featured this semester in the [Jefferson Caffrey Reading Room](#) is the "Becoming Woman" Exhibit. This collection highlights the lives of women in the small town of Crowley, Louisiana. The photographs were taken from the 1910s to the 1930s by the Barnett Studio and reflected the ways these rice belt women and girls established themselves through the lens of culture, religion, race, class and gender.



Special Collections Closes the 125th

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of UL Lafayette, the library displayed some rare objects from university history. As part of the [University Archives](#), the library houses an extensive collection of pennant flags dating from the early 1900s to modern times. The flags are each unique in color, style and construction and added an interesting twist to our 125th celebrations.



Special Collections Open House

During the University's Family Weekend, the library hosted an Open House for students, along with their parents, siblings, families and friends to explore the [Special Collections](#) and the [Ernest J.](#)



Naturalization Ceremony

Constitution Day, normally observed on September 17, commemorates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and honors those who have become U.S. citizens. This year, the university

Gaines Center. In Special Collections, visitors engaged with documents and items from the University dating back to 1900, materials related to the Acadiana region and the broader state of Louisiana, rare books published before 1900 and Cajun and Creole music resources. At the Ernest J. Gaines Center, attendees explored artifacts and scholarship focused on the life and works of Dr. Ernest J. Gaines.

celebrated Constitution Day with various events across campus, including a naturalization ceremony held in the library. During the ceremony, eleven candidates from Mexico, Vietnam, Honduras, Trinidad & Tobago, Bangladesh, Philippines, China, India and Croatia became U.S. citizens.

Featured Resources

Artstor on JSTOR

Artstor, a digital image archive in the arts, architecture, humanities and sciences, has moved to JSTOR. The change aims to bring Artstor's high-quality collections to a single platform and to add more teaching and learning tools. [Try the new experience.](#)

Georges de La Tour. *The Fortune-Teller*. 1630s. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.



The Joy of Subject Encyclopedias

It may surprise you that subject encyclopedias are still just as useful in academic research as they were before the internet and rise of Wikipedia. Academic publications written by experts provide an introduction to specific disciplines, concepts, aspects of history and a wide variety of topics. These handy tomes are a good place to find reliable, easily understood overviews. Carefully sourced and fact-checked by professionals, they are one of our most common suggested starting places for researchers of all levels, from seasoned faculty to undergraduate students.

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Give to the Library

Edith Garland Dupré Library is the vibrant information center of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Giving to the library enriches the focus on learning and research while providing resources to the community. Dupré Library welcomes gifts of monetary funds, endowment funds, individual book purchases and library materials.

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