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A Message From Dean Doherty

The world of information marches forward. College students face an information ecosystem that is almost completely conceived digitally. As they proceed through their careers over the next 50 years, their workplaces will necessitate skills to identify, retrieve and manipulate information via the numerous virtual tools that will continue to evolve. Additionally, they will be tasked with assessing information that is created by a plethora of sources, including machines (e.g. artificial intelligence).

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Faculty & Staff

Spotlights

Congratulations to several of Dupré Library faculty and staff.

Scott Jordan, interim head of Special Collections, has been promoted to senior instructor.

Dr. Zachary Stein, interim assistant dean for Technical Services, has been promoted to associate professor and has earned tenure with the University.

McKenzie Spears, library specialist in Special Collections, recently earned her Master of Science in Information Sciences (MSIS) and a Graduate Certificate in Research Data Management (RDM) from the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Olivia Peltier, instructor and instruction librarian, attended the California Conference on Library Instruction in San Francisco in May. This year's conference theme was "Play & Playfulness in Library Instruction" and focused on instruction methods involving play, improv and games in academic libraries. Her travel was partially funded by a \$750 Professional Development Travel Grant she was awarded by the University.

Two librarians were recently awarded endowed professorships. The professorships are awarded to library faculty members who personify excellence in scholarship, research and service.

Peter Klubek, assistant professor and head of Research & Access Services, was awarded the Gloria S. and Robert W. Cline Endowed Professorship.

Dr. Zachary Stein, associate professor and interim assistant dean for Technical Services, was awarded the Friends of the Library Endowed Professorship.

Highlights

In April, **Dr. Zachary Stein**, associate professor and interim assistant dean for Technical Services, was part of a panel discussion titled "In service to communities: Examples from higher education in Louisiana" at the 2024 conference of the Organization of American Historians in New Orleans. As part of the Society of Southwest Archivists Professional Development Committee, Stein co-facilitated a pre-conference workshop on reparative description in archives during the Society of Southwest Archivists 2024 Annual Meeting in May.

Olivia Peltier, instructor and instruction librarian, presented, "Automating the Brainstorm with ChatGPT," at the Library 2.0 Mini Conference, "AI and Libraries," in April. Her presentation discussed methods for incorporating generative AI in library instruction, particularly in the brainstorming process by using a widget she developed that allows users to access a prompt for generating keywords.

Peter Klubek, associate professor and head of Research and Access Services, has been selected to participate in the Open Textbooks Pilot Program from LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network and the Louisiana Board of Regents. This project, funded by a \$2.125 million federal grant, is a three-year initiative to improve access to and completion of Career and Technical Education courses through the development of open educational resources (OER) courses. Klubek, along with a librarian from SLCC, are working with a cohort of professors from across the state to develop textbooks and course materials for an Elementary Math Education course.

Past Exhibits & Events



Lunch With Librarians

In Fall 2023, **Drea Broussard** and **Olivia Peltier**, instruction librarians, launched a new program model called



Puppies & Popcorn... and a Horse?

Puppies & Popcorn takes place each fall

Lunch with Librarians. The librarians set up lunch in the Cypress Lake Dining Room and invite students to join. The students can stay to get research help, bounce ideas around or just chat. The program's intent is to offer a low-pressure opportunity for students to check in with faculty about anything they need, academic or otherwise. The Spring edition was held in April and librarians made contact with approximately 50 students.

and spring semester during Finals Week. Students stop by the library to relax and cuddle with some new and returning canine friends provided by Pet Partners of Acadiana. Sometimes, a few rabbits join in and often steal the show. This spring, with nearly 500 attendees, the highlight was a surprise appearance from Peppermint Patty, a mini horse wearing tennis shoes.



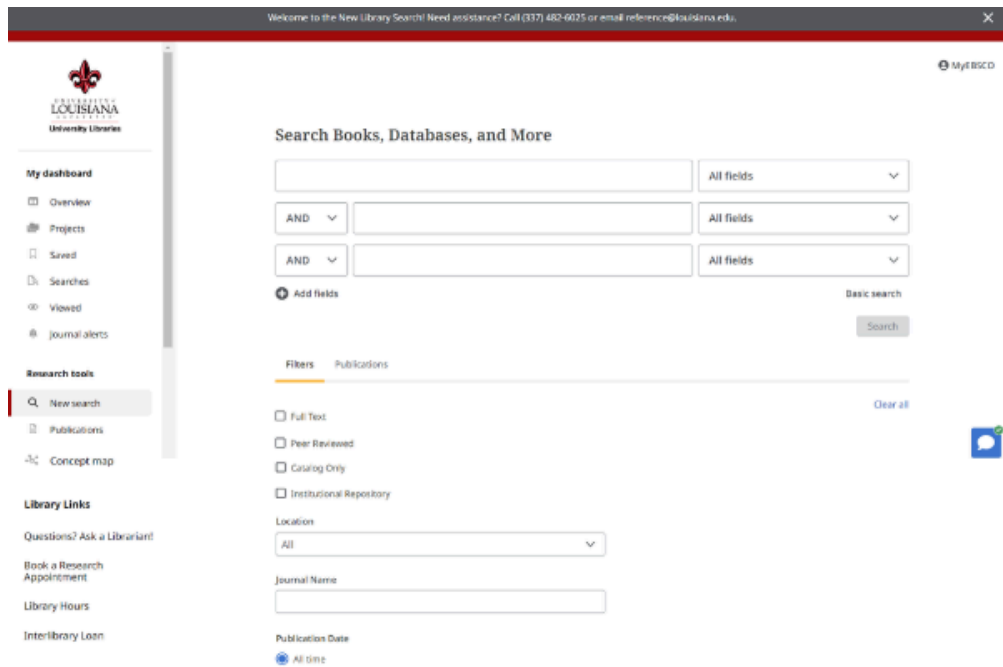
Vintage University Banners

As the 125th anniversary of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette draws to a close, Dupré Library and the Special Collections department showcased vintage university banners representing the years they were established. The banners were displayed in the first-floor stairwell and hallway of the library and the Jefferson Caffrey Reading Room on the third floor.

Ice Cream Social

Olivia Peltier and **Drea Broussard**, instruction librarians, hosted an Ice Cream Social for students in the **DUPRExPATHWAYS** program. The program is designed to enhance the research experience for ASRE Pathways students by providing them with individualized research assistance. Featuring a toppings bar and two friendly faces, the Ice Cream Social was the coolest way to start the summer off right.

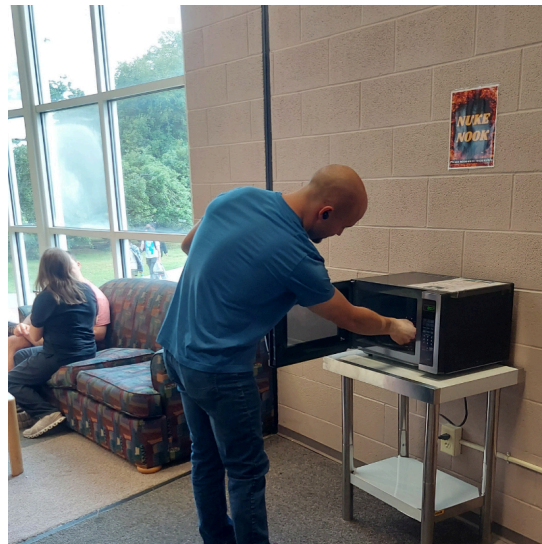
Featured Resources



Lagniappe

The Nuke Nook Has Arrived!

Consuming the right foods while studying helps with memory, concentration and focus, so eating and drinking are permitted in most areas of the library. The Nuke Nook, located near Jazzmans' Cafe, now features a microwave, enabling students to heat their food and beverages while in the library. In addition to Jazzman's Cafe in the rear of the building, vending machines are available throughout.



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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