UO LIBRARIES: SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

UO ADMISSIONS OFFICE PRESENTATION

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/about/libcol.html

• Opened in 1872 with a collection of 500 books in Deady Hall
• UO is a research university and has a multi-branch library system
• Largest collection in the state (2.6M volumes; 17K current serials)
• Oregon’s only member of the Association of Research Libraries
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Branches:
• Knight Library (Memorial Quadrangle/15th & Kincaid)

• Architecture & Allied Arts Library (2nd Floor Lawrence Hall)
  – Portland Architecture Library (UO Portland Center)

• Law Library (Knight Law Center)
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- Science Library (Onyx Bridge)
  - Mathematics Library (2nd Floor Fenton Hall)
  - Rippey Library Library (UO Institute of Marine Biology, Charleston)
LIBRARIES AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT UO

By graduation, 99% of UO students will have checked out library materials.

The Libraries:
• Serve all programs, departments, schools, and colleges
• Advance goals of information literacy across the curriculum
• Teach students skills that are transferable to all of their courses, and to lifelong learning
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The Libraries:

• Provide access to information that reflects diverse points of view, current and historical, popular and unpopular

• Provide a high-quality work experience for 350 part-time student workers each year.
LIBRARY AS PLACE

Today’s academic libraries are centers for:

• Social activity and group study
• Technology access and media production
• Quiet study and reflection
• Exploration
LIBRARY AS PLACE

Hours:

• Open 8 am - midnight Sun - Thurs academic term; weekend & intersession hours vary
• 24/7 schedule during dead week & finals
• Variety of spaces and furnishings for individual reading
• Group study rooms
• Daily Grind: coffee shop on ground floor of Knight Library
The UO Libraries website is a gateway to content and services with “one-stop shopping” directly from the home page:

- library catalogs, course reserves, unique digital collections
- Databases and Indexes
- Guides to Resources

Also:

- news, calendar, events, room schedule
LIBRARY AS (VIRTUAL) PLACE
http://libweb.uoregon.edu

Guides to Resources: prepared by librarians with expertise in the subject areas:
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/

The guides are grouped by type:
- Subject area
- Category & Format
- "How to" use or find a specific resource or category of resources
- Course-specific: developed for UO courses
GETTING STARTED

- All enrolled students have a library account that allows borrowing of materials and access to licensed databases.
- Students can also borrow directly from 30 libraries in the Orbis-Cascade Consortium (Summit catalog).
- Other items can be obtained by interlibrary loan.
- The student photo ID card serves as the library card.
- The ID is also used as the “Campus Cash” debit card for photocopying & printing.
GETTING STARTED

• Tours: offered several times during orientation week and during the terms.
• Self-guided tour
• Credit courses: LIB101 (one credit)
• Ask a librarian!
Reference Librarians are your friends! They help students:

- Design efficient research strategies
- Locate and interpret information resources, print and online
- Learn how to be more effective researchers
REFERENCE & INSTRUCTION

Reference locations:

- Knight Library:
  - Reference Desk on the main floor
  - Document Center (main floor)
  - Music Services (third floor)
  - Special Collections and University Archives (second floor of old building)

- AAA, Law, OIMB, and Science branch libraries
REFERENCE & INSTRUCTION

OTHER OPTIONS: “Get Help”

- E-mail Reference
- Telephone Reference
- Virtual Reference Service using live chat. We share in an Oregon state-wide virtual reference desk, and will begin piloting a UO-specific virtual information service during Spring 2005
REFERENCE & INSTRUCTION

- Library Instruction Program
- Technology Workshops (web publishing; digital media; citation software)
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

• Motivated UO students have numerous opportunities to work with primary sources in many formats, including manuscripts, archives, government documents, and photographs
• Undergraduate Research Award scholarship competition
ED TECH SERVICES

http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/services/techres.html

- Information Technology Centers: Student computer labs on Knight Library 2nd floor & in Science Library
- Media Services: Knight Library Ground floor. Equipment loans, including laptop computers, digital cameras, camcorders, audio & video reformatting stations
- Wireless: all libraries have excellent coverage in most public areas
Blackboard (web-based course management system).

- A very important tool for students and faculty
- Almost every UO student uses Bb in one or more courses each term
- Used to post syllabus, lecture notes, readings and exercises, grades, and host threaded group discussions

*Blackboard use from summer 1999 through fall 2004.*
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Citing Your Sources: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/citing/
- Plagiarism Guide: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/plagiarism/students/
The UO Libraries will…

…be an active and visible partner in reshaping learning and scholarship at the UO.

… deliver barrier-free access to global information resources that meet or exceed users' needs and expectations.

… provide physical and virtual environments that promote interactivity, exploration, discovery and community.
RECOMMENDED READING


OCLC Environmental Scan: Pattern Recognition (2003).

Questions?

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