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New "Ask Us" Service Gives Real-Time Answers

If you need library services but can't get to the library to ask your question in person, you can still get answers in a hurry on your dorm, office, or home computer by using [Ask Us](#), the library's new online service designed to provide real-time, remote assistance to all UO students, faculty, and staff.

Now in its pilot phase, Ask Us is available from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through June 10. Everyone in the UO community is encouraged to use the service.

You can access [Ask Us](#) by clicking the Question Mark icon at the upper right corner of any library web page. The "Get Help" link in the lower left corner of the [library's home page](#) will also launch the service.

After accessing the Ask Us page, you will be connected with a library staff member. Using a chat-room environment, you can ask questions and receive answers in real time. If you enter your e-mail address when you log in, a transcript of the session will be e-mailed to you immediately after logging off.

At present, Ask Us requires that you use Internet Explorer as your browser. For more information on the technical requirements for using the service, visit the [Ask Us Technical Tips page](#).

Usage and feedback received during the test period will help the library assess the effectiveness and future of the service. Direct your questions and comments about Ask Us to Barbara Jenkins, 346-1925, jenkins@uoregon.edu.

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Knight Library Goes 24/7 May 31-June 10

Beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 31, and continuing until 7 p.m., Friday, June 10, Knight Library will be open continuously to accommodate current UO students, faculty, and staff who need extended hours for study and research.

All UO campus branch libraries (AAA, Law, Math, Science) will maintain their usual academic term hours throughout Dead Week and Finals Week. Information on hours for all libraries is posted at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hours.html.

IMPORTANT: UO students, faculty, and staff using Knight Library during the following hours May 31-June 10 will be required to show a current university ID to remain in or enter the building: Monday - Friday, midnight - 8 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m. to Saturday, 11 a.m.; and Saturday, 7 p.m. to Sunday, 11 a.m.

During the extended hours noted above, access to photocopy machines and Information Technology Center (ITC) computers and printers will be available. *However, no other services, such as checkout of library materials, reserves and video checkout, or reference assistance, will be available during extended hours.*

Your friends at the UO Libraries wish you success now and in the future.

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Undergraduate Library Research Award Winners Announced

The University of Oregon Libraries has announced the winners of its inaugural Undergraduate Library Research Awards competition for 2005. The new program honors UO undergraduates who produced outstanding original research and scholarship during the 2004 calendar year using resources available in the UO Libraries. The two top awards carry a \$1,000 scholarship prize, with two \$500 scholarships awarded for honorable mention.

To enter the competition, students must have written their papers as part of their UO coursework and must supply a letter of support from a UO faculty member.

Alletta Brenner, a student in the Clark Honors College, took a \$1,000 scholarship award for her paper entitled "The Good and Bad of That Sexe: Monstrosity and Womanhood in Early Modern England," written for an Historical Epistemology seminar taught by Daniel Rosenberg, assistant professor of history in the Clark Honors College. Brenner, a senior from Forest Grove, Oregon, majors in history and in women's and gender studies.

The second \$1,000 scholarship award went to Dunya Chirchi, a senior majoring in political science from Beaverton, Oregon. Her research paper, "The Combined Success of the International Tropical Timber Agreements," was written for an International Environmental Politics class taught by Ronald Mitchell, associate professor of political science.

Lacey Ehrenkranz, a senior from Warren, Oregon, was awarded a \$500 honorable mention scholarship prize for her paper entitled "Ovid Transformed: The Dynamics of Sexual Positioning in Titian's Poesie." Ehrenkranz, who majors in both art and art history, wrote her paper for a Critical Approaches to Art History class taught by James Harper, assistant professor in art history.

A \$500 honorable mention award also went to Lezlie Frye, who authored "As Trans as Trans Could Be," written for her Transgender Issues class and then expanded as her thesis paper overseen by Elizabeth Reis, assistant professor in women's and gender studies. Frye, from Chicago, is a senior majoring in women's and gender studies.



From left: Alletta Brenner, Dunya Chirchi, and Lacey Ehrenkranz

Papers and Interviews Available

The award recipients' papers have been deposited in Scholars' Bank, a newly established digital archive of UO research and scholarship, and can be viewed online at <https://scholarsbank.uoregon.edu/dspace/handle/1794/313>.

Professor Steven Shankman recently interviewed first-prize recipients and their nominating professors for the statewide [UO Today](#) cable talk show. Watch the interviews here via streaming video, courtesy of the [Oregon Humanities Center](#) and UO Libraries [Media Services](#):

[Quicktime version of interviews](#)

requires free player; [download Quicktime player here](#)

[RealMedia version of interviews](#)

requires free player; [download Real Player here](#)

Other media coverage of the award and the 2005 winners includes "[Four UO students awarded in research paper contest](#)," by Eva Sylwester in the May 6, 2005, issue of the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

2006 Awards

Submissions of entries for 2006 Undergraduate Library Research Awards will be accepted until January 31, 2006. Undergraduates should review the requirements for the awards before submitting papers, and UO faculty members are encouraged to nominate student papers for consideration in each year's competition.

Complete information on the awards, along with entry requirements, is available at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/libaward.html>.

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Trial Databases

The UO Library has trial access to the databases listed below. As part of the evaluation process, we would like to receive comments from library patrons about the usefulness of these databases. Comments can be submitted in the box at the bottom of the page. When you select the link for the database, the database will open in a new window, allowing you to easily return to this window to submit comments.

Access to the electronic indexes listed on this page from off-campus is limited to current University of Oregon faculty, students and staff who connect to the Internet through the UO Computing Center.

[China Academic Journals](#)

[Historical Statistics of the US](#)

[Physiological Genomics](#)

[Safari Tech Books](#)

◆ [China Academic Journals](#)

China Academic Journals provides the full text of articles on science and engineering, agriculture, medicine/hygiene, literature/history/philosophy, economics/politics/law, education/social science, and electronics/information science from 1994 to the present.

Trial expires on May 31, 2006.

◆ [Historical Statistics of the United States](#)

NOTE: Trial provides access only to A: Population

Historical Statistics of the U.S. will be a compendium of statistics from over 1,000 sources, covering such topics as migration, health, crime and the Confederate States of America.

Trial expires on June 15, 2006.

◆ [Physiological Genomics](#)

Physiological Genomics publishes results of a wide variety of studies from human and from informative model systems with techniques linking genes and pathways to physiology, from prokaryotes to eukaryotes. The Journal encourages the submission of research that links genes to cell replication, development, metabolic function, cell signal transduction and intracellular signaling pathways, tissue and organ function, and whole organism function.

Trial expires on December 31, 2006.

◆ [Safari Tech Books Online](#) [A [password](#) is required.]

Safari Tech Books Online is a subscription service for IT reference books. The UO Libraries will be subscribing to approximately 100 titles, which will be available campuswide. During the trial, all titles in the Safari Tech Book collection are accessible. If you would like to recommend specific titles

for the UO's collection, please use the Comments box below.

Trial expires on May 25, 2006.

Comments about the Trial Databases

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Get Your Customized IT Workshops Here!

In response to the changing needs of the campus community, the library is now offering [Workshops on Demand](#), a new model for delivering information technology (IT) training to the university community.

Workshops on Demand will replace the scheduled, open enrollment IT workshops previously offered through the library. Beginning immediately, the library will develop customized workshops on any IT topic if you assemble a group of five or more people committed to taking the workshop.

The workshops, which typically provide an introduction to the features and operational basics of the software or technology, can focus on curricular needs, course requirements, personal interests, or professional directions. For teaching faculty, they can be designed to complement course content and be offered during class time.

The library's goal in offering the new approach is to provide better, more relevant training that meets the needs of everyone in the university community, along with increased collaboration with faculty in integrating information technology skills into the curriculum.

For more information on requesting a workshop on demand, visit <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/it/index.html>. Questions or comments about the program should be directed to Nargas Oskui at 346-1688.

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Science Direct Now Available

The library has recently made Science Direct, the world's largest electronic collection of journals in science, technology, and medicine, available to UO faculty, staff, and students.

The library's licensing agreement with Science Direct provides free full-text access to about 200 journal titles with online-only subscriptions and pay-per-view access to articles in the remaining 1,600 unsubscribed titles. "Library users have expressed a strong desire for desktop delivery of journal articles," says Faye Chadwell, head of Collection Development and Acquisitions. "Online subscriptions and pay-per-view services will allow us to provide more cost-effective access to journals than traditional print subscriptions do."

The program is in a one-year experimental phase, during which time the UO Libraries will cover the pay-per-view fees for university-affiliated users, according to Chadwell.

When searching for journal titles, users should continue using the library's [databases](#) and [FindText](#) resources. Links to Science Direct journals will appear in a search when online subscriptions are available or when the pay-per-view service is in effect. A brief registration process will be required to use the pay-per-view feature.

Questions or comments about Science Direct can be directed to Faye Chadwell, 346-1819, chadwelf@darkwing.uoregon.edu.

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Zines Make the Scene in Knight Library Exhibit



A new exhibition of zines (pronounced “zeens”) entitled “Zines and DIY Democracy” is now on display through July 7 at Knight Library. Zines, which are noncommercial, nonprofessional, small-circulation magazines that come in all shapes and sizes, offer a “do-it-yourself” (DIY) space for public discussion and the development of public values. As one of the exhibit’s text panels describes it: “Zines exemplify a type of independent social critique and public engagement necessary to democracy.”

Handmade and homegrown, zines are often assembled on kitchen tables or desktop computers. With a combined estimated readership of 500,000 to 750,000 persons, they are typically distributed through music stores, pubs, comic book stores, thrasher shops, independent bookstores, body modification shops, political storefronts, and alternative galleries, as well as on the internet (e-zines). Less traditional distribution channels are also used; for example, they are sometimes simply left in public places or inserted in library books.

Doug Blandy, associate dean for academic affairs and a professor in architecture and allied arts, was joined by a team of UO faculty and students in designing and curating the exhibit. Blandy, who taught a freshman seminar on zines last spring, says that they provide a powerful and critically important forum for free speech in a healthy democracy. “Many readers, especially young people, are drawn to zines because they challenge conventional wisdom about our political and social values,” says Blandy. “They communicate the spirit and principles of grassroots democracy in its purest form.”

Several zines produced by students in Blandy's seminar are included in the exhibit, along with other zines having a national readership. The exhibit also provides a fascinating history of zines and zine production, which corresponds closely to the simplification and personalization of technological innovations. Almost anyone can produce a zine these days; in fact, the exhibit gives a step-by-step guide for creating zines, complete with a display of some essential tools of the trade—Sharpies and a stapler.



The exhibit also complements a recent expansion and cataloging of a collection of zines housed in the UO Libraries' **Special Collections and University Archives**. Contact Special Collections in Knight Library (346-3068, spcarref@uoregon.edu) for more information on the zine collection.

The exhibit in the east and west entryway corridors of Knight Library can be viewed during regular library hours (http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/knighthours.html#spring). For more information on the exhibit and the freshman seminar on zines, contact Doug Blandy at dblandy@darkwing.uoregon.edu.

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