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Workshops on Demand

Workshops on Demand offer customized workshops for the University of Oregon community to meet technology training needs of its students, faculty, and staff, with a focus on academic and curricular topics. These workshops replace the open enrollment workshops previously offered by the IT Curriculum.

The UO Libraries, along with various campus partners, have been offering open enrollment workshops on the Internet and other technologies since 1994. In recent years, however, we've seen a decreased demand for these open enrollment workshops and a corresponding increase in demand for more customized technology training, focused on curricular needs, course requirements, personal interests, and professional directions. In response, the UO Libraries have introduced **Workshops on Demand**, a new model for offering technology training to the UO community will lead to better, more relevant training to meet the needs of students, staff, and faculty, along with increased collaboration with faculty in integrating information technology skills into the curriculum.

Program Goals

Our hope is that this program will:

1. promote information fluency* among students, faculty, and staff;
2. integrate technology instruction for UO students, faculty, and staff more fully into the curriculum and administrative programs;
3. offer tailored, "just in time" technology training; and
4. increase flexibility in responding to campus needs for technology training.

These workshops will not provide an adequate substitute for courses offered for academic credit, but the training will complement course content, and can be integrated into the course content and offered during class time. Workshops generally provide an introduction to the features and operational basics of the software or technology.

* Information fluency can be defined as the ability to "locate, evaluate and use digital information resources efficiently and effectively." See <http://21cif.imsa.edu/resources/difcore/> for more on this concept.

Alternatives

Not interested in group instruction, or can't find other people? Here are some alternatives:

- **Documents Room**, 175 McKenzie Hall
A large collection of books, journals, videos, and CD-ROMs provide instructions on using specific software; material can be checked out. Ideal for self-directed learners. Open to all members of the university community.

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- [IT Curriculum Archive](#)
- [Web Publishing Pages](#)
- [Web Mechanics Group](#)
- [Instruction & Training](#)
- [HR Training](#)

- **Campus Computing Labs**

Lab staff can provide assistance in using the resources of the lab. Check web pages for hours, as well as a list of software and hardware available. Open to all members of the university community.

- **Center for Educational Technologies** (CET)

Training, support, production and referral services for educational technology, including: Blackboard; graphics and digital images; digital video and audio; scanning; instructional design; and web and multimedia design and development. For faculty and GTFs.

- **Human Resources**

Human Resources offers two programs for technology training: discount vouchers for off-site training through **New Horizons**, and a new pilot program offering online, web-based training through **RAA Training**. For UO faculty and staff.

- **Lane Community College** (LCC)

LCC offers technology courses both online and on-site through their regular programs, as well as their Community Education Program. Students seeking to transfer credits should first check with an academic advisor.

- **Professional Tools for Digital Media courses** (PTDM)

The UO Department of Art and Continuing Education have partnered to offer workshops in Dreamweaver, Flash, Photoshop and InDesign. These courses are designed for career professionals, students and community members alike to develop and expand their graphic and multimedia skills.

- **Other UO courses**

Many departments also offer specialized technology-related courses. For instance, check out courses on multimedia design tools (e.g. ARTD 251), programming Microsoft Office (e.g. CIT 281), geographic information systems (e.g. GEOG 416), technology in education (e.g. EDST 410), Mathematica (e.g. PHYS 399), statistics (e.g. DSC 330 or PSY 302), etc.

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FindText Delivers Full-Text Journal Articles with Ease



If you've ever wanted to quickly access the full text of a journal article after finding a citation for it, you've got a great friend in FindText, a new service offered by the UO Libraries.

After using the library catalog to locate a journal or a library-licensed database to find a journal citation, you can simply click the FindText icon that appears near the citation to generate a pop-up box showing a list of direct links to the full text of the article. Choose one of the links and—presto!—the article will open in a separate window or you will be provided with additional information on how to access it. Should full text not be available electronically, you can quickly find out whether the UO Libraries has a print copy of the journal in which the article appears or whether you will need to request it from another library.

FindText also allows you to look directly for the electronic version of an article or journal at <http://breeze.uoregon.edu:9003/citation/findtext>. You can use the FindText link near the bottom of the Databases & Indexes section on the UO Libraries' home page to access this feature.

About 70 library-licensed databases will incorporate the FindText service in its initial implementation. These databases currently account for more 90 percent of patron searches.

Complete information and step-by-step instructions for using the FindText service can be found at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/findtext/>.

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Ocean Dive Scheduled for Knight Library's Browsing Room

Most of the living space for life on our planet is found not on land but in the ocean, and the overwhelmingly largest part of this real estate lies more than a half-mile underwater. Once thought to be a barren wasteland with no life whatsoever, the deep-sea floor is now suspected of supporting more species of animal life than a coral reef or a tropical rain forest. Many of these deep-sea animals are spectacularly colorful and bizarre.

On Wednesday, October 1, [Craig Young](#), director of the [Oregon Institute of Marine Biology \(OIMB\)](#), located in Charleston, Oregon, will take his audience deep underwater in a presentation entitled "A Whirlwind Tour of the Ocean Floor." The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room on the UO campus.

Using video footage shot from various manned submersibles, Young will escort his audience on a tour of some of the most unusual deep-sea environments on earth, including an underwater brine "lake" in the Gulf of Mexico, hot-water vents in the volcanically active tropical eastern Pacific, the monsoon-enriched Oman Margin of the Arabian Sea, the Rockall Trough west of Scotland, and the underwater slopes of Hawaii's Mauna Loa Volcano. Some of the video was filmed by students enrolled in courses at OIMB, the University of Oregon's teaching and research facility for marine biology.

Young became director of OIMB in 2002. He was formerly at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce, Florida. He is an avid historian as well as an expert on both deep-sea biology and the development of invertebrate larvae.

The presentation is being held in conjunction with an exhibit entitled "[Sand, Sea, Science: The Oregon Institute of Marine Biology](#)" on display through October 2 in the Knight Library. Designed by Barbara Butler, librarian at OIMB's [Lloyd and Dorothy Rippey Library](#), the exhibit highlights the history of OIMB as well as the research being conducted at the facility.

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Exhibit Highlights History and Research at OIMB

An exhibit entitled "Sand, Sea, Science: The Oregon Institute of Marine Biology" is on display in the Knight Library. The exhibit highlights the history of [OIMB](#) as well as the research being conducted at the Charleston, Oregon, facility.

The exhibit incorporates many facets of marine ecology and includes specimens from OIMB's collections, including parts of gray whales, vegetation "beach balls," glass floats, and driftwood.

Also featured in the exhibit is one of the UO's branch libraries, the [Lloyd and Dorothy Rippey Library](#), which provides critical resources for teaching and research at OIMB. OIMB's community partnerships with the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Coos Watershed Association, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers are also profiled.

Mounted in the display cases in the east and west entryway corridors of Knight Library, the exhibit runs through October 2.

Several special events celebrating OIMB have been scheduled for the fall, including a day trip during which prospective students can visit the OIMB facilities, and a [presentation](#) by OIMB Director Craig M. Young. His talk, entitled "A Whirlwind Tour of the Ocean Floor," is scheduled for October 1 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

For more information, contact Barbara Butler, science librarian/OIMB, at 541-888-2581, or e-mail her at butler@darkwing.uoregon.edu.

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Blackboard Upgrade Ready to Launch

During the past spring and summer, the University of Oregon Libraries worked with several units on campus to prepare for the launch of Blackboard 6, the newest version of the online course administration and delivery system used at the UO.

Version 6 will provide instructors with more flexibility in content management and sharing, better assessment and assignment management, and a new Virtual Classroom tool that facilitates collaboration and communication in the learning environment.

The transition to Blackboard 6 began this summer and will continue this fall.

Students will now log in to Blackboard 6 using their gladstone or darkwing e-mail address (for example, jdoe@gladstone) and corresponding password. Online assistance for students who are new to Blackboard or need their memories refreshed for using it can be found at <http://blackboard.uoregon.edu/>.

Faculty and GTFs using Blackboard 6 will need to follow some new procedures when converting their courses from the previous version or when developing new courses. Blackboard 6 support for both instructors is also available at <http://blackboard.uoregon.edu/>.

Individuals with questions about the upgrade or departments interested in scheduling Blackboard training workshops for their teaching staff should contact JQ Johnson, the UO Libraries' academic education coordinator, at 346-1746, jq@darkwing.uoregon.edu.

The Blackboard system is managed by the UO Libraries with collaborative support from several university units. The UO Computing Center provides authentication and database assistance, the Teaching Effectiveness Program (TEP) helps with training and education, and the Office of the Registrar supplies registration data for loading into the Blackboard system.

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Need a Question Answered? Can't Get to the Library? Problem Solved.

Do you have a reference question you need answered right away but don't have time to visit the library for help? Try using the new virtual reference service now available from the University of Oregon Libraries. The service offers a browser-based chat feature that lets you ask a question and receive immediate feedback from a librarian at one of the 21 Oregon libraries participating in the program.

The online reference service is available during the following hours:

- Sunday, 2 p.m.-10 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

During off-hours, you can e-mail your question and get a reply, usually within 48 hours. (This e-mail component of the program complements the [e-mail reference service](#) the UO Libraries has offered for some time. The UO Libraries' service generally offers a 24-hour response time on weekdays.)

The new virtual reference service, dubbed Answerland, can be accessed through the [UO Libraries home page](#) in any one of three ways:

- Click the Service Bell (Live Help) icon on the Icon bar in the upper right corner of the home page
- Click the Question Mark icon on the Icon bar and then click "Chat with a Librarian live"
- Select Ask a Librarian under the Services menu on the home page and then click "Chat with a Librarian live"

After accessing the service, a browser window opens in which you can pose your question in one area and view the librarian's real-time response in another area. The librarian can ask for clarification and then answer the question or point you to online resources where you can find an answer.

Currently, 8 academic libraries, 11 public libraries, and 2 school libraries are cooperating to provide the service. University Librarian Deborah Carver says that the program will improve reference services for library patrons throughout the state: "The UO Libraries' participation in this program represents yet another step forward in our effort to collaborate with other libraries to provide the best services to our students and faculty. It also gives us a chance to easily reach out to others in the state who need reference assistance."

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Need to Borrow a Laptop? UO Libraries to the Rescue!

If you're a student who needs a laptop so you can do your academic work anytime, anywhere, here's some help. Nine new laptop computers—seven Dell Latitude D600 (Windows) and two Macintosh iBook machines—are available to students for checkout in four-hour blocks during weekdays. The laptops also may be checked out overnight or for a full weekend. The UO Libraries' Media Services Department, located in Knight Library, is handling the checkout process. *To borrow a laptop, you must have a current UO student ID and a second piece of identification with your picture and signature on it.*

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet Explorer, along with other basic software, are preloaded on the machines, which also offer network connectivity and printing capabilities. The laptops are configured to work with other equipment, such as digital cameras, that students may check out from Media Services.

Visit http://libweb.uoregon.edu/med_svc/laptops/ for complete information about the laptop loan program. The page contains links to an online advance reservation system and information on loan periods, fines and liabilities, theft prevention, and networking the laptops. Overdue fees and charges for damage or loss are substantial, so please read the checkout information carefully before using this service.

The laptop loan program is offered through the UO Libraries with funding from the 2002-2003 Education Technology Fee program.

For more information, contact Media Services at 346-3091 or e-mail mediasvc@oregon.uoregon.edu.

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