

# SPECIAL FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

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The University of Oklahoma is home to a variety of special facilities and resources that contribute to the OU difference and enhance the opportunities available to OU students to achieve academic excellence.

## Archeological Survey

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Established in 1970, the Oklahoma Archeological Survey is a state agency with regulatory authority, as well as a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Survey's enabling legislation charges the Survey with three basic mandates: 1) to conduct research on Oklahoma's prehistoric and early historic archaeological record, 2) to work with the citizens of Oklahoma to preserve significant archaeological resources, and 3) to disseminate information on our activities through publications, public presentations and other means of outreach. The Archeological Survey has two divisions: Organized Research and the Community Assistance Program. The Survey also serves as the centralized repository for records on archaeological sites in the state (currently holding information on some 23,000 locations). Personnel of the Archeological Survey consists of seven research faculty, along with graduate and undergraduate students, and volunteers who perform a wide range of research, managerial, and educational activities. The Survey faculty also teach classes through the Department of Anthropology.

## Biological Station, Lake Texoma

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The University of Oklahoma Biological Station is a permanent field station located on the north shore of Lake Texoma, approximately 120 miles from Norman, and is subject to all rules and regulations that govern the University of Oklahoma. The station's primary mission is to promote research and education in ecology and field biology. Our facilities are open to students and scientists world-wide for research and study, and the Biological Station participates significantly in ecological and evolutionary research at national and international levels.

Primary academic goals include biological instruction, experimentation, and exploration as it relates to the University of Oklahoma student. However, the scientific and study programs have been enlarged to incorporate four main areas. They are:

1. the constant updating of curriculum necessary for quantitative and experimental courses for graduate and undergraduate students;
2. year-round ecological research by resident faculty and/or collaborating investigators from other institutions;
3. providing a base for sabbatical/short-term study by the national and international research community and;
4. providing an ideal meeting site for academic and/or other educational non-profit institutions.

The Biological Station does not offer a degree program, although credit obtained is directly applicable toward the requirements of the degree-recommending colleges of the University. Scholarships, graduate research fellowships and assistantships, work-study assistance, and independent study are also available. Inquiries should be sent to the director. The Biological Station's major instructional emphasis is on two-week courses offered in May and August at the Station. Field-research participation is also available for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as grade school, high school, and college teachers.

## Biological Survey

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The Oklahoma Biological Survey, established in 1927, is both a research unit of the College of Arts and Sciences and a state agency recognized through 1987 legislation. The mission of the Survey is to scientifically investigate the diversity of plants and animals in Oklahoma and associated regions and to contribute to conservation and education concerning these important resources. The Survey includes:

1. the General Biological Survey program;
2. the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory;
3. the Bebb Herbarium jointly operated with the Department of Botany and Microbiology;
4. the Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory jointly operated with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; and,
5. the Sutton Avian Research Center, a bird conservation center located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Personnel in the Survey include faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduates who engage in a wide range of research, teaching and service activities.

## Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

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The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center has as its mission advancing scholarship, learning, and service to strengthen representative democracy. The Center reports directly to the Senior Vice President and Provost.

The Congressional Archives at the Carl Albert Center contain the papers of the late Carl Albert, 46th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the papers of over 50 other members of Congress and some congressional staff, scholars, and journalists. The archives serve researchers on the OU campus and throughout the world. Numerous exhibits on Congress and Oklahoma, featuring materials from the archives, have traveled to public libraries and schools throughout the state. Most of those exhibits can be viewed on the Center's website.

In cooperation with the Department of Political Science, the Center sponsors a unique four-year graduate fellowship program leading to a doctoral degree in political science with special emphasis on Congress and representative government. The Center also offers research

fellowships to a select group of undergraduate students who participate with political science faculty members in collaborative research projects.

In seeking to foster a wider understanding and appreciation of Congress through civic education, the Carl Albert Center sponsors the biennial Julian J. Rothbaum Distinguished Lecture in Representative Government, which is among the most distinguished lecture series of its kind and has resulted in a book series published by The University of Oklahoma Press.

Twice each year the Carl Albert Center publishes the journal *Extensions* as a forum for discussion of representative government. *Extensions* is also available in electronic format on the Center's website.

As a participating partner in the National Education for Women's (N.E.W.) Leadership Development Network, the Carl Albert Center sponsors an annual institute to educate, empower, and inspire a select number of undergraduate women throughout the State of Oklahoma for active participation in politics and public service. The Center also sponsors for undergraduate students the Capitol Scholars and Community Scholars programs, which are intensive academic internship experiences at either the State Capitol or in the local government and non-profit community.

Students and others who are interested in learning more about these various opportunities should visit the Carl Albert Center website.

## Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth

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Formed in 2006, the Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth provides an interdisciplinary environment for researchers, entrepreneurs and students to collaborate in growing, strengthening and diversifying Oklahoma's economy through the nurturing of technology-based enterprises. The Center is a collaborative space that contributes to the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Oklahoma with numerous college-supported programs that encourage innovation in the University and the broader Oklahoma business community, with locations in both Norman and Tulsa.

Administered by the University Vice President for Strategic Planning and Technology Development, the CCEW internship program offers student interns exposure to a variety of authentic business situations and distinguished executives. Additionally, CCEW interns engage in career development opportunities designed to propel their careers following graduation. The internship program has opportunities in technology commercialization, software development, social entrepreneurship, and product design and development.

## Oklahoma Climatological Survey

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The Oklahoma Climatological Survey (OCS) provides climatological services to the citizens of Oklahoma, serves as a support facility for the State Climatologist, and is a research unit of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences at the University of Oklahoma. OCS has a

legislative mandate to acquire, process, and disseminate climate and weather data and information for use by the state's citizens. In addition, the Survey maintains an extensive array of climatological information, conducts research on both land-air interactions and applied climatology, educates hundreds of Oklahoma decision-makers annually, and operates the Oklahoma Mesonet, Oklahoma's weather network. OCS is located in the National Weather Center, part of the Norman Research Campus.

## Oklahoma Geological Survey

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The Oklahoma Geological Survey was created by directive of the State Constitution written in 1907. An enabling act was presented to Oklahoma's first legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charles N. Haskell on May 29, 1908. The duties of the agency are to investigate the land, water, mineral, and energy resources of the State and disseminate the results of those investigations to promote the wise use of Oklahoma's natural resources consistent with sound environmental practices. OGS is housed in the College of Earth and Energy.

## University of Oklahoma Press

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Since 1928 the University of Oklahoma Press has published award-winning books that challenge readers to discover the past, contemplate the present, and shape the future. Committed to excellence, the Press publishes high-quality scholarly, regional, and general-interest books that offer readers valuable information, ideas, analysis, and research. During its long and distinguished history, OU Press has published more than 3,000 discrete titles, has over 1400 active titles, and maintains an inventory of approximately 750,000 books.

The OU Press publishes books in the humanities and social sciences and is the preeminent publisher of books on the American West and American Indians. The Press publishes approximately 80 books per year.

More than 1,500 University of Oklahoma Press titles are now available to libraries as electronic books (ebooks) through EBSCO host and ebrary, a division of Proquest. Many OU Press books are also available through Kindle, Nook, and Kobo ereaders and can also be read on personal computers, smart phones, iPads, and android tablets through a host of applications. The Press is committed to making its books available globally in the reader's choice of format.

## Variorum Chaucer

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As a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Variorum Chaucer project has a twofold mission: 1) to provide an analysis of the textual history of Chaucer's individual works; 2) to offer a comprehensive overview of all facets of critical commentary on each work. Textual analysis begins with collation, a careful word-by-word comparison of important manuscripts and printed editions of the work in question; in most cases some thirty or so copies are examined. The process allows one to see how copyists and editors, from the 15th century to

the late 20th century, understood, revised, presented, and explained the language of Chaucer's works. The survey of criticism seeks to provide a historical survey of all commentary on each aspect of a given work: sources and analogues, date, relationship with other Chaucerian works, all relevant thematic considerations, and individual passages, phrases, and words and words.

## World Literature Today

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[www.ou.edu/worldlit/](http://www.ou.edu/worldlit/)

*World Literature Today*, founded in 1927 as *Books Abroad*, is the University of Oklahoma's award-winning bimonthly magazine of international literature and culture, now in its ninth decade of continuous publication. The magazine has been recognized by the Nobel Prize committee as one of the "best edited and most informative literary publications" in the world, and was recently called "an excellent source of writings from around the globe by authors who write as if their lives depend on it" (*Utne Reader*, 2005). *WLT* has received a dozen national publishing awards in the past ten years, including the Phoenix Award for Editorial Achievement from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals in 2002.

## Neustadt International Prize for Literature

The Neustadt International Prize for Literature, sponsored by *World Literature Today*, is an award that honors outstanding achievement in fiction, poetry, or drama and is open to writers in any language. Often referred to as the "American Nobel" for the high quality of its laureates, candidates, and jurors, the Neustadt Prize is the first international literary award of such scope to originate in the United States and is one of the very few international prizes for which poets, fiction writers and dramatists are equally eligible. Founded in 1969, the prize bears the name of the Neustadt family of Ardmore, OK, whose 1972 endowment has ensured funding of the award in perpetuity. Recipients include such noted authors as Gabriel García Márquez, Elizabeth Bishop, Czesław Miłosz, Octavio Paz, Adam Zagajewski, Claribel Alegría, and Patricia Grace.

## The Puterbaugh Festivals

The Puterbaugh Festivals of World Literature & Culture are sponsored by *World Literature Today* in collaboration with the University of Oklahoma's Departments of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics and English. Originally named the Oklahoma Conferences on Writers of the Hispanic World, the series was endowed in perpetuity by the Puterbaugh Foundation of McAlester, Okla., in 1978. A rich tradition in support of literary and international studies at OU, the Puterbaugh Conferences bring the world's greatest authors to the OU campus for a course built around the writer's work, an international symposium, a public talk, and various meetings with students. Since 1968, the Puterbaugh Festival series has furthered the literary and international studies education of thousands of OU students. The most recent Puterbaugh fellows have included Bei Dao, Orhan Pamuk, Nérida Piñón, and J.M. Coetzee.

## NSK Neustadt Prize for Children's Literature

The NSK Neustadt Prize for Children's Literature is awarded every other year to a living writer or author-illustrator with significant achievement in children's or young-adult literature. Made possible through the generosity of Nancy Barcelo, Susan Neustadt Schwartz, and Kathy Neustadt and sponsored by *WLT*, the NSK Prize celebrates literature that contributes to the quality of children's lives. Candidates for the award are nominated by a jury of children's literature experts, and the jury also selects the winner of each biennial prize. Laureates receive a check for \$25,000, a

silver medallion, and a certificate at a public ceremony at the University of Oklahoma and are featured in a subsequent issue of *WLT*. To date, the winners have included Mildred D. Taylor (2003), Brian Doyle (2005), Katherine Paterson (2007), Vera B. Williams (2009), Virginia Euwer Wolff (2011), and Naomi Shihab Nye (2013).

## University of Oklahoma Libraries

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The University of Oklahoma Libraries in Norman, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa are a major resource for students and faculty at the university. The research library facilities on the Norman campus include Bizzell Memorial Library and separate branch libraries for architecture, fine arts, engineering, geology, and physics-astronomy. The OU Law Center also has a separate library, the Donald E. Pray Law Library, in its facility. The Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library at the OU Health Sciences Center supports teaching and research in medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and health-related disciplines. The Schusterman Library at OU-Tulsa supports students enrolled in Tulsa-based programs.

## BIZZELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bizzell Memorial Library, the main library on the Norman campus, consists of an original building constructed in 1929 and a large addition completed in 1958. The 1929 building was recently declared a National Historic Landmark and contains the Peggy V. Helmerich Great Reading Room, an elegant room beloved by students and alumni. The Doris W. Neustadt Wing was built in 1982 and added 150,000 square feet to the library facility. The library includes numerous study areas and comfortable reading lounges, as well as the popular Bookmark Coffee Shop, and the Oklahoma Canyon Garden, which offers an outdoor area for reflection and study.

## GENERAL COLLECTIONS

The collections in the libraries total more than 6 million volumes, 1.3 million eBooks, 3.6 million microform materials and 116,000 serials subscriptions. The libraries also maintain over 17,000 linear feet of manuscripts and archives, 1.6 million photographs, and more than 1.5 million maps. It also holds more than 70 incunabula (books printed before 1501), the oldest one of which was published in 1467.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In addition to the general collections, there are notable special collections.

### Boorstin Collection

The Boorstin Collection is used for quiet study and reading books from the collection. The facilities for the Daniel J. and Ruth F. Boorstin Collection were made possible by a generous gift from ConocoPhillips Inc.

### Chinese Literature Translation Archive

The OU Libraries Chinese Literature Translation Archive provides students and scholars with a wide range of rare books, reference materials, translation drafts, correspondence, notes, ephemera, and other historical materials that provide context for Western readers to gain a deeper understanding of Chinese literature. The archive currently houses nearly 10,000 volumes and thousands of documents from some of the greatest translators of modern Chinese literature in the West including Howard

Goldblatt, Wolfgang Kubin, Wai-lim Yip and the "William Bikales and Margaret Eliot Grady Collection" of Arthur Waley.

The mission of the archive is to improve the material conditions for translation students and for comparative and world literature by providing the materials necessary for historically informed research supported by the richly textured intellectual environments within which translation takes place.

### **Bass Business History Collections**

The Harry W. Bass Business History Collection began in 1955 with the purpose of collecting and preserving materials relating to the history of business and industry. The collection contains books, microforms, videos and journals on a number of topics including the histories of business leaders and firms and the economic, social and political forces that influence the role of business in society.

### **History of Science Collections**

The History of Science Collections, located on the 5th floor of Bizzell Memorial Library, is a premier research collection in its field. Holdings of nearly 100,000 volumes from every field and subject area of science, technology and medicine range chronologically from Hrabanus Maurus, *Opus de universo* (1467) to current publications in the history of science. The Darwin collection consists of all of Darwin's works in their first editions and several autographed letters, as well as hundreds of subsequent editions and translations. To learn about the history of the Collections, please view *The First 50 Years of the History of Science Collections*.

### **The John and Mary Nichols Rare Books and Special Collections**

The John and Mary Nichols Rare Books and Special Collections are comprised of rare books and special materials in English, European, and American literatures dating from the 15th century to the present. A collection of general rare books, including several incunables, and a Bible collection complement the focal literature collections. These collections offer opportunities for interdisciplinary research in such fields as literary studies, the history of printing, and religion.

### **Western History Collections**

The Western History Collections is a special collection within the University of Oklahoma Libraries system. Its purpose is to enhance the University Libraries general collection on the history of the American West; to support the research and teaching programs of the University of Oklahoma; and to provide opportunities for research through the acquisition, preservation, and access of materials relating to the development of the Trans-Mississippi West and Native American cultures.

### **William Bennett Bizzell Bible Collections**

In addition to more common European languages such as Greek, Latin, German, French and Spanish, President Bizzell collected many Bibles in numerous other languages such as Cherokee, Muskogee, Hindi, Swahili, Javanese, Mongolian, Tartan, Mooltan, and Turkish. Additional related works include commentaries, textual studies, illustrations, geographies and histories of the holy land, works on the life of Christ, prayer books and hymnals. The collection contains 665 Bibles, including several incunabula (books published in the infancy of printing, before 1500). The oldest book is a hand-painted manuscript prayer book written on vellum in the fifteenth century.

## **BRANCH LIBRARIES**

The University Libraries include six branch libraries:

- **Architecture Library** (105 Gould Hall), (405) 325-5521
- **Engineering Library** (222 Felgar Hall), (405) 325-2941
- **Fine Arts Library** (20 Catlett Music Center), (405) 325-4243
- **Youngblood Energy (Geology) Library**, 220 Sarkeys Energy Center, (405) 325-6451

## **SERVICES**

### **Library Website and Catalog**

The University of Oklahoma Libraries offer a wealth of electronic, print and non-print resources. Students may access many library resources through the Libraries' website, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The library catalog and website provide access to databases, books, e-journals, high-quality websites, government documents, and e-reference materials.

### **Circulation and Interlibrary Loan**

Most library materials are available for loan to students and faculty. Loan policies are available on the library website. Materials not held by the libraries may be obtained through interlibrary loan services on all three campuses. Delivery on-campus is available via Sooner Xpress.

### **Ask Us Reference Services**

Reference and information service is available in all library facilities, in person, by telephone, by e-mail, and through instant message. Individuals may visit the reference desk at their convenience for assistance with questions, assignments or specific databases. They may also arrange an appointment with a librarian to discuss library resources and research questions. Questions may be sent via email a librarian at [librarian@ou.edu](mailto:librarian@ou.edu).

### **Library Instruction**

The libraries provide instructional services to teach students and faculty how to access, evaluate, and use a variety of information sources. These services range from general orientation activities to classroom instruction designed to meet specific research needs.

### **Online Tutorials**

Online tutorials are available at to help students learn how to evaluate and understand scholarly information, search electronic databases, search the catalog and request books and other materials through interlibrary loan.

### **Government Documents**

State, federal and foreign government publications are collected and made available through the Government Documents unit. Reference services and instructional sessions specific to government documents are available upon request.

### **Digital Scholarship Laboratory**

The Digital Scholarship Lab supports collaborative, cross-disciplinary research using emerging technologies. Through workshops, consultation, and training, our Digital Scholarship Specialists help faculty and graduate students identify innovative digital tools and resources that build on traditional research and teaching methods.

### **Helmerich Collaborative Learning Center**

The Helmerich Collaborative Learning Center is a technology enabled, collaborative space where students can work together in groups. In this space, students can learn to create information, to explore it visually, and to synthesize it in new and different ways. Visit the Bookmark Café to grab a cup of coffee, and talk with a professor, colleague, or with friends.

**Innovation @ the Edge**

Innovation @ the Edge is a flexible experimentation and innovation space that provides access to the latest tools used in research, instruction and knowledge creation, including 3D printing tools, custom virtual reality workstations, software and data skill development and microelectronics kits. Any member of the OU community, from any field, is free to prototype concepts or fly-through 3D data sets in this centrally located makerspace in the Bizzell Memorial Library in room 126.

**Learning Lab**

The Learning Lab on Lower Level 1 is where you can get research assistance from library student personnel as well as other services that support student success such as the Writing Center and UC Action.

**Loveridge Computer Lab**

The Loveridge Computer Lab is located on the main floor of Bizzell Memorial Library, next to the West entrance and across from the main Circulation Desk. A number of computers are available for OU students, staff, and faculty; additionally, customers not affiliated with OU can request a guest log-in from the computer lab staff. A variety of software is available for all users. Multiple scanners and printers are also available in this lab.

**Zarrow Family Faculty and Graduate Student Center**

Located on Lower Level 2 of Bizzell Memorial Library, the Zarrow Family Faculty & Graduate Student Center is a space dedicated to supporting the research and teaching needs of OU faculty and graduate students in a central campus location. The center enables members of the academic community to access the wide variety of information resources available through OU Libraries creatively, analytically, and critically in pursuit of academic goals.