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Focus on Space: Recent Updates to Millar Library

We are proud to announce that we have hit a milestone in Millar Library's history: after compiling all our gate counts we welcomed over **1 million visitors** through our doors last academic year. Every year we see more and more people in the Library.

To help us better support our growing numbers of users in the library, we are constantly updating our spaces to accommodate student needs. Here are some of the exciting projects we have been working on this summer and fall:

- *Instructional Space Redesign*: We have upgraded the furniture and technology in our two instruction rooms. With new laptops and flexible furniture, we are sure our students will be comfortable and inspired as they learn from our excellent librarians.
- *Opening Doors on the 3rd Floor*: Due to the generous support of our donors, we are in the final phase of completing our 3rd floor renovation that started in June. We have completely renovated nearly 5,000 square feet on the SW side of the 3rd floor. The space reflects the different types of needs our students shared with us in recent surveys: comfortable seating, areas for collaborative and private study, more technologically enhanced areas for laptops and mobile devices, and whiteboard surfaces for visual learning and exploration.

Improving Millar Library spaces is a top priority for our fundraising efforts. As the core provider of study space on a packed urban campus, we provide the technology, information resources, and face-to-face help our students need to succeed.

From the Dean's Desk

The PSU Library vision statement includes: “We support research, teaching, and learning at Portland State amidst a constantly changing environment.” Within the Library, we are constantly adapting and responding to that changing environment.

Our planning for the FY 2014 year reflects many of those changes—technological changes, our increasing role as a center of student academic life, an emphasis on digitizing and making accessible both PSU scholarship and unique library materials, and our continuing primary role in providing access to the books, journals, databases, and other information resources essential to our faculty and students. The “Library Themes” we developed as part of our planning process describe our areas of greatest impact, along with strategies for supporting the Library.

The Library Themes describe the core of what the PSU Library is about and why it is important to the success of PSU and our students and faculty. I’m sharing these themes here as a way of summarizing the current directions of the Library. None of this is possible, of course, without the great work of the PSU Library faculty and staff.

The Five Library Themes:

- **Support Student Success.** Support student success in ways that improve student learning, provide positive student experiences, and contribute to student retention and graduation.
- **Enable Faculty Success.** Enhance faculty success in their research and teaching through vibrant partnerships with library faculty and staff. Provide access to high quality information resources.
- **Expand Resources and Improve Effectiveness.** Expand and use resources strategically while constantly improving our effectiveness.
- **Set PSU Apart.** Collaborate with students and faculty to gather, preserve, and make accessible the intellectual work of our University; digitize and make accessible unique materials and collections; provide services for publishing and hosting conferences.
- **Engage our Community.** Extend the Library’s impact on the local and regional community through outreach, programs, and collaborations, and to the broader library community through scholarship and service to professional organizations.



Dean Marilyn K. Moody



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Focus on Research

PDXScholar

PDXScholar is PSU's repository and digital service for gathering, indexing, storing, and making the scholarly work of the Portland State University faculty, students and staff available online.

These collections are accessible worldwide and demonstrate the University's commitment to the idea that shared information and academic collaboration are essential to the "progress of knowledge" in our global community. We are now able to maximize research impact, facilitate interdisciplinary research, and expand the reach of Portland State University scholarship to researchers worldwide.

We have been working closely with various programs to make student work accessible, in addition to faculty research. Student work currently available includes dissertations, master's theses, undergraduate honors theses and undergraduate and graduate research.

We are finding that PDXScholar increases student academic confidence by allowing for wider dissemination of their work and increasing the visibility of their research on a global scale. We also provide a permanent URL that students can use on graduate school applications and resumes, which gives them instant academic and institutional credibility in an increasingly challenging job market.

Visit PDXScholar at
<http://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/>

New Student Awards

Student research at PSU is helping shape our communities through programs like the Senior Capstone where students work on projects that address issues like youth literacy, hunger, and homelessness. Library services have always supported the development of student research skills through face-to-face meetings, online instruction, and classroom support.



In Spring 2014 we will be recognizing the excellent work of our students with two research prizes that directly support their financial situation. The undergraduate prize is a \$1,000 award and the graduate winner will receive a \$2,500 award.

These prizes will encourage the use of library resources, enhance the development of research techniques, and honor the most innovative research process described each year by Portland State University students. Winning entries will exhibit originality, depth, breadth, and sophistication in the use of library collections; exceptional ability to select, evaluate, synthesize, and utilize library resources in the creation of a project in any media; and evidence of personal growth through the acquisition of newfound knowledge.

These awards present a new opportunity to enrich and enhance the lives of PSU students.

Your support recognizes excellent student research, while also making an impact on a student's current and future financial burden.



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Free Alumni Borrowing

The University Library is pleased to announce that all Portland State University Alumni with an alumni card are eligible for free borrowing from the University Library's print collection, as well as online access to electronic databases when inside the Library building. Alumni will be allowed to check out up to five books at a time for up to three weeks, with one renewal. To check out items from the Library, PSU alumni should bring their official alumni card to the Millar Library. Alumni cards can be requested through the PSU Alumni Association. Sixty credits are all that is needed to apply for free membership in the Alumni Association. The University Library is proud of our alumni and happy to invite them back to the Library to use our growing research collections.



Visit the
Alumni Association
website to request your
free alumni card:

[http://www.pdx.edu/
alumni/join-now](http://www.pdx.edu/alumni/join-now)

Focus on PSU History

Portland State University Library has launched the University Archives Digital Gallery. This new online resource makes over 8,000 historic Portland State images available anytime, anywhere. The Digital Gallery allows visitors to browse photos by date or to search by name, location, or subject.

Each photo is accompanied by the descriptive information. But, we only know so much! We hope that you will help us make this an even more valuable and useful resource by sharing what you know about the images. Click on "Tell us!" (located under each individual image) to send us a message about a particular photo. We can add names, dates, locations, and any other information you give us. This will improve search results and let others learn more about the rich and unique history of Portland State.

The University Archives will continue to add more images as they are digitized and cataloged. Next up: Photographs of campus life from the 1950s and over 500 images of Portland State athletics spanning three decades. Visit the University Archives Digital Gallery at <http://archives.pdx.edu/digitalgallery>.

Read the Oregonian article
for more information on
the work that went into this
special project:
[http://www.oregonlive.com/
portland/index.ssf/2013/08/
post_351.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2013/08/post_351.html)



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Focus on Giving

In August, Tom and Ann Pfungsten created an unrestricted endowed fund for the University Library with a gift of appreciated stock. After 23 years as our Library Director, Tom understood the critical need for unrestricted endowment funds to support new and ongoing initiatives during uncertain budget climates. Tom and Ann's gift will be dependable funding that we will always be able to count on when making decisions for our students and faculty.

Tom and Ann were able to make their gift a reality by donating appreciated stock. Now is a great time to consider supporting the Portland State Library with a gift of appreciated stock.

Given recent positive returns in the stock market, many investors are likely to own shares that have substantial unrealized gains. By contributing those shares to Portland State, you may score a triple play of benefits for your giving:

avoid capital gains tax on their increased value; earn a great income tax deduction; and enjoy helping PSU students access the resources and support they need to be successful.

What might you do with a gift of \$25,000? Establish an endowment that would provide funds for information resources, support the growing needs of Special Collections and University Archives, or provide technology support for student borrowing programs. There are many ways to make an impact for PSU students that is also meaningful to you.

Always consult your financial advisor for advice on how giving stock might fit your individual circumstances.

For more information on giving to the PSU Library, please contact Jennifer Wilkerson at jwilk@pdx.edu or 503.725.4509.

“Jennifer and the PSU Foundation staff made the process of setting up an endowment using appreciated stock extremely easy. In addition to fulfilling our desire to assist the Library, this approach had major advantages for us in terms of financial and tax planning.”

Tom Pfungsten
Professor Emeritus



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Portland State University Library: Donor Support Making a Difference

The Portland State University Library thanks our 260+ donors for your generous support. Because of your contributions, our faculty and staff are able to accomplish many goals and projects to benefit PSU students and faculty. As we look forward to another exciting school year, we thank you for all the ways you contributed to the University Library.

The Library would also like to recognize the generous support of alumnus William Michael Foster ('65) who designated the Library in his estate with a gift of \$250,000. Due to his bequest for library capital projects, we are able to renovate our busy library spaces for the nearly 30,000 students we serve.

We invite you to visit our website for more donor stories and recognition:
<http://library.pdx.edu/support/donors.html>

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