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From the Dean's Desk

Fall term is in full swing, and the Library is packed! We provide a welcoming and supportive place for our students. They know they can get individualized help from librarians and use all of the many resources we have for their coursework and research projects. Many of our students are juggling multiple responsibilities to family, work, and their academics, so making their time on campus and in the Library as productive as possible is important.

As we support our students and their success, one barrier that looms large is the increasing cost of textbooks and course materials. That's why I'm excited to serve as the chair of a new university task force, the *Task Force on Textbooks and Course Materials: Reducing Student Costs*.

The task force's makeup includes students, faculty, and staff and was formed collaboratively through the efforts of the Faculty Senate, ASPSU (student government), and Provost Sona Andrews. Additional library faculty and staff who are part of the initiative include Jill Emery, Kim Pendell, Emily Ford, Karen Bjork, and Stephanie Doig.

The Task Force is looking at a range of issues and questions:

- What role can open and low-cost textbooks play in reducing costs?
- How can access to more open textbooks and course materials for PSU students be facilitated?
- What textbook adoption strategies and policies can be used to reduce student costs?
- How can faculty identify and use online library resources more effectively?
- How can other library services such as library reserves and e-reserves lower textbook and course materials costs?
- In what ways might PSU collaborate with external partners including other Oregon universities?

Of particular interest to the Library is the role we can play in facilitating the use of open textbooks and other open educational resources (OERs). A pilot project, PDX Open, initiated by our library faculty and staff, has been collaborating with faculty to develop open access textbooks to be made freely available to students. This fall we published the first PDX Open textbook, *Preadvanced Japanese*, developed by Professor Emiko Konomi.

We're also looking at ways to use our existing library online resources within courses. We have a wealth of online articles, ebooks, and educational videos that faculty can use with students, and, in some cases, these resources can eliminate the need to buy additional textbooks and course materials. Library course reserves are another way we can make materials available to students who might not otherwise have access to the needed texts for their courses, and many students take advantage of this option as well.

Our priority is student success, and we hope these efforts will help make a PSU education more affordable, and thus more accessible, to our students.

Sincerely,
Marilyn



Dean Marilyn K. Moody



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Donor Spotlight: Bob Rawson

Sit down with Bob Rawson ('58 Secondary Education) and you're likely to hear some great stories about his time in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, his many years teaching Government to high school students, or his recent forays into family genealogy, where he discovered his family has a connection to the Salem witch trials of the 1690s. In retirement, Bob keeps busy through participating in theater and reading to children at PSU's daycare. We're pleased that Bob is also a generous donor to Portland State, particularly to the Library.

Bob donates to the Library because it "benefits all students, regardless of their major, regardless of their interests."

Bob's giving to the Library includes establishment of an endowed fund through charitable gift annuities. The fund will eventually provide unrestricted support to the Library, sustaining and enhancing the Library's day-to-day activities and allowing us to seize new opportunities for innovation. Bob has also decided to continue his legacy of giving by naming the PSU Scholarship Fund and the Library as a beneficiary of his estate.



Bob Rawson

New Development Officer, Lauren Clark



Lauren Clark

We are delighted to introduce Lauren Clark, our new Development Officer. Lauren, who joined PSU in August, will work to engage PSU alumni and friends with the Library in ways that are interesting and meaningful to them. Lauren has a strong background in major gifts, volunteer development, and donor engagement. Previously, Lauren worked at the University of Montana, where she served as the Director of Development for the Davidson Honors College and University Scholarships, and earlier, as the Director of Annual Giving and the Assistant Director of Development for the School of Business Administration. Lauren, who grew up in Pullman, WA, holds a BA in Public Relations and Spanish from Washington State University and was a member of the WSU Honors College. A consummate Pacific Northwesterner, Lauren and her husband Kyle are delighted to be part of the Portland community and look forward to exploring the city's many culinary, cultural, and outdoor treasures.

Charitable Gift Annuities: Gifts that Pay You Income

- In exchange for a charitable donation of cash, stocks or other assets, you can receive fixed payments for the rest of your life.
- Additionally, you will receive a charitable donation for your gift.
- Charitable gift annuity payments are partially tax-free throughout your estimated life expectancy.

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Portland State Athletics, 1953-1991

The University Archives Digital Gallery now includes 3,200 athletic photos from 1953 through 1991. The collection includes dynamic action shots as well as team and individual portraits from a range of sports, including football, basketball, gymnastics, bowling, fencing, and more. Who are all these athletes? In many cases, we don't know! We would love your help in identifying the names of people in these photographs. Look for the "Tell Us!" option under each photo.



Find these photos and more in the Digital Gallery at <https://archives.pdx.edu/digitalgallery/>

Digitizing Theses and Dissertations

Until 2011, PSU graduate students submitted multiple printed copies of their masters' theses and dissertations to the university, with the Library holding one bound copy. Now, however, graduate students, as well as undergraduate students completing an honors thesis, submit their work electronically—and PSU Library still has a copy. We make this digital copy available in PDXScholar, the Portland State digital repository. PDXScholar is a permanent home for this important student work, so students can access and share their theses and dissertations no matter where they live.

As of October 2014, we have more than 2,000 masters' theses and dissertations available in PDXScholar. Our Digital Initiatives staff have nearly completed a project to digitize dissertations and theses from before 1978, and soon they hope to start on more recent materials. If you wrote a master's thesis or dissertation at PSU between 1978 and 2011 and would like us to digitize it, please contact pdxscholar@pdx.edu. We would be glad to make your graduate work accessible online to you and to the world.



Explore PSU digital theses and dissertations at <http://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/etds/>



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Oregon Public Speakers Collection

Between 1958 and 1979, Portland State University hosted over two hundred speeches, interviews, panel discussions, and readings by scholars, activists, politicians, authors, artists, and community members. Many of these events featured prominent public figures who were invited to campus by academic departments, university administration, or interested students. Portland State was a campaign stop for Presidential and Congressional candidates in the late sixties and early seventies, a focus of urban development in Portland, and fertile ground for conversations on politics, social justice, science and technology, the arts, and the future. The recordings in this collection reveal an era of vital dialogue and debate supported by the university and its community.



Listen to the Oregon Public Speakers Collection at <http://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/orspeakers/>

The original recordings of these events were captured on reel-to-reel tapes by Portland State audio-visual technicians. For a time, the tapes were available as a library resource, but, after reel-to-reel technology was superseded, the collection fell out of use and was not included when the library catalog went online. The tapes spent years in storage until their rediscovery by PSU's University Archivist Cristine Paschild. With the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, new digital transfers of the original reel-to-reel audio recordings are now available to the public in the Oregon Public Speakers Collection.



Robert F. Kennedy campaigned for the presidency at Portland State in March, 1968.



Activist Stokely Carmichael spoke at Portland State in October 1973.



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News in Brief

New Website

This summer, we launched our new Library website, which offers improved navigation for quick access to Library resources and services. The site is also responsive, meaning users will get the same experience and content on all devices, whether desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone.

New Catalog

As part of a collaborative project with other academic libraries in the Pacific Northwest, PSU Library has a new catalog. The new system and interface replaces WorldCat Local and Vikat, and it includes materials at PSU and Summit Libraries. As always, we are pleased to assist alumni and community members in using our Library catalog. If you need help finding materials, please ask a librarian.

PSU Authors on Display

We are pleased to feature books by PSU faculty and staff in our new display on the Library's first floor.

Good Luck, Jennifer!

Congratulations to Jennifer Wilkerson on her new position at Legacy Health. We were delighted to have her as Library Development Director for four years, and we wish her the best.



New Editor

Librarian Joan Petit, who joined PSU Library in 2009, has taken on the role of editor of the *Portland State Library Update*. Joan is also the voice behind Library news and our primary social media accounts.

Keep in Touch!

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