**Check Out the Library**

**Welcome**

*By Garrett Purchio*

Whether you are a student, faculty or staff member, community resident, or a visitor, the Humboldt State University Library has something for you. Like every library, we have many books. However, books are not the only resource we offer. For example, did you know that our library contains an entire collection of newspapers, photographs, books, maps, and other materials related to Humboldt County’s history? This newsletter provides an overview of some of the services and events offered at the HSU Library. Whether you need a room to meet with your peers or would like research assistance, we are ready to help you. Check our website for the latest information and schedule of upcoming events and workshops. We look forward to helping you achieve your goals.

**Play in the Library**

*By Tim Miller*

#HSULibraryPlay kicked off during finals week last spring with a LEGO® play area outside the Library Café. Keep an eye out for its return as well as for other games, puzzles and fun distractions where you can take a study break and tap into your creative side. Play and creative work can help improve memorization, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

**Library Vision**

*By Cyril Oberlander,*

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From the moment you enter the Library or website, endless opportunities open up before you. The HSU Library’s mission is to connect people and ideas. Whether you are looking for a letter written decades ago, data about communities or the environment, or the latest research in your field of study, we are very proud to provide access to millions of articles, books, and other resources, and to research services such as access to librarians 24/7, research instruction, and subject guides. Add the collaborative or quiet learning spaces, the whiteboards and computers, cultural and educational programs, and you see how the library fosters connections to empower your creativity, curiosity, growth, learning, research, and scholarship. In addition, Humboldt Digital Scholar provides a showcase of content created by our community, and this fall, we are launching Humboldt State University Press to advance the open exchange of information. We are committed to providing services and resources to support teaching, learning, research, and creativity for students, faculty, staff, and community members. At the HSU Library, be inspired to learn with quality experiences. Be at the intersection of perspectives. Be engaged in open conversations among disciplines, differing ideas, hearing historical voices, and sharing your voice. Be innovative, explore and improve the world. Library expertise and resources are here to help inform, connect, and transform the lives of the people in our community. At the HSU Library, we are continually improving library programs, resources, and services. Recently, we began purchasing the top tier of expensive textbooks to make college more affordable. We have added 60 whiteboards to improve study collaborations and created paid internships in Special Collections and Scholarly Communications. This fall, we are piloting new types of furniture to improve the learning environment. We are also beginning to circulate laptops and calculators. We always welcome feedback and suggestions, contact cyril.oberlander@humboldt.edu or drop by our Research Help Desk. We look forward to seeing you, and wish you well on your intellectual and creative journeys.
How Our Services Can Help YOU

By Noelle Simon, Lina Carro, Kumi Watanabe-Schock, and George Wrenn

TEXTBOOKS ON RESERVE CAN SAVE STUDENTS MONEY! MANY REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS ARE ON reserve in the Library and are available for limited checkout periods. All you need is your HSU student ID card and the course number to check out reserve items. To see if your course textbooks are on reserve, go to library.humboldt.edu and select “Course Reserves” under the main search box. In the drop-down boxes, select the course number (like BIOL 220) or the instructor (last name, first name) to see a list of items on reserve. If you don’t see the title you need, ask your instructor to either put a textbook on reserve or request that the Library order a copy. Last year, we checked out 26,000 items on reserve!

NEED A BOOK OR AN ARTICLE FOR YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT THAT’S NOT IN THE LIBRARY? Let Interlibrary Loan (ILL) help. Order books, articles, videos, and more, and ILL will go to the ends of the earth for you—for free! Simply go to illiad.humboldt.edu/illiad/logon.html, log in, create an account, and submit your request. Your request will be processed immediately upon receipt. Most articles arrive in 1-2 days and books arrive in 3-10 days. Stop by Library 109 for a personal consultation with our research specialists to find out how ILL can make this a great semester for you. Last year, we borrowed 6,000 items!

KANOPY OFFERS A BROAD SELECTION OF OVER 12,000 STREAMING FILMS, documentaries and training videos from thousands of producers with new releases launched daily. Featured producers in Kanopy’s collection include Criterion Collection, PBS, California Newsreel, HBO, Kino Lorber, First Run Features, BBC, National Film Board of Canada and many more. Please explore and send comments to Kumi.Watanabe-Schock@humboldt.edu.

NOW IN ITS 11TH YEAR, HUMBOLDT DIGITAL SCHOLAR (HDS) CONTINUES TO EXPAND, providing consistent and reliable open access to more than 1,000 HSU theses, as well as faculty scholarship, video streaming of campus lectures and events, an archive of IdeaFest posters, and numerous other scholarly collections. There is even a map of thesis field research to celebrate and highlight the wealth of graduate research in Humboldt County and beyond. We welcome comments, suggestions, and participation in HDS (humboldt-dspace.calstate.edu).
Students are Talking!

Students Create Library at Eric Rofes Multicultural Queer Resource Center

By Sierra Eve Farmer
In an old house at HSU is the Eric Rofes Multicultural Queer Resource Center (ERC). It’s a brightly colored room full of decorations with a shared work space, a funky old couch, and in the corner sits one single bookshelf full of materials that have both opened my mind and the minds of others. Pivotal queer and feminist works by authors such as Audre Lorde and our namesake Eric Rofes sit next to resources as diverse as handmade zines on topics such as consent and “queer’d” sexed to other books like romantic fictions, different types of studies, memoirs, and beyond.

Just this summer we have begun to re-vamp this resource by moving away from our card catalog system and starting the process of launching an online catalog through LibraryThing in addition to doing more outreach to make our space and resources better known to students.

We are a small student-run initiative with only four employees. Along with other student organizers on campus we do the brunt of the community organizing for LGBTQIA students at HSU. Stories, books, zines, and more that reflect the lives and experiences of marginalized communities such as ours are an invaluable resource for self-discovery, activism, and is at the center of our liberation. Libraries in any form, spaces like ours, and even the fantasy worlds that books can take us to are all spaces of strength and pride. It is for this reason I see not only improving the ERC and our collection to be crucial to social change but it is also why I am a student activist aspiring to become a librarian.

The ERC is located in Warren House #53. We can be contacted at erc@humboldt.edu and information on our events, activist work, and our updated hours can be found at humboldt.edu/erc.

Who Uses Display Cases?

By Jessica Welch
Whether you belong to a club and want to promote an upcoming event or are taking a class and want to showcase student work, anyone can reserve a display case. Our case reservation process is all online and we offer reservations to local community members, too! To increase your chances of finding an available case that will fit your schedule, check out the reservation calendar because we fill up fast. All displays must adhere to the Library Exhibit Policy. Most reservations are for a two-week period but could be less depending on your need. As always, if you need assistance the friendly folks in the Library Administration office are here to help.

library.humboldt.edu/services/displaycases.html

Have a 3-Dimensional Display?
Try using our Large Case or our smaller Horizontal Case

Have a 2-Dimensional Display?
Try using our Upright Case or our smaller Bulletin Board Cases

Library Interns Curate Online Exhibits

By Carly Marino & Cyril Oberlander
The Library has long hosted creative visual work by students, from the art objects lining the walls and corridors to the whiteboards with sprawling chemical equations, biological sketches, or inspirational messages to fellow students. Similarly, the Library’s online resources now host student exhibits utilizing unique materials from the Library’s Special Collections. Connecting history and making it matter today is integral to an education. This year, interns have started using the platform Omeka.net to curate and design exhibits that explore Humboldt history and culture. Interns from the Museum and Gallery Practices Program collected documents and images of redwood logging, tourism, and activism (hsured-woodsproject.omeka.net), while a History Department intern explored the newly acquired Klamath Forest Alliance Collection (kfacollection.omeka.net). Realizing how the past is connected to today, or how people, ideas and movements are connected is a powerful learning opportunity. Omeka is a tool that helps students build those connections as a digital exhibit that can be shared with the world, and the Special Collections & Scholarly Communications Internships provide HSU students the benefits of hands-on learning. By creating these online exhibits, interns are learning how to digitize ephemeral materials, conduct research using primary resources, designing webpages, create historical narratives, and communicate historical information globally.

This curriculum-to-career internship gives students valuable research and web design skills in preparation for graduate study or work in research institutions or archives. Interested in applying for the program? Contact Special Collections at Carly.Marino@humboldt.edu

Have a story to share with the campus? Writing for the Library newsletter could not be easier! Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to contact libmarketing@humboldt.edu to learn more about sharing a story in the next newsletter.
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Art Inside the Library

By Kumi Watanabe-Schock
The HSU Library displays a wonderful selection of diverse artwork on loan from the Department of Art’s permanent collection. Many of the works including paintings, sculptures, and photographs were created by HSU faculty, alumni, students, and members of the community. Check out Art Inside the Library at (library.humboldt.edu/about/art.html).

Book of the Year

By Sarah Fay Philips
The HSU 2015-2016 Book of the Year is Salmon is Everything: Community-Based Theatre in the Klamath Watershed by Dr. Theresa May and others. (library.humboldt.edu/boty) The community-based theater was developed over three years with the Yurok, Karuk, and Hupa tribes; Native American faculty and staff of HSU; and other stakeholders in the Klamath watershed. The book chronicles the 2002 fish kill on the Klamath River and what the river and its salmon mean to Native American cultures, farmers, and ranchers. The book will be used as part of the CSU STEM Collaboratives project, which helps first-year students be more successful by highlighting our local area’s natural resources with place-based learning communities.

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Diverse Evils and Accumulated Sorrows by Susana Viola Jacobson