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Library Renovates Student Space

The Ottenheimer Library received \$50,000 in one-time university funding to create a new student learning space on the second floor. The funds will be used to renovate areas vacated by the move of UALR's Arkansas archival collections and staff to the Arkansas Studies Institute in downtown Little Rock.

The library's goal is to transform the now empty space into an area that enhances the learning and research experiences of students. Throughout April, the library is sponsoring a "Write on the Wall" campaign to

solicit student ideas for creating a technology-rich space that best meets student needs.



Development Board Member Receives Honor



Congratulations to Library Development Board Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Richard Clark for being inducted into University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine Hall of Fame. He will receive the honor April 17. The Ottenheimer Library faculty and staff are very proud of Dr. Clark's accomplishments!

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More News from

Library Launches SAILS

This spring, UALR is participating in Project SAILS (Standard Assessment of Information Literacy Skills). The goal is to collect data on the research and information literacy skills of our undergraduates.

SAILS is a knowledge test with multiple-choice questions targeting a variety of information literacy skills. Test items are based on the American Library Association's Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education. According to the ACRL Standards, students should be able to:

- Determine the nature and extent of the information needed
- Access needed information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate information and its sources critically and incorporate selected information
- Understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and access and use information ethically and legally.

SAILS is intended to measure the information literacy knowledge of groups (cohorts) of students and not serve as an assessment of the individual test takers. The resulting reports will compare UALR students' performance with that of peer institutions with divisions by class standing and by major. The information will be shared with the University Core Curriculum Task Force, which is investigating information technology as a general education outcome.

GPO Recognizes Library, Librarian for Excellence

In the January issue of FDLP Desktop, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has recognized Ottenheimer Library and the Library's Government Documents Librarian, Karen Russ, for "their excellence in promotion, education, and service to the public."

The GPO states "UALR's Ottenheimer Library, excels in promotion of U.S. Government information resources and in networking with other libraries. The library makes vital connections with students, the public, and staff at other libraries that promote depository usage and help explain the value of the library's participation in the Federal Depository Library Program and its depository resources. This ultimately enhances access and services within Ottenheimer Library as well as in the state and beyond."

As a participant in the program, Ottenheimer Library serves as an official depository for federal government publications, collecting approximately 37% of the materials produced by the Government Printing Office. Depository libraries support the public's right to government information by collecting, organizing, preserving and providing assistance in the use of this information. Materials received by depository libraries from the GPO remain the property of the U.S. Government. Depository libraries are custodians of these resources, providing access, maintenance and service. Serving as a depository library is just one of the ways that Ottenheimer Library supports the information needs of UALR students, faculty and staff as well as residents of Central Arkansas.

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Other Staff News

Ottenheimer Library welcomes four new employees. Kayla Cossey serves as reserves manager and Circulation Night Supervisor. She has a B.A. degree in mass communications from the University of Central Arkansas. Prior to coming to UALR, she worked at the James E. Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University for 18 years.

Lesley Thomas serves as stacks manager in Circulation. Lesley has an A.A. degree in ASL English interpretation and a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts from UALR. She has worked at Ottenheimer Library as a part-time student employee for four years.

Richard Culbertson joined the Cataloging department as a Library Technician. He has a B.A. degree in history from Arkansas Tech University and an M.A. degree in European history from Memphis State University. He is also a part-time history instructor at UALR.

Angela Duval joined the administrative services team as a fiscal support specialist. She is responsible for travel, time sheets, inventory, and purchasing. She is currently working toward her bachelor's degree.

Research Assistant Linda Stipsky will be honored for 35 years of service to UALR at the Staff Awards Ceremony, April 18.

Give to the Library!

Your gift will help the Ottenheimer Library acquire new and important works for its collections, preserve and restore materials, remain accessible for everyone who wants to use it, and enhance services to constituents.

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