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Library Liaisons

Even though your courses may have moved online, that doesn't mean that you need to cut your information literacy sessions. Students could need more support than in the past to navigate research resources online. Library liaisons are happy to provide synchronous online information literacy sessions or create research support materials that your students can access asynchronously.

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Your liaison will send you an email letter communicating the latest for Fall 2020 – look for it in your inbox!

Save the Date: 5th Annual Authors' Reception August 17th

Join us for the Fifth Annual UAS Authors' Reception, recognizing members of the UAS community publishing scholarly and creative work in 2019. This event was canceled as an in-person event this April, and we are now hosting it via Zoom, August 17th, from 4-5pm. Add the event to your calendar here. All faculty and staff are invited, and it's easier than ever to attend this year.

Save the Date: Library Open House September 8th-22nd

This annual library orientation event provides small doses of research and academic success survival skills to UAS students in a fun, gamified atmosphere. Virtual Open House will utilize the web-based, interactive, information literacy game Veratas and the Battle for Truth, Justice and Verified Information. Let us know if you'd like proof of student completion/participation in order to offer course credit.

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Egan Library and COVID-19

Since this spring, library faculty and staff have been working mostly remotely. As we have expanded services, we have seen more employees coming in to the library, but still just a skeleton crew. You can find our current services on the campus-wide site.

The Learning Center, Writing Center, and Testing Center are all operating under similar plans as the rest of the Egan Library. All will be available for online appointments, regardless of the current pandemic situation. We have also been doing our best to support distance delivery, interlibrary loan, and course reserves; get in touch to let us know your needs.

Library Science Course Options for the fall

This fall library faculty are offering three Library Science courses, perfect for the student who needs another credit, an elective, or a class to support a research project. Please keep these courses in mind when advising students, and if you have a research-heavy course don't hesitate to reach out to Kaia to discuss collaboration.

LS 110 (Library Resources and Information Literacy) and **LS 111 (Library Information Literacy for E-Learners)** will be offered again this fall, starting on September 8th. LS 110 will be held as a synchronous online class this semester, rather than face-to-face. LS 111 is already an asynchronous online course. These one-credit classes provide a solid foundation in the research process, and are a great choice for new students or students who are taking a course with a significant research component. Students will be allowed to use topics from their other courses or personal topics to learn the steps in the research process, from crafting a defined topic to developing search strategies, finding and evaluating a variety of academic sources, and giving proper attribution.

LS 220: Internet & Society
Online w/ webmeetings M/W 10-11:30am

Internet technologies play an important, often controversial, role in contemporary society, touching almost every aspect of our lives. Many dramatic, both dystopian and utopian, claims have been made about the transformative effects of these technologies. The course will provide deeper understanding of the power structures that shape the Internet, social media & contemporary society.

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Collections Update

This year, we have done our best to maintain collections from last year, which includes renewed access to Kanopy and to the JSTOR ebook collection.

One big change is that the ProQuest Education Database has been cut, and we replaced it with Education Source by Ebsco. A review showed a large overlap in content, with more overall content being available in Education Source. Content should also be more readily found now in OneSearch, and in Ebsco's ERIC interface. If you find any critical titles are now missing from our online offerings, please let us know and we can look into subscribing to the title.

Textbooks in the Library Collection and Course Reserves

While the Open UAS initiative promotes the adoption of low or no cost materials and Egan Library strives to provide extensive ebook and course reserves offerings, students may still find themselves unable to pay for essential reading. A significant portion of the books on reserve are print copies of required textbooks, and students can only access them by coming to the library during limited Covid-19 hours. As we approach the fall 2020 semester, library faculty and staff are working hard to provide alternative access to the print course reserves collection. We are working with instructors to explore and identify viable textbook alternatives, including:

- Using an existing e-book in the relevant subject area from the library's e-book collection or requesting that the library purchase one. Many academic e-books that aren't considered textbooks, and are therefore available for the library to purchase.
- Adopting an open educational resource (OER). OERs are freely available educational materials that are openly licensed to allow for re-use and modification by instructors.
- Creating an online course pack in Blackboard by:
    - Posting individual book chapters or excerpts and scanned copies of the content, subject to copyright limitations.
    - Linking to content from the library's existing collection of electronic resources (e-books, journal articles, streaming media, and other digital materials). We have access to Curriculum Builder to help streamline this process.

Place your Course Reserves Request early. Read more.

Testing and Learning Center Update

Things will be different in the TLC this year, but we are committed to supporting students and faculty as best we can. The services we are able to offer may change throughout the semester, but at the very least we will have tutoring for math and statistics via Zoom, phone, and email, and proctored testing for students with DS approved accommodations. The most up to date information will be on our webpage.

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CELT Update

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) will be offering a training opportunity on Thursday August 13th from 12-1pm via Zoom: Engaging Students in Active Learning Online, presented by Megan Gahl, Director of Curriculum Development, Minerva Project & Professor of Natural Sciences, Minerva Schools at KGI. In this workshop, faculty will learn about active learning, engagement, and assessment strategies for online instruction, including alternatives for proctored exams. Kaia Henrickson and Robin Gilcrist are working on developing a calendar of additional CELT programs for fall semester, which will include sessions on using Blackboard and follow-up on the Timothy Renick program from last spring.

If you need instructional design or Blackboard help, please feel free to contact Kaia Henrickson and Robin Gilcrist in Juneau, John Ingman in Sitka, or Kimberly Matsuura in Ketchikan. The UAS HelpDesk can also assist with Blackboard questions. To keep up with what is happening in CELT, check out the CELT Events calendar, follow us on Facebook @UASCELT, or peruse the CELT website.

Library Website Redesign Survey

The library team is working on redesigning and reorganizing our website, to move to the new look-and-feel and to streamline usability. As vital users of our services, your input is appreciated. Find the link to the survey on our website.