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Philadelphia University Opens Materials Library

Philadelphia, PA—Paul J. Gutman Library at Philadelphia University is pleased to announce the opening of its Materials Library, a collection of over 1,000 physical items used in architecture, interior design, engineering, and other design oriented disciplines. Housed in a section of the library once reserved for current periodicals, the collection developed through a collaboration between librarians and faculty with the intent to foster cross-disciplinary engagement and provide students with creative inspiration, sourcing information, and familiarity with both fundamental and innovative materials in their field of study.

Items are grouped by composition and range from samples of decorative glass, metallic foam, and flexible pavement to architectural elements such as drains and gutters, as well as pieces representing various construction techniques. A digital version of the collection, accessible through Artstor's Shared Shelf, allows users to search for materials by composition, form, process, and application.



Library patrons view polymer samples during Materials Library opening. (Image courtesy of Max Margulies)

Submitted by Sarah Daub, Philadelphia University

Dauphin County Library System to Begin New Century of Service with Change in Leadership



Rob Leshner (Photo courtesy of Dauphin County Library System)

Harrisburg, PA—The Dauphin County Library System Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Rob Leshner as the system’s next Executive Director upon the retirement of Executive Director Richard Bowra. Leshner began on February 22.

Leshner comes to Dauphin County Library System with more than 20 years of library experience, including 12 years as Executive Director of Adams County Library System. After completing his Master of Library Science degree at Syracuse University in 1996, he began working as the Head of Information Services at the Adams County Library System in Gettysburg. Leshner became the Assistant Director of the system in 1998 and was appointed to the top position in 2004. He was responsible for overseeing the construction of the Harbaugh-Thomas Library in

Biglerville in 2007 and the expansion of the Branch Library in Littlestown in 2011. In addition, Leshner served as the President of the Pennsylvania Library Association in 2011 and received a Certificate of Merit from the same organization in 2015. Leshner has been a member of the Rotary Club of Gettysburg for 11 years and has served as Treasurer of the club during the last 2 years. He has also served on the Board of Healthy Adams County and Family First Health’s Gettysburg Facility Steering Committee.

Born in Harrisburg, Leshner grew up in northern Dauphin County. “I’m a strong believer in the power of the public library to improve lives, inspire imagination and strengthen community. I am looking forward to returning to the area and taking the reins of this system that has been providing library service for more than 100 years,” said Leshner. “It will be my goal to guide The Library in keeping pace with the many changes that face libraries in the 21st Century.”

Outgoing Executive Director Richard Bowra is retiring after 41 years with Dauphin County Library System – 30 as Executive Director. During his leadership, the system has seen a tremendous amount of change, including the transition to a digital catalog that can be accessed from anywhere. Among the honors awarded to the system during Bowra’s tenure as Executive Director were a John Cotton Dana public relations award in 1988, a Gale Cengage Learning Financial Development Award in 2010 and recognition as Simply the Best Library in 2013 by Harrisburg Magazine.

Under Bowra’s direction, The Library implemented a variety of innovative community services – from expanding early childhood education programming to most recently reinstating an aggressive and creative slate of programs for adults. The system also added more than a hundred computers to its libraries, reflecting the growing importance of technology in society. The system also provides an online “Ask the Librarian” service.

Bowra has led the system through multiple successful capital campaigns which resulted in the building of 3 new libraries and the renovation and upgrade of 4 others. New facilities include Northern Dauphin Library in Lykens, Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library in uptown Harrisburg and the William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library in Hummelstown. The Elizabethtown Area Library, East Shore Area Library in Colonial Park and the historic



Richard Bowra (Photo courtesy of Dauphin County Library System)

McCormick Riverfront Library in downtown Harrisburg received major updates to the original structures, and the former Kline Village Branch in Kline Plaza was relocated to a larger standalone facility on 29th Street in Harrisburg. He led the library system through many funding challenges, including a major cut in State library funding in 2003. His close work with Dauphin County Commissioners has resulted in a steady funding source from the county during his tenure.

“I attribute my success at Dauphin County Library System to the dedicated library staff that has remained flexible in the face of change throughout the years,” said Bowra. “These are the committed people who make a difference every day in the communities we serve.”

When asked about his impending retirement Bowra said, “Helping to guide Dauphin County Library System into the 21st Century for the past 30 years has been the most rewarding work of my professional career. With Rob at the helm, I am confident that the system will continue to expand, adapt and continue providing Dauphin County citizens with the best mix of traditional and digital services available.”

Dauphin County Library System provides residents of the county with free access to virtually any materials imaginable, both current and ageless. It has books, movies, music, magazines, online access, people to help with research and programs to help residents of the county grow. The library is the place to satisfy your curiosity. To learn more about The Library, visit dcls.org. Getting a card is free — just bring your driver’s license or other proof of residence to any of the eight DCLS libraries, or register online at dcls.org.

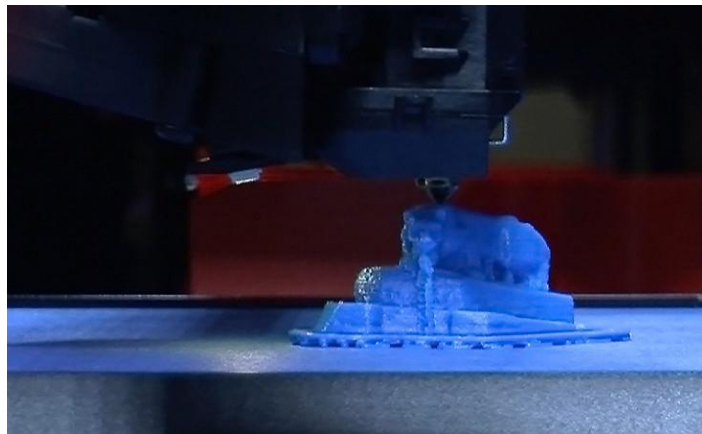
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Penn State University Libraries News

Penn State Opens Libraries’ Maker Commons 3-D Printing Lab, Invention Studio

University Park, PA—A new 3-D printing lab in Penn State’s University Libraries is now open, giving Penn State students and faculty at all campuses the opportunity to dream up, design and print almost anything. The lab, called the Maker Commons, houses a large-scale printing installation of 32 MakerBot desktop 3-D printers as well as the [Invention Studio](#), where University Park students can use littleBits for rapid prototyping of devices, and offers consultants to answer questions and help with projects.

Although the Maker Commons is housed within Pattee Library’s Knowledge Commons at the University Park campus, students from all Penn State campus locations, including the Penn State World Campus, can send projects to the 3-D printers via makercommons.psu.edu. Students can upload their designs, and each will be added to the queue of projects waiting to be printed. When a print request is complete, it will be sent via the same delivery system used for intercampus library materials requests, and can be picked up at the appropriate campus library’s main desk, such as Pattee Library’s Commons Services desk at University Park.



The Maker Commons — a lab of 32 3-D printers and an Invention Studio for rapid prototyping — is housed in Pattee Library's Knowledge Commons and is a partnership between Penn State's University Libraries and Teaching and Learning with Technology, a unit of Information Technology Services. (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

Joseph Salem, the University Libraries' associate dean for Learning, Undergraduate Services and Commonwealth Campus Libraries, says the lab will give students from all disciplines the chance to bring their ideas to life, regardless of whether they have experience with 3-D printing or not. "I'm excited that the Libraries is showcasing this new space where students across the University can create, innovate and collaborate," Salem said. "This will be a game-changer for design and invention at Penn State."

The lab is an important step in understanding the opportunities 3-D printing can bring to Penn State, according to Kyle Bowen, director of Penn State's [Education Technology Services](#). "The Maker Commons provides students and faculty with new capabilities to engage in creative activities across disciplines,"

Bowen said. "This initiative is designed to support our students in pursuing their own learning, research and entrepreneurial accomplishments."

Jonathan Jaglom, CEO at MakerBot, said Penn State is preparing students for jobs of the future by bringing a startup mentality to the University and by implementing the online MakerBot Innovation Center product through the Maker Commons website. "Reports show that learning from failure, working collaboratively across disciplines and managing a product from concept to a physical product are skills that employers are looking for," said Jaglom. "We're excited to see the new ideas that come from Happy Valley."

Sig Behrens, general manager of education at Stratasys, MakerBot's parent company, and a Penn State alumnus, is thrilled with the way the University is incorporating 3-D printing into teaching and learning. "It's not about what you make but what you learn while you are making it," Behrens said. "Penn State is doing something with 3-D printing we have never seen before by integrating the design process into multiple disciplines. In the past, 3-D printing in higher education was reserved only for engineers. But now, Penn State is pioneering a different path, and we couldn't be more excited."

Already, faculty and students are seeing use for use 3-D printing capabilities beyond traditional disciplines like engineering and mathematics to others, such as anthropology.

"This University has so many students with creative ideas, but until now there's been limited access to 3-D printers to fabricate and test those ideas," Tim Simpson, a professor of mechanical and industrial engineering and co-director of Penn State's Center for Innovative Materials Processing through Direct Digital Deposition (CIMP-3D), said. "The Maker Commons will help open students' eyes to all the possibilities enabled by this technology and allow faculty across campuses to integrate the technology seamlessly into their courses."

Mitchell Lester, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, is a member of Penn State's Lunar Lion team, which is already using MakerBot printers to help design and build its spacecraft. Lester says 3-D printing not only enhances the team's work — they use the printers to build engine models, clips and other small parts — but also fuels his aspirations for learning. "When you start working with 3-D printers on a regular basis, you start to think in 3-D," he said. "And when you get to hold the final product in your hands, it ignites a great desire to learn — not just in the classroom, but on your own time, too. Education takes off with passion."

The Maker Commons is a partnership between Penn State's [University Libraries](#) and [Teaching and Learning with Technology](#), a unit of Information Technology Services. For more information, visit makercommons.psu.edu.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University

Librarian Reiter Receives Library Journal's 'Mover and Shaker' National Honor

University Park, PA—Lauren Reiter, the Sally W. Kalin Librarian for Learning Innovations and business liaison librarian at Penn State's University Libraries, has been named a 2016 "Mover and Shaker" in the library industry by the national publication Library Journal.

For the 15th year, Library Journal's editors named [54 outstanding professionals](#) committed to providing excellent service and shaping the future of libraries. [Reiter](#) was selected because of her commitment to the profession and for championing financial literacy efforts at Penn State.

She developed a [financial literacy resource guide](#) and then partnered in 2013 with two faculty members to offer programs that evolved into monthly [MoneyCounts presentations](#). The following year, Reiter collaborated with the University Park Undergraduate Association to establish the Student Financial Education Center, where students are trained as peer educators.

Because of Reiter's efforts, Penn State's University Libraries has been able to establish an endowment for financial education at Penn State, which will further her work. Library Journal honored Reiter for these achievements.

Reiter has been a faculty member at the University Libraries since October 2012, and received the Sally W. Kalin Librarianship in July 2015. She received her undergraduate degree in English from Kenyon College in 2007 and her master's degree in library information science in 2012 from the University of Pittsburgh.

Each of the Movers & Shakers was prominently featured in the March 15 issue of Library Journal and will be celebrated at a special reception in June during the American Library Association's annual conference in Orlando, Fla. The print feature's companion website is sponsored by the [Online Computer Library Center](#) (OCLC) and available at www.libraryjournal.com/movers2016.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University



Lauren Reiter (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

Jackson Named Libraries' Huck Chair, Head of Special Collections Library

University Park, PA—Penn State University Libraries has named Athena Jackson the Dorothy Foehr Huck Chair and head of the Eberly Family Special Collections Library. Jackson comes to Penn State from the University of Michigan Special Collections Library, where she served as associate director.

"Athena's experience in project management, exhibitions, collections and digitization and her strong national presence among faculty librarians and professional library leaders are advantageous strengths for leading our complex and highly regarded Special Collections Library," Anne Langley, Associate Dean for Research, Collections and Scholarly Communications, said.

While at the University of Michigan Library, Jackson managed Reader Services and Collection Services and participated in the planning, policy development, and priority setting for the library.



Athena Jackson (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

Previously she served as special collections librarian at the University of Miami, education and outreach librarian and project manager/librarian for Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project at Louisiana State University, and North Carolina Newspaper Digitization Project coordinator and archivist at the North Carolina State Archives. Jackson holds a master of science degree in library and information science from the University of North Texas and a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Houston. She started at the University Libraries on March 21.

As head of the Special Collections Library, Jackson will oversee five functional areas of operation: Curatorial Services, Research Services, Collection Management, Digital Services and University Archives. The position provides leadership for special collections and archives maintained by the University's Commonwealth Campus libraries, sets priorities for collection development for digital and physical special collections, and identifies and initiates new collecting areas in support of the University's evolving research and teaching mission.

The [Special Collections Library](#) includes more than 225,000 printed volumes, 25 million archival records and manuscripts, 1 million photographs, maps, prints and audio-visual items dating from the 1850s onward, and the University Archives' official historical records.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University

Libraries' Andrew to Receive Highest National Honor in Library Cataloging

University Park, PA—The Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association, has selected Paige G. Andrew, cartographic resources cataloging librarian at the Penn State University Libraries, to receive its 2016 Margaret Mann Citation Award. Andrew will receive the honor for professional achievement in cataloging and valuable contributions to the library profession on Saturday, June 25, during the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

A tenured faculty member holding the rank of librarian who has worked at the University Libraries for 21 years, Andrew began his career in 1986 as the maps cataloging librarian at the University of Georgia Library. He is recognized nationally as an authority on cartographic resources cataloging.

"Paige Andrew's contributions to the fields of librarianship and cartography have long been at the forefront of cataloging cartographic materials, and not the least of which has been his cofounding and co-editorship of the Journal



Paige G. Andrew (Photo by Wilson Hutton, Penn State University Libraries)

and Mary Larsgaard and published in 2014, provides a contemporary extension of Andrew's 2003 maps cataloging book "Cataloging Sheet Maps, the Basics." This earlier work was written under the auspices of a prior standard, AACR2, which University Libraries Associate Dean for Technology and Digital Strategies Karen Estlund noted remains "the authoritative cataloging guide for map cataloging."

The Margaret Mann Citation Award was established by the Cataloging and Metadata Management Section of ALCTS in 1951. ALCTS is responsible for "all matters related with selection, identification, acquisition, organization, management, retrieval, and preservation of recorded knowledge through education, publication and collaboration," and Section members' focus is on cataloging and classification of all types of information resources. The award is named for the late Margaret Mann, noted for her significant and longstanding contributions to the science and education of library cataloging and classification.

The award's jury selects the recipient based on nominees' notable publications and outstanding contributions to professional cataloging associations; the technical improvement of cataloging and classification; and in the area of teaching cataloging and classification within the last five years. The award recipient is presented with a citation and the opportunity to donate a \$2,000 scholarship to a U.S or Canadian library school of his or her choice, provided by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). Andrew has chosen to donate the scholarship to his alma mater, the University of Washington's iSchool, formerly the Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University

of Map & Geography Libraries: Advances in Geospatial Information, Collections and Archives," Barbara I. Dewey, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications, said. "We at the University Libraries are thrilled to see him recognized by his professional peers across the field of cataloging, and continue to support his leadership endeavors in the profession."

Andrew's contributions to the field of cartographic resources cataloging efforts impressed the award jury, especially during the establishment and implementation of a new international cataloging standard, Resource Description and Access (RDA). His work as lead author on the book "RDA and Cartographic Resources," co-authored with Susan M. Moore

Salem Selected as 2016-17 Association of Research Libraries Leadership Fellow

University Park, PA—The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has selected Joe Salem Jr., Penn State University Libraries associate dean for Learning, Undergraduate Services and Commonwealth Campus Libraries, among 28 individuals in North America — one of 22 from U.S. universities, including four Big Ten schools — to participate in its 2016–2017 Leadership Fellows 16-month program beginning in January.

It's a great honor for the University Libraries for Joe Salem to be selected for this prestigious and highly competitive program," Barbara I. Dewey, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications, said. "The valuable exposure to an array of forward-thinking ideas, initiatives and perspectives about higher education from this program that Joe will bring will help inform the Libraries' strategic pursuits in the years to come and will strengthen our position to best serve our students, faculty, staff and visiting researchers."

The ARL is a nonprofit organization of 124 research libraries in the United States and Canada. Its mission is to influence the changing environment of scholarly communication and the public policies that affect research libraries and the diverse communities they serve. Its executive leadership program facilitates the development of future senior-level leaders in large research libraries and archives. Created in response to a continued need to develop future leaders of ARL member institutions, the program is designed to build on self-assessment and reflection and to explore a personal or professional area of interest in the context of a group setting.

"I am very honored to have been selected and look forward to working with my colleagues in the cohort and within ARL. The mentoring, networking, and sharing of best practices within many diverse research library settings offered through fellowship participation will help me to make stronger contributions to my role within the University Libraries," Salem said. "I am most excited about the opportunity to bring new ideas back to Penn State and to share the innovative work that we are doing at the University Libraries with our colleagues across the country."

During the course of the program, each fellow will construct a learning plan; engage in a customized, immersive experience to shadow a library director; participate in three weeklong institutes hosted by sponsoring ARL institutions; participate in online synchronous sessions; and attend semiannual association meetings.

This sixth offering of the program is being designed by association staff in collaboration with the Leadership Fellows Advisory Group and the directors of the three sponsor libraries: University of Alberta, Colorado State University and Duke University. The program begins in January 2016 and runs through April 2017.

The 2016-17 Leadership Fellows represent a broad array of backgrounds, experiences, and institutions in North America, including six librarian faculty from five universities in Canada and one librarian faculty or administrator each representing three fellow Big Ten schools: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

For more information, visit the [ARL Leadership Fellows program website](#).

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University



*Joe Salem (Photo by Wilson Hutton,
Penn State University Libraries)*

Sheehy to Receive National Award for 'Lifetime, Significant' Documents Librarianship



Helen M. Sheehy (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

Helen M. Sheehy is the recipient of the 2016 James Bennett Childs Award. This award honors a person who has made a lifetime and significant contribution to the field of documents librarianship, and is based on stature, service, and publication. Sheehy's nomination highlighted the nearly 30 years of service she provided to the documents community but most especially in the area of international documents librarianship and in the broader area of mentoring of other documents librarians.

Sheehy is well known within the American Library Association Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) for her many years of service, including her most recent appointment as GODORT Chair. One comment from the many letters of support sums up best the reason for her receiving this award, "I think the impact of Ms. Sheehy's engagement in teaching and learning at the local level — combined with her extensive achievements as a government information professional at the national and international levels — seem to me a perfect fit with the type of career contribution that the James Bennett Childs Award was designed to recognize."

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University

Chatham University Archives & Special Collections Receives NEH Grant

Pittsburgh, PA—The Jennie King Mellon Library Archives & Special Collections is pleased to announce that we have been selected to receive a Preservation Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

This award supports the development of a targeted preservation program to ensure long-term access to the unique learning resources housed in University Archives and Special Collections. The project will focus on over 740 linear feet of papers, publications, motion picture films, audio recordings, scrapbooks, clothing, and artifacts in University Archives and the 1,596 rare books, 55 artworks, and 186 periodicals in Special Collections.

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Grant applications undergo four rounds of review by panels of independent, external reviewers before final approval by the chairman of the NEH.

The preservation needs assessment, which will occur in the summer of 2016, will include a thorough, on-site inspection of University Archives & Special Collections by the Director of Preservation Services at the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts. It will focus on environmental conditions in the collection storage areas, the need for specialized housing for fragile books and artifacts, and emergency planning to ensure that unique collection materials are accessible for many years to come.

For additional information about the NEH and a complete, state-by-state list of all 295 humanities projects in the 2015 award class, see <http://www.neh.gov/news/press-release/2015-12-14>.

Submitted by Molly Tighe, Chatham University

Schlow App Connects Patrons with Library Services

State College, PA—Schlow Centre Region Library is getting technical.

The library unveiled My Library Card, an app for managing library cards and linking to library services.

Schlow IT services technician Michael Hayward began developing the app in August, though the investment for it was made in 2014 through the library's mobile first website.

"That effort grew out of a primary focus of Schlow's current strategic plan, which states 'We are where you are,'" library head of IT services Nathaniel Rasmussen said. "At a time when consumer habits are changing almost every month, we identified a real need to adapt by placing our immensely popular resources and services in the palm of your hand."

The app, which has storage space for multiple library card barcodes, enables access to Schlow's website where people can operate their accounts.

"With the new app, parents can store their entire family's Schlow library cards as eCards in one place," Hayward said.

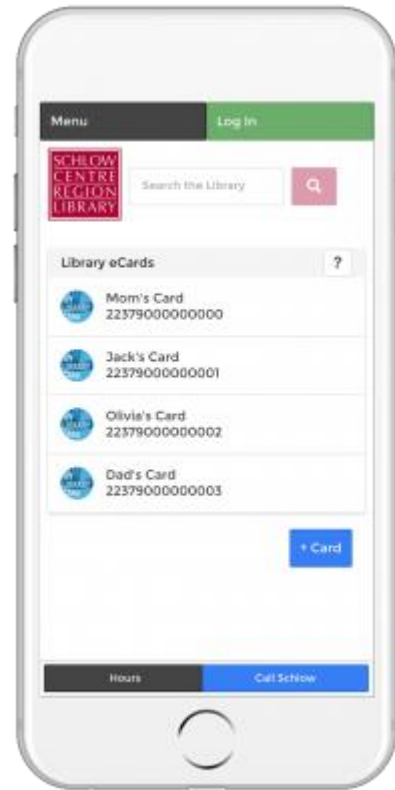
The app is free for Android phones and iPhones and can be found at the Google Play and iTunes stores. Schlow plans to share the app technology with other district libraries in the area, allowing them to create their own apps as well.

"At Schlow, we continuously assess the tools we use and provide to our community," Rasmussen said. "While we have no specific plans for future app development, we recognize that technologies such as this app are a journey, not a destination. I would not be surprised if more apps or more features would appear in short order as a part of this process."

Rasmussen also said he feels a good library reflects its community.

"Libraries are about connecting people with their passions, and as our customers continue to evolve and grow their passions, we plan on being right there with them," Rasmussen said.

Provided by [Shawn Amarelli, Centre Daily Times](#)



Schlow's app links to library services and allows users to manage library cards. (Image courtesy of Schlow Centre Region Library)

University of Pittsburgh Library System News

University of Pittsburgh Offers Archival Scholars Research Awards

Pittsburgh, PA—In collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity, the library offered the Archival Scholars Research Awards (ASRA) to ten undergraduate students for the first time in Spring 2016. Encouraging students to engage with primary sources, awardees receive a stipend to work with a faculty mentor to develop independent research projects that draw upon resources found in the University of Pittsburgh's archives and special collections. Throughout the semester, students

receive archival training from librarians, archivists, and curators, attend three workshops, and participate in an end of term presentation to report out about their research.

Submitted by Jeffrey Wisniewski, University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Completes Strategic Audit of Research Services

Pittsburgh, PA—This year the University Library System (ULS) at Pitt undertook a strategic audit of the research lifecycle as experienced by various academic disciplines and scholars. The goal was to collect in one place information about current ULS and University services supporting elements of the research workflow, identify University-wide resources supporting researchers at various stages in the cycle, identify gaps, and propose new services as needed. The Library has completed the audit, has created a comprehensive website of ULS and University researcher support services, and has as a result of this process, begun collaborating with the Office of Research, the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), and others.

Submitted by Jeffrey Wisniewski, University of Pittsburgh

Research Data Management Services Unveiled at Pitt

Pittsburgh, PA—As more research funders require grant proposals to include research data management (RDM) plans, and as the role of research data in the reproducibility of science is being highlighted, the University Library System at Pitt is supporting researchers by offering a new suite of services that include: help in creating a data management plan, consultations on understanding funder mandates for data management planning and sharing, consultations on understanding publisher mandates for data sharing, and assistance with describing, choosing formats, and finding repositories for data. A related effort, promoting the University's institutional repository D-Scholarship as a permanent home for data, is also underway.

Submitted by Jeffrey Wisniewski, University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Invites Wikipedia Visiting Scholars

Pittsburgh, PA—This year through a selective process the University Library System (ULS) at Pitt invited two proficient Wikipedia editors to be Wikipedia Visiting Scholars. Each scholar edited dozens of existing Wikipedia articles by adding new information from related ULS archives and special collections as well as uploading over 50 images from ULS digitized collections to Wikimedia Commons. They authored 14 new articles based on archival content held within the ULS, and six new articles based on having access to Pitt licensed resources. As a result of this project our unique archival content is now more discoverable and accessible in Wikipedia, the 6th largest website in the world.

Submitted by Jeffrey Wisniewski, University of Pittsburgh

Digital Scholarship Commons Opens at Pitt

Pittsburgh, PA—In Hillman Library, the former microforms area on the ground floor has been transformed into a new space, the Digital Scholarship Commons (DSC). The DSC is designed to support members of the Pitt community who are learning and experimenting with digital and data-intensive research and teaching. Students and faculty can use the space to participate in a workshop, meet with a colleague to discuss a project, digitize a resource for their research, consult with ULS staff about using a digital or data-intensive tool, or view digital scholarly creations of Pitt faculty and students. The DSC is also home to the Digital Scholarship Services offices, a front end to the library's resources, expertise, and services in support of a broad range of digital and data-intensive scholarly activities. These

service areas include research data management, data analysis and visualization, mapping and GIS, and digital curation and stewardship.

Submitted by Jeffrey Wisniewski, University of Pittsburgh

University of Scranton Weinberg Memorial Library Announces Personnel Updates

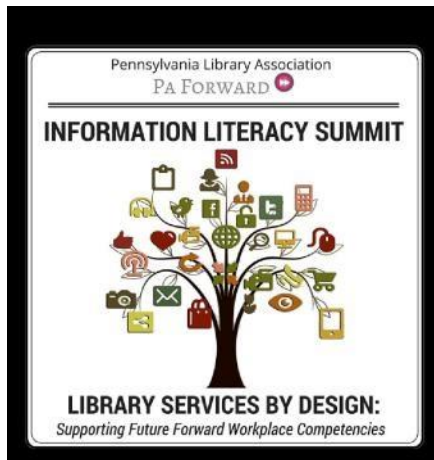
Scranton, PA—The University of Scranton Weinberg Memorial Library has reported the following:

- Sheli McHugh, Associate Professor, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, and Reilly Learning Commons Coordinator, has been awarded tenure.
- Kevin Kocur, Clarion University MLS, has been appointed Interlibrary Loan Coordinator.
- Marleen Cloutier, of Salem, Massachusetts, has been appointed Cataloging Assistant.

Submitted by George Aulisio, University of Scranton

Save the Date—Upcoming PA Library Conferences

4th Annual PA Forward Information Literacy Summit Scheduled for July 21, 2016



Save the Date

Join us for the 4th annual
PA Forward
Information Literacy Summit
July 21, 2016

Join us at the Penn State Paterno Library where the all-day Summit will feature keynote presentations that will focus on workplace literacies. In addition, there will be a wide range of breakout sessions.

State College, PA—The 4th Annual PA Forward Information Literacy Summit will be held on July 21, 2016, at Penn State University, University Park.

This year's theme for the all-day summit is Library Services by Design: Supporting Future Forward Workplace Competencies. Keynote sessions will discuss information literacy competencies championed by academic, school, and public libraries for librarians, students, and patrons in all stages of life. Breakout opportunities in the afternoon will discuss

workplace literacy competencies, digital literacy, the Model Curriculum for PA School Library Programs, and the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education.

The summit is a collaboration of the PA Forward Information Literacy Team and the Penn State University Libraries. Librarians, library staff, directors, and other educators from academic, school, and public libraries are welcome to attend. PA Forward, a Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) state initiative, supports libraries in helping Pennsylvanians improve their essential literacy skills in five critical literacies: Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial. The PA Forward Information Literacy Team, working in collaboration with the Penn State University Libraries and other PA Forward partners, brings librarians together to converse, collaborate, and share

understandings in order to facilitate “a Pennsylvania where all citizens have the skills to access, evaluate, use, and create information ethically and legally to fully participate in a digital society.”

For more information about the day’s events and to register starting in May, please visit the summit webpage at <http://bit.ly/PAFILS16>. The Summit Planning Committee will soon send out additional information on event registration. For questions or further information, contact Debbie Malone (debbie.malone@desales.edu), Liz Kavanaugh (ekavanau@misericordia.edu), Dana Farabaugh (Dana.Farabaugh@wlnonline.org), or Sara Frey (sfrey@colonialsd.org), Planning Committee Chairs.

Submitted by Ellysa Cahoy, Penn State University

WPWVC-ACRL Spring Conference Focuses on “Transforming Our Libraries”



Greensburg, PA—Members of the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of ACRL (WPWVC-ACRL) will come together on Friday, June 10, 2016, at Seton Hill University in Greensburg for the chapter’s annual spring conference.

This year’s conference theme, Transforming Our Libraries, is an opportunity to share transformation at your institution, in your workflows, or in any way that better meets the needs of users. Miguel Figueroa from the American Library Association’s Center for the Future of Libraries will deliver the keynote address. The conference also features breakout sessions (including a multi-presentation lightning round), meetings of newly formed interest groups, and a graduate student poster session.

Registration includes lunch. All are welcome to attend for a day of learning and networking; however, seating is limited. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers, \$15 students. For more information, visit the chapter website (wpwvcacrl.org).

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