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Gumberg Library Features Flexible Technology in Space Renovation

Pittsburgh, PA—At the end of January 2017, Gumberg Library at Duquesne University finished renovating their library classroom to a more collaborative, engaging space, which Duquesne calls a FlexTech room. The room has seven pods that seat six people. Each pod has a glass tabletop on which students can write, and a computer and large screen so students can work collaboratively at a pod. Using Click-share, the instructor can share their screen content to the students' screens, and students can share from the pod to all the other pods. Additionally, an app called MirrorOp allows sharing from mobile devices.



After the renovation (Photo courtesy of Pooja Gaikwad, Outreach and Communications Graduate Assistant to Gumberg Library)

This classroom will be used as a space for Duquesne's one-credit information literacy course, for other classes, and for workshops. The space requires a student-centered, collaborative



Before the renovation (Photo courtesy of Lauren Turin, Office of Classroom Technologies, Duquesne University)

approach to learning that aligns well with metaliteracy and the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. When not being used as a formal learning space, students can be seen gathered at the pods, working on projects and presentations.

We are very pleased with the new, bright, inviting, and inspiring space with one of the best views of Pittsburgh from a classroom!

*Submitted by Marcia Rapchak,
Duquesne University*

Counties Throughout Pennsylvania Celebrated Libraries During National Library Week

Mechanicsburg, PA — With a goal of highlighting the value libraries add to communities daily, the PA Library Association undertook a task of asking all 67 counties in Pennsylvania to officially observe and recognize April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the designation is designed to celebrate the contributions of libraries and library workers around the country and is used to encourage library use and support.

Being more than book repositories, libraries provide online resources for families, access to community and social services, and serve as activity hubs, supporting entrepreneurship, training opportunities and are a true example of an information exchange.

“The library embraces the entire community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning,” said Christi Buker, PA Library Association Executive Director. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life, filling the gaps that are left gaping when other areas have to cut services and programming due to budgetary constraints. Libraries truly do transform their communities so it was only fitting that this year’s National Library Week spoke to that, showcasing all our libraries provide. It was also a way to thank countless library staffers throughout the country and Pennsylvania for all they do to help citizens tap into their potential.”

The theme for 2017 National Library Week was “Libraries Transform” and was a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers.

“Libraries aren’t only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer or even record their own music,” said June Houghtaling, Consultant for the North Central Library District. “Pennsylvania libraries are working to meet the diverse needs of their patrons. Whether you are a school student, an elected official or a business owner, libraries are providing

resources to be of assistance. Libraries are an investment in a community member's success and that investment transforms the larger community."

County commissioners in 16 of the state's counties proclaimed the designation, underlining their support for these community centers. These counties were Blair County, Bucks County, Centre County, Chester County, Clearfield County, Clinton County, Delaware County, Franklin County, Greene County, Lackawanna County, Mifflin County, Montgomery County, Northumberland County, Potter County, Snyder County, and Tioga County.

"We are pleased that these counties, as well as multiple municipalities, stood up and declared how valuable libraries are in their communities," Buker added. "National Library Week was a great opportunity to put a spotlight on all the work and services our libraries offer. Our goal is to help all communities move forward, with strong libraries offering resources and programs in basic, financial, civic and social, information, and health literacies. We are very thankful to these counties and their commissioners for highlighting libraries and all they do every day, not just during National Library Week. We hope more counties, if not all, will issue proclamations to recognize National Library Week next year."

For more information about National Library Week, visit www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/factsheets/nationallibraryweek. To learn how to become more involved with a library in the local area, visit the PA Library Association at palibraries.org or call 717-766-7663.

Courtesy of Brandi Hunter-Davenport, Pennsylvania Library Association

Gettysburg College Library Presents #GBCTalks

Gettysburg, PA—#GBCTalks, a book-based discussion program designed to facilitate conversation about difficult issues in the Gettysburg College community, was launched in 2016 by librarians and other campus partners. The program was created in order to help people engage in honest conversations about topics related to diversity and inclusion.

In spring 2016, we read two nonfiction titles about race and racism in *America: Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The following semester, we continued to explore race with Claudia Rankine's poetry collection, *Citizen: An American Lyric*. In spring 2017, we chose a novel that addresses the intersection of race, gender, nationality, immigration status, and more: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Discussions are open to all members of the Gettysburg College community – students, faculty, administrators, and support staff. A limited number of free books are available to readers who commit to participate in discussions. Discussions have been scheduled over the noon hour or in the evening, but we have found that the lunchtime slots draw higher attendance and a more balanced group of readers (across students and employee categories).

Facilitating programs like these is one way that libraries can contribute to a positive campus climate. If your library is actively engaged in efforts to improve intellectual climate and model civil discourse, please share! Contact Janelle Wertzberger, Assistant Dean (jwertzbe@gettysburg.edu).

For more information about #GBCTalks, see libguides.gettysburg.edu/gbctalks.

Submitted by Janelle Wertzberger, Gettysburg College

New Library-Focused Podcast Puts Spotlight on PA Librarians

Mechanicsburg, PA—PaLAunchPod, a new podcast series created by Pennsylvania librarians taking part in a Pennsylvania Library Association-related initiative, premiered on February 1, 2017! The podcast series features spectacular Pennsylvania librarians and the amazing things they do in their libraries and their communities.

Each story is highlighted on the PaLA website. You can download, subscribe to, and listen to the podcast at iTunes, Soundcloud, Stitcher, and Google Play.

The first episode features a children's librarian from a public library who found a way to connect incarcerated parents with their children through reading. The second episode focuses on the PA Forward Star Library Program. In the third episode, host Brian Fulton talks with Molly Wolf, Sexuality Archivist and Reference Librarian at Widener University, about the Sexuality Archives. Wolf is both founder and curator of the archives, which document and preserve the history of sexuality education and sexology.

For more information about the Pennsylvania Library Association, visit palibraries.org. Contact the PaLAunchPod team at palapodcasts@gmail.com.



PaLAunchPod logo (Image courtesy of the Pennsylvania Library Association)

Courtesy of Jill Hallam-Miller, Bucknell University

Carnegie Mellon University Partners with Digital Science to Create a 21st Century Library

Pittsburgh, PA—With the goal of championing new forms of scholarly communication, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) has announced a partnership with Digital Science, a technology company serving the needs of scientific and research communities, as a key customer and development partner.



Digital Science logo (Image courtesy of Digital Science)

By implementing a suite of products from the Digital Science portfolio – Symplectic Elements, Figshare for Institutions, Altmetric Explorer for Institutions, and Dimensions – Carnegie Mellon will unveil a solution to capture, analyze, and showcase its leading research.

Using continuous, automated capture of data from multiple internal and external sources, including publication and associated citation and altmetrics data, grant data, and research data, Carnegie Mellon will be able to provide its faculty, funders and decision-makers with an accurate, timely and holistic picture of the institution's research. As part of this effort, the university is building out an ecosystem of support, processes and tools that underpin the full research lifecycle from ideation to dissemination.

Submitted by Shannon Riffe, Carnegie Mellon University

Dickinson College Joins HathiTrust

Carlisle, PA—Dickinson College has joined HathiTrust (hathitrust.org), a partnership of major academic and research libraries collaborating in an extraordinary digital library initiative. Eleanor Mitchell, Director of Library Services at Dickinson's Waidner-Spahr Library, explains "Through our membership in the HathiTrust, we both expand access for our users to millions of books and other materials, and join a collaborative effort of more than 120 academic and research libraries to support digital scholarship and preserve the cultural record."

The benefits to digital scholarship provided through the HathiTrust Research Center are of particular interest to faculty including Christopher Francese, The Asbury J. Clarke Professor of Classical Studies, who chairs the Dickinson Digital Humanities Advisory Committee. "[HathiTrust] makes their material available for large scale analysis by text mining. There the superiority of their metadata and digitization really shines through and makes this a crucial tool for the future of scholarship." says Francese.

The Waidner-Spahr Library also looks forward to the new opportunities that HathiTrust membership will provide for collaboration with Dickinson's Office of Disability Services. Dickinson's HathiTrust membership will greatly expand the number and types of digitized in-copyright course materials that the office will be able to make legally available to students with documented print disabilities.

Submitted by Jessica Howard, Dickinson College

Penn State University Libraries News

Harrell Health Sciences Library: Research and Learning Commons Grand Re-Opening

Hershey, PA—The health sciences library supporting Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and the Penn State College of Medicine was completely renovated during 2016 and a ribbon-cutting and grand re-opening party was held on February 17, 2017. The Harrell Health Sciences Library: Research and Learning Commons redesign was based on student and faculty input and now features 11 small study rooms, a Technology Sandbox supporting 3D printing and scanning, virtual reality, and a 3x3 video wall, and a One Button Studio with professional cameras, lighting, and green screen for audio and video production.



The redesigned space includes private meeting rooms, individual work areas, and collaborative spaces. (Photo courtesy of Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center)

Harrell Health Sciences Library: Research and Learning Commons employs 15 library faculty and staff and supports the education, research, and clinical care information needs of clinicians, public health and basic scientists,

and students in medical, nursing, physician assistant, and basic science graduate programs. The library is part of Penn State University Libraries.

Submitted by Nancy Adams, Penn State College of Medicine

Penn State University Libraries Awarded Grant to Digitize to U.S. Labor Union Collections

University Park, PA—Penn State University Libraries was selected for one of just 17 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grants nationwide to make available online several of its special collections that document the historical connections among three important American labor organizations.

The grant, administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) and supported by the Mellon Foundation's Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives awards program, totals \$239,185 to fund the two-year digitization project. Penn State's project, "Beneath the Surface and Cast in Steel: Forging the American Industrial Union Movement Digital Project," includes materials from the Eberly Family Special Collections Library's United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), UMWA's Presidents' Districts Correspondence and Steelworkers Organizing Committee collections, as well as additional related collections that provide context to the labor movement in Pennsylvania. The UMWA and SWOC were among eight international unions that forged the Congress of Industrial Organizations industrial union movement in the 1930s and a precursor to today's AFL-CIO.

The digitization project's goals are to greatly increase the discoverability and accessibility of these rich historical materials to national and international scholars, and inform future collaborative efforts to further document this important intersection of labor and social history.

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Are pay slips included with this report? Yes.



This composite image is a sample from a collection of 68 surveys containing ethnographic data on the living conditions of a miner's family as well as a representative image from their home. This collection includes living conditions data, photographs of dwellings and photographs of families. Surveys cover the Appalachia region. (Miner's Home Survey – Brady Camp, Pennsylvania, Box 1, Folder 1, United Mine Workers of America photographic, graphic, and artifacts collection, HCLA 9377, Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University)

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State Librarians Serve in Leadership Roles with ALA

University Park, PA—Several Penn State faculty librarians are serving or have recently completed service as section chairs in the American Library Association.

In summer 2016, a three-year leadership role in Map & Geospatial Information Round Table concluded for Cartographic Resources Cataloging Librarian Paige Andrew. He was also presented with the 2016 Margaret Mann Citation at the ALCTS Awards Program.

Eric Novotny, history librarian at University Park, served as Chair of the Library History Round Table (LHRT). In addition, he and Bernadette Lear, reference librarian at Penn State Harrisburg, unveiled a new scholarly journal at the 2016 annual conference with the first edition set for spring 2017. Sponsored by ALA's Library History Round Table and published by the Penn State University Press, "Libraries: Culture, History, and Society" is the only journal in the United States devoted to library history.

Larry and Ellen Foster Communications Librarian Jeff Knapp, who has served in various roles in the Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) for more than 10 years, assumed its presidency on July 1. Although there are a number of different units within the American Library Association that deal with library instruction, LIRT sets itself apart by bringing academic librarians together with public and school librarians.

Amy Rustic, reference and instruction librarian at Penn State New Kensington, began her term as Chair of Reference Services Section (RSS) on July 1. RSS is the largest of RUSA's sections and represents a wide range of reference librarians.

Athena Jackson, Dorothy Foehr Huck Chair and head of the Eberly Family Special Collections Library, chaired the plenaries subcommittee for the Rare Books & Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the ACRL conference "Opening Doors to Collaboration, Outreach, and Diversity." She then transitioned to her three-year appointment as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of RBMS and will assume the chair in June.

Information Literacy Librarian Anne Behler chaired the planning committee and moderated the summer 2016 ACRL Instruction Section conference program, attended by more than 175 people.

Matt Cizek, head librarian of Lartz Memorial Library, Penn State Shenango, was re-elected to a second two-year term on the Executive Board of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table as one of three directors-at-large.

Rebecca Miller, head of Library Learning Services, was elected to a three-year term as a councilor-at-large on the ALA Council. She will serve in that capacity through the close of the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Karen Estlund, associate dean for technology and digital strategies, was a panelist for the Women in Library Technology Leadership open conversation during ALA's annual conference and a panelist for the Peel Back the Layers of Publishing Opacity: Open Editorial and Peer Review session.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State University Libraries Joins ACRL Diversity Alliance

University Park, PA—In fall 2016 Penn State University Libraries became a charter member of the ACRL Diversity Alliance. As a member, Penn State has committed to a residency program that provides professional development and opportunity commensurate with a professional appointment. In addition to the residency program, member institutions will have the opportunity to collaborate to create multi-institutional opportunities to enhance diversity and inclusion in the field of librarianship and at each institution.



ACRL Diversity Alliance logo (Image courtesy of ACRL)

The ACRL Diversity Alliance grew out of the Diversity Alliance for Academic Librarianship, a consortium of four institutions: American University, the University of Iowa, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University. In response to interest by institutions including Penn State, the ACRL Board voted to support the Alliance at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando in June 2016.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State Participates in Big Ten Academic Alliance Geospatial Data Portal Project

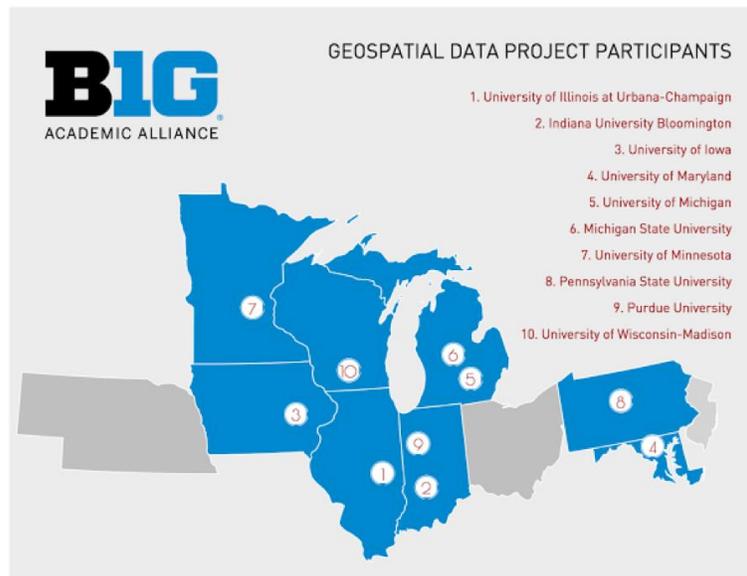
University Park, PA—The Big Ten Academic Alliance Geospatial Data Portal Project began in 2015 to provide discoverability, facilitate access to, and connect scholars across the Big Ten Academic Alliance to often-scattered geospatial data resources. The project's current outputs include a public geoportal, a harvestable collection of well over 3,000 geospatial records in a uniform metadata standard, and workflow documentation.

Penn State's participation in the Geoportal project has been a successful and broad collaboration of numerous departments and staff, both internal and external to the University Libraries.

The group's online spatial data discovery tool called the Big Ten Academic Alliance Geoportal is now live at geo.btaa.org. The tool is collectively managed by a task force of librarians and geospatial specialists at ten member institutions. Thousands of metadata records have been aggregated and edited to connect scholars across the Big Ten to geospatial data resources, including GIS datasets, web services, and digitized historical maps from multiple data clearinghouses and library catalogs or websites. The tool offers both place-based and text-based search options to accommodate different kinds of users and their familiarity with geospatial data.

In the coming year, the project hopes to secure continuation funding to add more metadata records, respond to user feedback on the existing interface, and expand the functionality of the geoportal.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries



Map of participating institutions in Geospatial Data Project (Image courtesy of Big Ten Academic Alliance)

Pennsylvania Center for the Book Receives Library of Congress Renewal

University Park, PA—The Library of Congress recently renewed its agreement with The Pennsylvania Center for the Book for a sixth three-year term, extending the partnership through 2018. Since 2000, the Pennsylvania Center for the Book has been sponsored by Penn State's University Libraries and Barbara I. Dewey, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications. The Center's mission is to study, honor, celebrate, and promote books, reading, libraries, and literacy to the citizens and residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Center for the Book focuses its efforts on poetry, literacy and children's books. Its annual initiatives include the promotion of the Pennsylvania section of the "Letters about Literature" writing contest for children in grades 4-12, the national Lee Bennet Hopkins award for children's poetry, the Lynd Ward Prize for graphic novel of the year in North America, and the much-anticipated A Baker's Dozen best list of books for family literacy.

Since 2000, the Center also has published 73 poetry posters, distributed in the tens of thousands throughout Pennsylvania and the nation, through the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., with its juried Public Poetry Project.

Its online family literacy curriculum, developed by the Center in partnership with the Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy and the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy, continues to serve as the primary family literacy resource in thousands of libraries in all 50 states through the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium.

Another resource developed by the Pennsylvania Center for the Book, the Literary and Cultural Heritage Map of Pennsylvania — a graphic display of the literary history of the Commonwealth — includes more than 1,100 biographies and 300 essays about Pennsylvania people, places and historical events. Content from this map has been used by curriculum developers, test makers and by hundreds of teachers of Pennsylvania history in the public schools. Its website recently completed a redesign, adding more interactivity capabilities to the map.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State Libraries Collaborates with Iranian Student Association to Host Monthly Docunight Series

University Park, PA— Beginning April 5, Penn State University Libraries will co-host monthly Docunight showings at its University Park and Mont Alto campuses. In partnership with Penn State's Iranian Student Association, the free documentary series will be held monthly through 2017 on the first Wednesday evening.

The Docunight series is an initiative held in approximately 20 cities across North America to encourage cultural exchange and understanding of Iran through documentaries. The films are about,

around, or in Iran, or made by Iranians, and the American showings are part of a collaboration with the National Iranian American Council (NIAC). More information is available at docunight.com.



Docunight logo (Image courtesy of the National Iranian American Council)

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Big Ten Academic Alliance Cataloging Partnership Formed

University Park, PA—Following a highly successful pilot among institutions in 2014 during which language and format expertise was shared across the consortium, libraries within the Big Ten Academic Alliance pledged in fall 2016 to assist each other for 10 hours a month in an exchange of cataloging language materials not easily dealt with in-house.

For instance, in turn for getting help with Penn State's Lithuanian materials from Michigan State University, Penn State University Libraries agreed to help catalog Arabic books in Michigan State's holdings through the Arabic language expertise of a Penn State Special Collections cataloging team member.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Gant, Guerrero Named Diversity Resident Librarians at Penn State

University Park, PA—Alia Gant and Jose Guerrero have joined the Penn State University Libraries as diversity resident librarians as the second cohort of the Libraries' Diversity Residency Program. This post-graduate appointment was developed to attract recent library and information sciences graduates for a three-year program of research and service in academic librarianship, providing them with transferable professional early work experiences and career development in preparation for future leadership roles in the field.



Alia Gant (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

First launched in 2013, the goal of the University Libraries' Diversity Residency Program is to help recent graduates identify areas of interest and help prepare them for leadership positions in the field of librarianship. The program includes rotating assignments in strategically central areas of the Libraries to provide experience, career development, and opportunities for exploration and service. In the second and third years of the program, each resident will develop, complete and report on a research project in their area of interest and create a high quality portfolio outcome, suitable for publishing or presentation in national venues.

Gant, a 2015-16 American Library Association Spectrum Scholar and recipient of the Mary E. Cleveland Centennial Endowed Scholarship, earned a bachelor of arts in international studies from American University in 2011 and master's degrees from the University of Iowa in 2014 and the University of Texas at Austin in 2016. Her master of science degree in information studies included a focus on academic

librarianship.

Guerrero, a Project IDoL (Increasing Diversity of Librarians) fellow at Wayne State University, graduated with his MLIS degree in summer 2016. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in literature from the University of California Santa Cruz and received a Humanities Undergraduate Research Award for developing an original, promising research proposal. Guerrero attended the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, completed the descriptive bibliography course at the California Rare Book School, and participated in the Colorado Antiquarian Book Seminar.

During their residency, Guerrero and Gant will work under the guidance of senior faculty during assignments and co-develop responsibilities, expectations and projects for each rotation assignment. They will participate actively in University and Libraries committees, councils and task forces and will become involved in relevant national, regional and state professional organizations.



Jose Guerrero (Photo courtesy of Penn State University Libraries)

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State Maps Cataloging Team Completes Pennsylvania Maps Cataloging

University Park, PA—Members of Penn State University Libraries' Maps Cataloging Team in the Cataloging and Metadata Services Department achieved a major milestone in October 2016 with the completion of the cataloging of its Pennsylvania maps. Concluding the five-year project, Penn State's Donald W. Hamer Maps Library now has the most completely cataloged collection of Pennsylvania maps in the country. Completing this important work also means that the entire Pennsylvania collection is accessible through OCLC's WorldCAT.

The team began cataloging the entire maps collection to full level standards in 1995 and a decision was made at that time to start the process by working on maps of international places beginning with Australia and New Zealand. After completing the international maps, in 2010, team members began cataloging those maps in the collection that cover the United States starting with Maine and continuing through New England and the Northeast then began work on the Pennsylvania maps collection.

This project included:

- creating bibliographic records for previously uncatalogued maps;
- enhancing existing minimal-level records created decades ago;
- adding titles and headings to make retrieval easier;
- adding or correcting call numbers to allow maps to be filed properly and quickly found in maps drawers;
- adding subject and form genre headings that collocate maps with intuitive terms; and
- adding coordinates which will facilitate future geographic searching.

Record creation and enhancement work was done from the start using the international cataloging standards until a major change in standards occurred in 2013 across the profession to RDA.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Penn State Joining Open Textbook Network to Support Affordable Course Content

University Park, PA— Penn State University Libraries is joining the Open Textbook Network to help support Penn State faculty's use of and students' availability to free, openly licensed academic course content.

"Penn State's membership in the Open Textbook Network supports faculty and students' access to a large volume of free, openly licensed course content, available online, to help reduce students' overall cost of attendance," Joe Salem, the University Libraries' associate dean for Learning, Undergraduate Services, and Commonwealth Campus Libraries, said.

The Open Textbook Network (OTN) helps support colleges and universities' instructional use of open textbooks and practices. Its Open Textbook Library is the premiere resource for peer-reviewed academic textbooks, all of which are free, openly licensed and complete, according to its website.

The College Board's Trends in Higher Education estimates that this year's average public four-year, in-state undergraduate student's costs for books and supplies is \$1,160. In 2015, nine of the network's early member institutions reported a \$1.5 million savings in textbook costs to students. In 2016, that number grew to \$3.1 million in student savings.

Penn State is among the largest universities to join OTN, which was established in fall 2015, and an early supporter among its peer institutions. Other Big Ten Academic Alliance members participating in OTN include the University of Iowa, the University of Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue, Rutgers, and the Milwaukee and Stout campuses of the University of Wisconsin system.

OTN members agree to hold an on-campus workshop led by the network's experts to support faculty adoption of open textbooks, train a campus representative to facilitate future workshops, and help OTN collect measurably, evidentiary support of open textbooks' impact for their institution's students. To help ensure its open textbooks' quality, faculty from OTN member schools are invited to review their faculty peers' textbooks in the Open Textbook Library. According to OTN, 70 percent of its textbooks' reviews have four stars or higher, and all reviews and comments are freely available.

The University Libraries will host Penn State's OTN workshop, which will be available to faculty at all Penn State campuses via live streaming, in fall 2017 during International Open Access Week, Oct. 23-29. This event follows the University's first Open Educational Resources Summit, hosted by the University Libraries in spring 2016. Details about the fall 2017 workshop will be announced as they become available.

The Open Textbook Network is centered at the University of Minnesota's Center for Open Education in the College of Education and Human Development. The network's open textbooks are published under a Creative Commons license and are freely available to download, adapt and distribute.

For more information about open educational resources at Penn State, visit oer.psu.edu.

Submitted by Jill Shockey, Penn State University Libraries

Marywood University Learning Commons Wins Pride and Progress Scranton Chamber Award

Scranton, PA—The Marywood University Learning Commons was the recipient of the 2016 Pride and Progress: New Construction Award, which is sponsored by the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. This award ceremony was held Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at the Theatre at North, Scranton. Sister Mary Persico, IHM, president of Marywood University, accepted the award at the Chamber Gala on behalf of the University.

The Pride and Progress award recognizes public/private sector operations for upgrading their establishments and improving the region. More than 100 applications were received for the 2016 awards. Applicants were judged by more than 40 community leaders and professionals who teamed up to review applications and select finalists. The Chamber recognizes those businesses that are making valuable contributions to the region and its overall quality of life.

Architectural firms hemmler + camayd and Bohlin Cywinski Jackson designed the state-of-the-art Learning Commons and teaching facility at the heart of the University's campus. The library collection is housed in a central automatic retrieval vault, freeing adjacent floor space for open reading areas and group study. Extensive use of glass opens the interior to the park-like campus and provides transparency of function from the exterior. Among the criteria used for judging the Pride and Progress: New Construction Award, it was the essential requirement that the building must harmonize with the surrounding neighborhood.

Courtesy of Marywood University, Marketing & Communications Department

Save the Date—Upcoming PA Library Workshops

PA Forward Financial Literacy Summit Scheduled for May 17, 2017

Altoona, PA—The PA Forward Financial Literacy Team and the Juniata Conemaugh Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association invite you to the PA Forward Financial Literacy Summit. The Summit will focus on financial literacy and related library programming at different ages and stages of life. It will be relevant to any public, academic, school, or other librarian or library partner interested in supporting the financial literacy of their respective communities.

For more information, please contact PA Forward Financial Literacy Team chair Lauren Reiter (by email at lmr29@psu.edu or by phone at 814-865-4414) or Juniata Conemaugh Chapter chair Jennifer Knisely (by email at director@altoonalibrary.org or by phone at 814-946-0417 ext 122).

Courtesy of the Compendium

Pennsylvania Library Association College & Research Division Spring Workshop Scheduled for May 25, 2017

Lewisburg, PA—Digital Scholarship has been included as a topic of research in the development of the NMC Horizon Report – 2017 Library Edition, and libraries across the country are opening Digital Scholarship Centers and hiring digital scholarship librarians. But what does digital scholarship actually mean, and what does it have to do with libraries? We will grapple with these questions during the CRD's 2017 Spring Workshop.

The workshop features keynote speaker Laurie Allen from the University of Pennsylvania, students who will share their experiences in library-led digital scholarship programs at Gettysburg College and Lafayette College, and librarian presenters who will discuss practical applications of digital scholarship in their libraries. Register at www.palibraries.org/event/seplamtg2016. For more information, contact Christina M. Snyder (snyderc@buckslib.org).

Courtesy of Jill Hallam-Miller, Bucknell University

PA Forward Information Literacy Summit Scheduled for July 19, 2017

State College, PA—The Fifth Annual PA Forward Information Literacy Summit will be in State College at the Pennsylvania State University on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. The theme of the all-day summit is "Libraries and Maker Culture: Co-constructing Learning Experiences and Environments" and will feature a keynote session in addition to breakout and lightning sessions.

The Summit is a collaboration of the PA Forward Information Literacy Team and the Penn State University Libraries. Librarians and other educators from academic, school, and public libraries are welcome to attend and present.

The 2017 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit is a day full of conversations surrounding libraries as a platform for helping learners discover, access, and, above all, create. Libraries have always been about access but are now equally about action. How, though, can we construct the most impactful and effective learning experiences and spaces for helping our learners become active participants in and contributors to the communities and conversations

surrounding them? The 2017 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit endeavors to grapple with this question and offer practical takeaways that Summit participants will be able to apply in their practice.

PA Forward, a Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) statewide initiative, supports libraries in helping Pennsylvanians improve their essential literacy skills. PA Forward focuses on five critical literacies: Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial. It is through the PA Forward Information Literacy Team, working in collaboration with the Penn State University Libraries and PA Forward partners, that we are able to bring librarians together to have conversations, to collaborate, and to come to shared understandings.

For more information about the PA Library Association's PA Forward initiative, visit paforward.org or palibraries.org.

Courtesy of Rebecca K. Miller, Penn State University

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We look forward to making your Pennsylvania library accomplishments, experiences, events, and news part of the *PaLRaP* conversation.