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iFest a Success!

On September 28th, UAH (through many organizations and the Salmon Library) and the International Society of Huntsville hosted the Fourth Annual International Festival of North Alabama. With representation of over 30 countries, over 3900 attendees, and a well-received food selection, this year was the biggest yet. Headlining the performance stage was Step Afrika!, with many local groups adding in their own unique cultural flair. For more info, see http://internationalsofhuntsville.org/

A Question for You:
Where is your favorite place to study in the library?

Let us know at libraryfeedback@uah.edu. Results on our blog and next newsletter.

Notes from the Director

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the M. Louis Salmon Library university newsletter, The Call Number! It is our hope that The Call Number will be a means to inform you of how the Library is proactively engaged with our students, faculty, and staff across campus and in the Huntsville community. While our traditional role of connecting patrons with information remains central, how we carry out that role continues to evolve. This newsletter will be one means to inform you of how we are doing that as we remain committed to excellence and to advancing the University’s goals. Again, thank you for browsing this newsletter and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions and also encourage you to visit the Salmon Library soon!

David Moore (mooredp@uah.edu)
Our New Electronic Resources

SciVerse Apps improve search experience

Elsevier has added "Apps" to enhance your search results in Scopus and ScienceDirect. These Apps allow you to find additional information about your searches and to share your search results in a variety of ways. Pictured to the right is Altmetrics, an app for Scopus designed to track how people are using these scholarly research articles on many popular social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, and scientific blogs. Two other examples of apps are SciVal Funding, which finds funding opportunities in related fields, and Share, which allows you to post citations directly to many popular sites. Many are free, but require a free SciVerse account to access the Apps as you browse and search Scopus/ScienceDirect. Once signed in, click "Add Apps" at the bottom of the rightmost column in the search results.

ECCO + EEBO

With books, directories, Bibles, sheet music, sermons, and pamphlets Eighteenth Century Collections Online features a variety of materials to provide a critical tool for both faculty research and classroom use. Offering a wealth of English and foreign-language titles printed in the United Kingdom and the Americas during the politically and philosophically active 18th century, this collection provides access to over 200,000 volumes. In addition, we also have Early English Books Online, containing more than 125,000 titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) as well as the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661) collection and the Early English Books Tract Supplement.

Expanded and Improved

JSTOR offers high-quality, interdisciplinary content to support scholarship and teaching in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work. This year, we are excited to be adding six new collections of journals to our JSTOR database. The addition opens up access to over seven hundred new journals! We’re also very excited to offer a major enhancement to our ProQuest: Science and Technology collection this year. With traditional article-level and full-text searching of journal content, relevant data in tables and figures are hidden from view and not easily accessible. The Illustrata: Science and Technology enhancements offer groundbreaking deep indexing that pinpoint high-value tables and figures in journal articles.

Journal Citation Reports

Salmon Library now has access to Journal Citation Reports' Sciences and Social Sciences collections. JCR is recognized as an authoritative tool for evaluating journals. It offers a systematic, objective means to critically evaluate the world’s leading journals with quantifiable, statistical information based on citation data across 11,000 journals from more than 3000 publishers. JCR helps to measure research influence and impact at the journal and category levels, and shows the relationship between citing and cited journals, providing the context you need to better understand a given journal’s true place in the world of scholarly literature.

Books For Africa

There are over 400 million children living in Africa today. Without your help, many will never have access to books.

UAH's Salmon Library is proud to help raise books for donating to the Books For Africa project. If you have books you would like to donate to the cause, bring them by the lobby of the library and drop them off in the special box marked Books for Africa between November 1st and December 10th, 2013. For more detail, contact Belinda Ong at ongb@uah.edu.

http://www.BooksForAfrica.org
Library Notes

Graduate Student Orientation

New graduate students had “drop-in” office hours with Reference Librarian Sheeji Kathuria on September 12th and 13th. Students could come at their leisure in one of our computer labs and ask any questions they had regarding library access and resources. Sheeji also provided a demonstration of free citation management tool Zotero, and it proved to be well-received by the students who were embarking on large research projects.

Open House

On September 20th, Salmon Library held its popular annual event, Open House. It gives us the opportunity to connect with undergraduate and graduate students at UAH. This year’s activities included an interactive scavenger hunt around the library and online photo contest through our social media sites. Our grand door prize was a Kindle, as well as gift certificates for the winners of the photo contest. Almost one hundred students participated in the scavenger hunt! Our grand prize winner of the Kindle was undergraduate student Michael Allen (not pictured). Our top three photo contest winners (see last page) were Nishanth Goli, Melissa Guerrero, and Husna Ansari. Check out their wonderful, creative, and interesting photos on Instagram with hashtag #SalmonLib13! If you would like to suggest events, areas, or activities for next semester’s Open House, feel free to let us know at libraryfeedback@uah.edu.

Charger Success Videos

Library Introduction  Evaluating Resources  My Crib: UAH Library

Charger Success 101

Salmon Library became involved with the UAH First Year Experience program, now called Charger Success 101. Assistant Dean of Students T.J. Brecciaroli designed a “flipped classroom” model for the one hour credit course for all first year students starting UAH. Salmon Librarians Belinda Ong, Michael Manasco, Doug Bolden, and Sheeji Kathuria designed the curriculum and activities specifically for Week 3 of the course, where students would learn how to find and evaluate scholarly resources. Short video tutorials were created with in-class activities involving discussions about the library and fun quizzes. We also had the pleasure of working with the SGA to create a funny and informative tour of the library that proved very popular. [See Video Screens, Above]

Interested in setting up a library instruction session tailored to your class's specific needs? Contact Sheeji Kathuria at skk0001@uah.edu or (256) 824-6713.

Dr. Frederick’s MAE 695/795 with Michael and Sheeji.
Open House 2013 Photo Contest Winners

From the Archives

Before it was Charger Times, the campus newspaper was The Exponent (1969-2012), and before that it was Unival (1967-1968) and, originally, The Twilight Times (back to 1957, when UAH was a night school). We have issues under all four titles in our archives, for those interested in campus history or about college life in decades past.

The Extended Academic Commons

We have expanded our study area on the first floor to include most of the north wing. We have new Mac computers and extra study space for those interested in group/social study just slightly outside of the flow of traffic.

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Schedule Exceptions

Closed for Thanksgiving: November 27th - 30th.

Extended hours: December 1st - 11th.

Reduced interim hours: December 12th - 23rd.

Closed for Holidays: December 24th - January 1st.

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