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The Salmon Library Gets an Upgrade
Primo Pathfinder, Tipasa, and More

There have been some big changes at the Salmon Library this summer, the first of which is our launch of Primo Pathfinder as our new discovery service. Primo Pathfinder brings all facets of our collection - print and digital - together in one easy-to-use interface with lots of options to get you the results you need. Using advanced sorting algorithms and a number of tools to get you better citation tracking, cross-referencing, and article sharing, Pathfinder also integrates with your Single Sign On account so that you can log in to it just as you would with Canvas and MyUAH. Output citations to a citation manager, save articles to your folder, or tag a book you found useful so you can locate it again in a cinch. What’s more, your library account is now handled through Pathfinder, so you can easily renew books or look up fines from the same interface.

The second change is upgrading our interlibrary loan service to Tipasa. OCLC’s new ILL product makes it even easier to request books and articles from outside of our collection in a new, more stable environment. Like Pathfinder, Tipasa uses the Single Sign On account system and will work hand-in-hand with Pathfinder to get you what you need.

The third change is our new database page that allows you to search databases, sort them by discipline or vendor, and to narrow down your search to the type of resource you want: full-text, open-access, and more. “Best-Bet” databases—those chosen as key for your fields—will show up at the top. Want only full-text science databases? You can search that and then bookmark your search and return to them later. You can also see the most frequently used databases and our newest acquisitions at a glance.

All three of these are live, so stop by uah.edu/library and take a look. See some tips on the left to find out how to get more out of Pathfinder, and let us know if you find any cool ones of your own. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us at refdesk@uah.edu or by phone at (256)824-6529.

Director’s Greetings

The Library has become an increasingly busy place, having seen an average of a 33% increase in visitors during Fall over the past three years, and we anticipate increasing that average due to several improvements and changes. This summer, the Library implemented a next-generation library automation system that combines multiple library functions into one environment and improves the research experience for the UAH community. Additionally, we are opening a new Multimedia Lab this fall which will provide tools to help students with projects involving graphic design, web design, and digital production. In our Archives department, new collections have recently been acquired that will be indexed and digitized for access by our research community. Therefore, I encourage you to reach out and take advantage of all the services and resources we offer as the academic year begins. Have a great and successful year!

--David Moore
Bring Your Creations to Life in our New Multimedia Lab
Coming this Fall to the Salmon Library

The Salmon Library will be launching a Multimedia Lab this fall. What does this mean? This means you will have a one-stop spot to check out multimedia equipment, edit your multimedia projects, and record audio/video. Need a photograph for a portfolio? Want to record a video to share with your class? Interested in podcasting? Want to take a GoPro out for a tour around UAH? You will be able to do that! What’s more, it is open to all students, faculty, and staff on campus.

At the core of the new lab will be our Mac Pro workstations with the processing power to handle large video and audio files with ease. Using Adobe Creative Cloud suite, as well as a mix of powerful open access tools, the sky’s the limit no matter what you are trying to create. Wacom tablets will help you to fine tune your creations and a variety of cameras and mics will let you get exactly the content you want.

A recording space with an adjustable green screen is available for video and sound projects if you would like an enclosed environment. Or, check out a camera and a tripod and head outside and record wherever you like. Want to show off your creation? Then pick up a projector and a Bluetooth speaker and take your media to your audience, wherever they are!

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further updates about this exciting new addition to our library services.

Audio/Video Equipment • Media Editing • Recording Studio • Photography • Videography • Sound Design

The Salmon Library Wants to Hear from You

The Library Student Advisory Group (LSAG) exists as a forum for dialogue between students and the Library administration, and we are looking for student members for 2017-2018. (All types of students are needed: graduate students and undergraduates from each of the UAH colleges.)

Faculty members can nominate a student for LSAG at https://goo.gl/nycf6E. Students can also apply directly at https://goo.gl/4sFbfm.

Visit http://libguides.uah.edu/lsag for more info.

Archives now on Facebook

If you would like to keep up with news and events about the UAH Archives and Special Collections, as well as see fun photos and other materials from the Archives, then check them out!
facebook.com/uaharchives/

Salmon Library Presents:

Total Solar Eclipse 2017

Moon, Myth, and Magic: Researching the Role of the Moon in Culture, Religion and Superstition
Thursday, August 17. Noon to 1pm. Library 214

Lunar Logistics: Researching Eclipses, Astrophysics, and other Cosmic Data
Friday, August 18. Noon to 1pm. Library 111

The Salmon Library Eclipse Viewing Party
Monday, August 21. 11am to 2pm. Greenway

Salmon Library OPEN HOUSE

September 26, 11am - 2pm
Food, fun, and more!

Sponsored by Salmon Library & Student Success Center

To learn about the Salmon Library & library events: uah.edu/library