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The Call Number Spring 2020

University of Alabama in Huntsville
20 Things to Check Out at the Salmon Library in 2020
Part 1: Useful Tools*

As a special feature for the new year, “check out” these 20 things you can check out at the Salmon Library. List continues on subsequent pages.

1. Laptops (3 hour and 10 day checkouts available)

2. Laptop Riser Stands (3 hour)

3. iPads (10 Day)

4. Bluetooth Keyboard (3 hour)

5. Study Rooms in various sizes (3 hour)

* Check out from User Services

The Salmon Library Upgrades a Popular Study Location

One of our most popular study locations, the central section of the second floor, has been upgraded with lots of new furniture and more ways to charge laptops and devices. The furniture provides a variety of seating styles and work surfaces, and allows you to study in a way you find comfortable. We invite you to check out the new furniture and see what you think.

“Going Beyond the Book” with Library Instruction

While a big part of library instruction here at the Salmon Library is about reaching out to students to show them how to use the materials the library provides, our instruction does not stop there. We can provide information on a number of a varied, useful topics to better prepare any student (undergrad or grad) for their research and professional tasks here at the university and beyond.

- Avoiding plagiarism
- Citation Managers and related tools for compiling research
- Making good use of free web and open sources, including Gov Docs
- Copyright, fair-use, patents, and intellectual property law
- Interdisciplinary research
- Evaluating conflicting sources
- Topic Development

For more information or to schedule a session, contact Michael.Manasco@uah.edu
The Call Number Interviews Matt Steiger, President of the SGA

What do you like about the library?
I appreciate all of the services that this library provides to students. If a student doesn’t have access to technology, you can come in here and use the library computers for most assignments. I know an international student without a computer, who came in here almost every day to work on their assignments. If you need a camera for a class project, the library has those. The SGA has made numerous videos by checking out camcorders and using Adobe Photoshop from the library. We utilize the resources all the time. I’ve met with the library director several times, and he appreciates the SGA and what we do. Our missions are aligned: how do we best serve the students?

Have you ever had any overdue library books?
No. When I check out a book or audiobook, I will read through it like anyone else would. But when I turn it in, if I really like the author, then I go buy another copy of the book, to support people that I appreciate. That allows me to make sure that I return them in a timely manner.

What would you like to remind other students about?
Take advantage of the opportunities you have. I used opportunities with Career Services and the Study Abroad office that led to my current internship and also to a summer internship in Germany. Visit professors during their office hours. Use the services that are available in the library. If you’re struggling with a class, the Student Success Center is right here. Think about priorities, too - how to balance everything. Take time for yourself: to reflect, to read, to write, to think, to exercise, and to eat healthy. In addition to what you get from your academic major, it’s so important to build social skills, physical & mental health, soft skills, etc. Find places that assist you in making that happen. You’ve got to enjoy life above all. And that’s possible in school; college is what you make it. If you’re on overdrive all the time, you’re going to hit a wall. Our professors are doing everything they can to help you succeed in school. Conversations with them that maybe aren’t in class can be highly beneficial to your career and your personal life. Basically, work smart, not hard. Make sure that you do everything now that you can, to make your future a little bit better.

Find out more about the Student Government Association: http://uah.edu/sga

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20 Things to Check Out…
Part 2: Multimedia Lab*

6. Video Capture Card
7. Midi Keyboard
8. Epson Projectors
9. GoPro Hero6s (including several mounts)
10. Recording Space with Green Screen (3 hr checkout)

* LIB210. Five-day checkouts, except where noted

See more things to check out throughout this newsletter!
The Special Collections and Archives team is hard at work completing a grant awarded to them to process at-risk media related to the Apollo program. In April 2019, the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Recordings at Risk program awarded UAH Archives and Special Collections a grant in the amount of $18,774.72 to support the project “Shooting for the Moon: Digitizing Audiovisual Materials Related to the Apollo Program.” This project was one of only twenty selected from a total of 77 applications. Drew Adan, Archivist, is the project director for the grant, which has already digitized 186 film reels, nine audio reels, and 53 audio cassettes related to the Apollo Program. Caroline Gibbons, Digital Projects Specialist, is completing the steps needed to allow public access through UAH Digital Collections. The project will be complete by March 2020.

Head of Archives and Special Collections Reagan Grimsley attended the 70th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Washington, D.C. in October, where he presented a paper titled, “One Small Step? Collection Strategies for Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the Space Age.” This paper compares UAH’s work to document the Saturn Project in the 1960’s to the collecting practices of archives, libraries, and museums today, with an emphasis on moving the point of collection nearer to the time of creation and addressing collection of digital materials. The Saturn V Collection is one of the most important space history collections housed in the archives.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 15, 2020, Dr. Thomas Reidy will discuss the historical scholarship of Dr. Frances C. Roberts. Dr. Roberts was the first full-time faculty member and a former Chair of the UAH History Department. In 1956, she was the first woman to receive a PhD from the History Department at the University of Alabama. Reidy recently edited Dr. Roberts’ 1956 PhD dissertation, “Background and Formative Period in the Great Bend and Madison County,” republished by the University of Alabama Press in January 2020. The lecture will be followed by a reception and exhibit of materials from the Frances Roberts Collection, which will take place on the Lower Level of the Salmon Library.
20 Things to Check Out... Part 4: Recreation Collection*

16. Disk Golf Set
17. Flick’n Chick’n
18. Giant Jenga Set
19. Cornhole Set
20. Nerf Football

* Located at User Services, Overnight Checkout Period

See more things to check out throughout this newsletter!

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Salmon Library Events

- **Gardening at the Library**
  February 8, 1pm to 4pm

- **Spring Roll Making & Egg Drop Soup**
  February 15, 1pm to 3pm

- **ReferenceUSA Lunch & Learn**
  February 18, 11:30am to 1:30pm [rsvp: laura.slavin@uah.edu]

- **Boardgame & Tabletop Day**
  February 29, 12:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Trivia Night**
  March 10, 6:30pm to 9:00pm

- **Painting and Snacks**
  March 21, 2pm to 5pm

- **Government Docs Workshop**
  March 19, 2pm - 3pm

- **Paper Airplanes Competition (Finals Recharge)**
  April 25, 1pm - 4pm

- **More Events to be Announced**

Want to tell us a story?

Do you have a story about how the Salmon Library helped you out? Did you use our Multimedia Lab to complete some big assignment? Did you get help with a One-on-One Consultation? How have you used the library’s resources? We would love to hear!

Email details to Heather-Lee.Byrne@uah.edu

Want to find out about the launch date of the Salmon Library Makerspace and when new technology is added? Sign up here: uah.edu/library/services/makerspace