A Letter from the Director: Spring has Sprung!

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

The word “spring” has many meanings but the one I like best, from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, is “the quality of elasticity; resilience”. Spring affects so many things in our day-to-day lives — the time changes, the weather changes, etc. — and we change in turn. Whether spring causes us to lose an hour of sleep or to don a lighter jacket, we’ve changed, and we accept the challenge of changing. Spring also connotes new beginnings, offering us an opportunity to be flexible, to stretch ourselves, to overcome whatever adversities or challenges the winter months may have brought. Here at the NU Library we’re also being presented with new opportunities — new hires, new roles, and a new Strategic Plan to help us explore and expand our horizons. I welcome these new opportunities as much as I welcome the jelly beans and Cadbury eggs that come with the season!

This issue of Library Times highlights some of our newest library services and resources, designed to help you succeed. And stay tuned! More is yet to come, as we stretch ourselves to meet and exceed your ever-changing needs!

Happy Spring!

Anne Marie Secord
Executive Director, Library Services

The Latest in the Library

Check out how the Library is reaching users in fun and creative ways

Library Lovers’ Month:

February was Library Lovers’ Month, so we asked our students, faculty, and staff to tell us why they love libraries. We got responses that were motivational, fun, meaningful, and some that really touched our hearts. One lucky person was chosen at random as the winner of a Library bag stuffed with NU merchandise and other goodies. Check out what our patrons had to say below!

Lance Ruiz is faculty in the Organizational Leadership program. He has served in law enforcement and is now COO of a security service company in San Diego. Lance has a passion for classic cars and Harleys.

To see and learn more about their tattoos, check out the fully story on our news page at http://nu.libguides.com/blog/library-inked.

Are you a library user with tattoos that you’d like to showcase? We’d love to share your story!

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- I love doing in the presence of books & rascals.
- The staff is fab. Resources are wicked.
- Peaceful environment to work/ study on.
- I love the helpful staff. Thank you.
- This place has been my 3rd home through nursing school. Everyone is awesome.
- I love libraries because it is a sort haven for a busy mind.

Events in April:

We’ve got a number of poets around the university (have you checked out the GNU Journal?), so we’re lining up something fun for National Poetry Month in April. We’re also scheduling a series of workshops for Money Smart Week (April 22-29) that will focus on financial aid, salary negotiations, and other money-related issues. If you’re interested, keep an eye out for more information!

New at the Library:

The Library is busy working across the university on many different projects, and we want to make sure you’re informed! Keep up to date on the latest with the Library Times, faculty Library Bulletins, social media, and even our research guides. Wondering what we’ve been up to? Check out our 2016 Retrospective Video for a recap of recent projects and events: http://bit.ly/2mQFToV.

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Thank you to everyone who submitted a comment for Library Lovers’ Month in February!

Have you checked out the new APA Style CENTRAL database? Learn more on page 2.
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Student Research Fellow Update

We previously wrote about a pilot project to hire and train a Student Research Fellow to support faculty research within the SHHS Center of Excellence. Since then, we’ve brought aboard Sarah Mendez, who is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health. So, how are things going? Here’s what she had to say:

“An advertisement came through my SOAR inbox promoting the opportunity to become a graduate research fellow for the library and I thought to myself, this could be an excellent opportunity and so I applied. I started the position here in January and have learned something new almost every time I come in for a shift. It has been so great having regular interaction with the librarians and other staff, developing a kind of community that can be hard as a primarily online student. Being that National University operates at such an accelerated pace it is also very nice to have this consistent position within the library. This fellowship has given me opportunities to grow and become a better writer, researcher, and communicator that I may not have received had I not been offered this position.

I would have never considered research something I was particularly good at or even enjoyed but that has changed because I now understand how to do it well. I would encourage anyone to consider applying for this position because this could very well be one of the most rewarding experiences I have during my short time at National University.” Learn more about Sarah at http://bit.ly/2npckeA