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

Library Lovers’ Month:
Why do you love libraries? This is what we asked our students, faculty, and staff for Library Lovers’ Month, which occurs in February. Some responses were fun and humorous, while others were deeply meaningful and warmed our hearts. One lucky person was chosen as the winner of a mystery prize. Check out what our patrons had to say below!

Money Smart Week:
It’s time to increase your financial IQ! Money Smart Week is being held this year from April 21-28, and the Library is currently planning a series of workshops that will be available, in person and online, to the NU community. We’re still putting together the program, but we’re really excited about how it’s shaping up. Stay tuned for more information.

SCIL Works 2018:
It’s important for us to stay active in our field, so we often take part in events with the Southern California Instruction Librarians (SCIL) interest group. We recently attended the SCIL Works conference, where librarian Summer Krestevska presented on tools that we use to promote engagement in the classroom. See page 2 for more.

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The Director’s Corner:
Happy Spring!
I always think of March as a transition month — no longer winter but not quite spring. A transition month does have its advantages however, as it gives us time to plan for new beginnings. It’s a time to plant not only seeds but also ideas and watch them grow. That leads me to this issue of our Library Times, a welcome to our “Research Garden”. We here at the Library are ready to help you with your research seeds, i.e., ideas, and we look forward to our continued collaboration.

Here’s hoping that you will also find this transition month filled with new ideas to plant and watch grow. Perhaps with hopes for April showers, longer daylight and warmer nights, this spring will see the fruition of all that you have planted.

Warm regards,
Anne Marie
Tools to Grow Your Research Garden

From the NU Library

Dig Up the Latest Features in Our Databases

Library databases are always adding new features and updating their interfaces. Here are a few recent changes that you should know about!

Smart Search – http://nu.libguides.com/smartsearch
The Library’s universal search has undergone a major overhaul. You will now find:

- A new search interface that is more mobile-friendly
- Single Sign-On integration for easy access and account management
- Personalization options to limit results to preferred subject areas

Enrich Your Research With Library Resources

We’re constantly developing new resources to help you grow as a researcher. Check out some of the latest in the Library toolshed!

Handouts – http://nu.libguides.com/training
Print out a PDF, pick up a copy in the Library, or request delivery to a campus.

2018 Academic Calendar

Database Search Tips

Plow Through Your Software Barriers

Involving all students in classroom activities and discussions can be challenging. Here’s a list of our favorite tools to increase engagement that may be of interest to current and aspiring teachers.

- Microsoft Office 365 and Google G Suite
  Have students work collaboratively on assignments, regardless of their location, with cloud software.

- Poll Everywhere – http://www.polleverywhere.com
  Include polls and other interactive questions in your instruction to make sure you reach every student.

- Kahoot! – http://www.kahoot.com
  This crowd favorite provides game-based learning and easy assessment as students compete to win.

- Padlet – http://www.padlet.com
  Create boards, documents, and webpages that are easy to read and fun for students to contribute to.

Bring New Energy With Engaging Online Tools

Attention students, faculty, and staff in San Diego! We recently updated all of the Library computers in rooms 209A and 209B with a whole suite of software for designing, programming, and more. Here’s what’s new:

- Autodesk 3DS MAX 2018. 3D modeling and rendering software.
- Autodesk Maya 2018. 3D animation, modeling, simulation, and rendering software.
- Autodesk AutoCAD 2018. Innovative design tools to create precise 2D and 3D drawings.
- Autodesk 3DS MAX 2018. 3D modeling and rendering software.
- Arduino IDE. Write code in the Arduino programming language.
- Blender. A 3D creation suite for modeling, rigging, animation, simulation, and more.
- Python. Write code in this high-level programming language.

Learn more about using this software at http://nu.libguides.com/software-help

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