The Latest in the Library

Check out what the Library has been up to recently

Girl Scout Workshop
In March, we teamed up with the NU School of Engineering and Computing and the Girl Scouts for Girl Scout Science Saturday. Juniors and Cadettes joined us in the Library’s makerspace to learn about robotics and make progress towards earning STEM badges. We look forward to putting on this event again in May! Make sure to check out the full photo gallery at https://bit.ly/nu-gss.

New Library Staff
We recently brought on several new staff members.
• Arthed Palma – User Engagement Librarian, SOBM Liaison
• Rosalie Mazzei – Document Delivery Assistant
• Phan Dang – Circulation Assistant
• Mustafa Mohammed – Circulation Assistant
We’re thrilled to have them aboard our team!

SRF Updates
Student Research Fellow (SRF) Chuck Chang has been busy maintaining our makerspace, and he was instrumental in the success of Girl Scout Science Saturday. Meanwhile, SRF Akinyemi Fayankinnu was part of the NU team that won the San Diego Big Data Hackathon. He was also recently interviewed by the NU Moms and Dads Club. Read it at https://bit.ly/ak-interview.

Newly redesigned Find Articles page has gone LIVE!
Check it out at https://nu.libguides.com/articles

One of our Student Research Fellows traveled to KENYA to conduct research. Read more about it on page 2.

Spotlight on Sage Research Methods

When conducting research at a university, whether it is a research project, capstone/thesis, or large-scale study, it is important to have the right tools to plan, gather, analyze, and summarize. These tools are the ‘research methods’ of the social sciences.

The Library now provides access to Sage Research Methods, a database with many of the resources needed to complete a research project. Students will find instructional content for every step of the research process, while faculty will find sample assignments, supplemental readings, and resources to assist with their own research and publishing.

Two of your librarians are presenting at the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) 2019 Conference.
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Research in Kenya

Deborah Chambers, an NU scholar and one of the Library’s Student Research Fellows, recently traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to study breast cancer care.

Library: Tell us a little more about why you traveled to Kenya to study breast cancer care.

Deborah: This research started with a literature review that I wrote as my capstone project in 2017. I was awarded the best capstone project award by the NU Department of Community Health, a day before I graduated with a Master of Public Health with a focus in Health Promotion.

After receiving approval to conduct this research, I traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to study breast cancer care at Kenyatta National Hospital in February 2019. I met with my site supervisor, who is a senior doctor there, as well as some senior nurses before Dr. Tara Zolnikov of the NU Department of Community Health arrived.

Dr. Zolnikov and I collaborated on this global health project to understand the experiences of women between the ages of 18 to 80 years that were at different stages of breast cancer. We wanted to know how these patients accessed care and treatment at this hospital, the gaps that existed at this hospital, how different patients responded to the care and treatment, and how this research could be used to improve care and treatment at KNH.

Library: What kind of work did you do together?

Deborah: Dr. Zolnikov was instrumental in advising me on how to conduct research abroad and assisted me in drafting professional letters to the Kenya Ethics and Review Committee throughout the long process of seeking approval. I applied in December 2016 and received approval in late 2018. She also assisted in applying for an NU presidential grant that provided funding for this research project.

I interviewed 43 patients (surpassing our goal of 40) in mostly Swahili language. The research was conducted in four days and the entire process went very smoothly. Dr. Zolnikov assisted in coding and explaining how to transcribe research, and I am currently in the process of transcribing the interviews. The project was a great success, and we are so grateful for the immense support we have received from the NU president, Department of Community Health, NU Scholars program, and the NU Library System.

Database Updates

Check out some of the latest changes to the Library’s database collection.

WHAT’S NEW

• Academic Writer: The APA’s official database, formerly called APA Style Central, has rebranded as Academic Writer. https://nu.libguides.com/aw

• Bloomberg Tax: This comprehensive tax research database is now available through the Library. https://nu.libguides.com/bloombergtax

• Cheetah: IntelliConnect, a legal research database, is now known as Cheetah and includes a brand-new interface. https://nu.libguides.com/cheetah

• Films on Demand: Updated interface that is fully responsive, mobile-friendly, and more customizable. https://nu.libguides.com/fond

• Project Muse: Redesigned web presence for a more robust experience, and nearly 300 new HTML5 open access books. https://nu.libguides.com/muse

• UpToDate: This new Library database is a point-of-care clinical resource for information about conditions, drugs, and more. https://nu.libguides.com/uptodate

COMING SOON

• Alexander Street Press: A new interface with an enhanced cinematic visual experience is coming this summer. https://nu.libguides.com/alexander

• Emerald Insight: This resource for journals, books, and case studies is launching a new research platform this summer. https://nu.libguides.com/eme

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