Looking for some summer reads? Check out page 2!

Get drop-in writing assistance from a tutor at Writers’ Retreat.
Every 3rd Saturday of classes at the Library from 10am – 3pm.

The Latest in the Library
Check out what the Library has been up to recently

Graduates of 2019
We would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to everyone who graduated this year. It is always such a pleasure to work with you throughout your program and to see it all culminate in graduation. It’s one of the reasons why we continue to do what we do. Wishing all of you the best of luck with what comes next. We are certain that bigger and better opportunities await!

SRF Updates
Our latest cohort of Student Research Fellows (SRFs) have really impressed us. Sadly, we must say farewell to the last of the group, Chuck Chang, who just finished up his last class. However, we will be looking to bring on a new batch of SRFs soon, so if you’re interested in this Federal Work Study position, keep an eye on the job portal in the coming months: https://www.nusystem.org/jobs.cfm.

Single Sign-On
We’ve had a change in how students, faculty, and staff log in to access online library resources. You are now required to use Single Sign-On to bring on a new batch of SRFs soon, so if you’re interested in this Federal Work Study position, keep an eye on the job portal in the coming months: https://www.nusystem.org/jobs.cfm.

Librarian Spotlight
Get to know Ardeth Palma, our library liaison to the business and management programs!

Tell us about your educational background.
ARDETH: I studied history and Mandarin as an undergrad, and I enjoyed doing research, but disliked writing papers. My professor suggested I look into library science, so I began working in public libraries and enjoyed it. I received my MLS, and after moving back to San Diego, I wanted to work in a different kind of library, so I applied to NU.

Why did you want to become a librarian?
ARDETH: There are lots of things I like about librarianship. I enjoy working with patrons, technology, and being creative. If you hadn’t become a librarian, what might’ve you done?
ARDETH: I wanted to be a pop star or a mortician as a kid. I can’t imagine doing either of these now.

Read more of the interview at https://nu.libguides.com/blog/ardeth.

The Spring 2019 Research & Scholarship Series

In May, National University held its Spring 2019 Research & Scholarship Series. Some of our best and brightest students presented their research to curious attendees and faculty judges, and two of them walked away with the top prizes.

Congratulations to Paul Norlund, Hailey Tweter-Perkins, and all of the other conference presenters for their amazing work. We are truly impressed by what they were able to accomplish!

To check out the full gallery of photos from the conference, head over to http://bit.ly/nu2019research.

Paul Norlund earned Best of Conference by an Undergraduate Student for his research on Amgen: Operations as a Competitive Advantage. He also received a $1,000 stipend to present his research at Harvard’s National Collegiate Research Conference in 2020.

Hailey Tweter-Perkins earned Best of Conference by a Graduate Student for her research on Utilizing Popular Literature as an Educational Aid in Online Psychology Education: A Proposed Instructional Method.

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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Michael Maxwell is a professor in the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics who has been doing some creative things with his courses to get students more interested and engaged. In rethinking the curriculum, he considered what might make them actually look forward to coming to class.

For one of his BIO 100 Survey of Bioscience courses, Dr. Maxwell combined art activities with biology, having students take notes and complete activities with a paint brush. They experimented with Japanese ink paintings (known as sumi-e) as well as acrylic paintings, and everything culminated in an art expo for the final project. Learn more about how this class went, and what the students thought about it, in a video produced by the Library called Biology Through Art: https://nu.libguides.com/training/bio100-maxwell.

Making Gifts for Mom

In May, the School of Engineering and Computing and the Library teamed up with the Girl Scouts again for another Girl Scout Science Saturday. The event had a Mother’s Day theme and turned out to be a huge success, with over 100 Girl Scouts stopping by the Library to learn about 3D printing and craft gifts for their mothers.


Database Updates

PrepSTEP: Formerly LearningExpress Library, this database now has a new name. PrepSTEP has resources to help with admissions tests (such as NCLEX or CBEST) and more. https://nu.libguides.com/prep.

Sage Research Methods: This research methods tool was highlighted in the last Library Times, but an important update is on the way. You will soon have access to the Video Collections, which include tutorials, interviews, case studies, and more. https://nu.libguides.com/sagem.

A Word About APA

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) is one of the most popular APA resources, and while we generally recommend it, a change with their APA style guide has caused many in higher education to voice concern.

Purdue OWL recently partnered up with Chegg, Inc., an education technology company that runs a website called Citation Machine. For those who are unfamiliar, Citation Machine helps to format and generate citations automatically. So what’s the problem? A Citation Machine widget is now prominently featured on Purdue OWL’s APA style guide, but automatic citation generators like this are notoriously inaccurate.

While we still recommend the APA information found on Purdue OWL, we caution against using the Citation Machine widget or other automatic citation generators. If you do, remember to double-check the formatting!

You can also access the APAs database, Academic Writer, through the Library at https://nu.libguides.com/aw.

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