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Welcome to the semi-annual Rod Library e-newsletter! We hope to reconnect with you and keep you up-to-date with the exciting new things happening at Rod Library.

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Making UNI Scholarship Accessible

Rod Library is going into the digital publishing business! Each year UNI students and faculty do compelling research, but most of the time that research remains hidden.

The Provost has approved the purchase of institutional repository software to allow the library to capture, archive, and share the results of this research. Any publication can be included –capstone projects, faculty journal articles, conference proceedings, concerts and performances, photographs – the possibilities are endless!

The library will act as a liaison to academic departments and organizations on campus to identify items of interest, describe them, and make them accessible through searches on our library web site and via search engines such as Google!

Not only will UNI benefit as its research reputation grows, but researchers everywhere will benefit from the resources that become available.

For more information: [Rod Library Scholarly Communication LibGuide](#).

UNI Museums Alive and Well

Despite what you may have heard, the budget reduction of 2012 did not close the UNI Museums. While public programming and outreach were suspended, the Museums are being reborn, focused on supporting the UNI curriculum.

Under the direction of the library, the Museums staff have been focusing the Museums' collections and working with faculty to identify exhibit spaces in buildings across campus. The next step will be to move the collections and staff from the current facility on Hudson Road.

An exhibit space has been identified on the library's first floor. The inaugural exhibit,

"Treasures," provides a look at the Museums' diverse holdings. The exhibit will be open through February 2014 during regular Library hours. Thanks to an external grant, the Museums are also making a variety of resources related to rural education in Iowa accessible via the Web.

In the future, students will benefit from the unique learning experiences the Museums provide, helping them better understand the past and interpret the future.

For more information on the Museum or the rural schools project visit their website: <http://www.uni.edu/museum/>

Learning Commons...the Place to Be!

Over the summer the library completed construction on the first phase of its new Learning Commons. The Learning Commons is a space designed to encourage and promote student learning. It will be outfitted with furnishings that foster collaboration, and the latest technologies. These will contribute to student success. The Learning Commons

builds on partnerships with like-minded organizations to provide services such as writing and tutoring assistance, technology help, etc., which complement the library's services and help students through every step of their learning process.

The space is being developed collaboratively with students and faculty so it will become "the" destination on campus to collaborate, study, and learn.

The Learning Commons currently offers:

- Research help/ consultation
- Technology Assistance
- Writing and Tutoring (A-Team)
- Equipment checkout (laptops, camcorders, chargers, etc.)
- Technology that allows you to display your own device (laptop, iPad)
- Digital Media Hub: digital production space, software (Adobe Creative Cloud) and equipment

For more information:

<http://guides.lib.uni.edu/learning-commons>