Interlibrary Loan: Tracking Down Resources for You

Even with Rod Library’s extensive collection of books, online databases, and electronic journals, sometimes there’s something you need that we just don’t have. However, that doesn’t mean Rod Library isn’t the place to find what you need! Our Interlibrary Loan service has the ability to bring you many of the resources that aren’t housed on campus.

To begin the search for an item not housed at Rod Library, all you need to do is submit an Interlibrary Loan request using the link found at the top of the Interlibrary Loan service page. We search thousands of other library catalogs to find the item you need. Once the item is located, your request will be submitted. About 90% of the materials requested are received, and in most cases, you can obtain the item at no charge to you.

Requests for articles can take as little as 48 hours to fill if submitted weekdays, and we frequently receive books in three days or less. Some requests can take longer depending on availability.

Sarah Montgomery, associate professor of elementary education, is one faculty member who has made use of Rod Library’s Interlibrary Loan service. “Each time I submit a request, I receive a quick response, sometimes within hours. I have been working with a new colleague on an archival research project this fall, and this new colleague has also commented positively about how we feel supported as scholars.”

New Scholarship Opportunity for Undergraduate Students

Thanks to a generous donation from UNI alumna Mary Ann Bolton, Rod Library has begun annually awarding Undergraduate Research Awards to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary research, scholarship, and creative work of UNI’s undergraduate students.

The Mary Ann Bolton Undergraduate Research Award is given to students who demonstrate excellence in library research conducted for an undergraduate paper or project carried out under the guidance of a UNI faculty member or mentor. This is a monetary award with the donations of Mary Ann Bolton providing $1,000 to the first place winner, $500 to the second place winner, and $250 to the third place winner. The very first recipients of this award are:

First place Lyn Tackett, "Tracing Ancient Healing Practices Through the Hibiscus"

Second place Lydia Richards, "Flutists in Red: Increasing the Discoverability of Female Flute Players in the World’s Most Used Reference Source"

Third place Matthew Mengler, "Slavery Wasn’t That Bad: An Examination of the Effects of Reduced Social Studies Class Time and Student Misconceptions"
Rod Library Welcomes New Faculty Member

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Rod Library faculty member, Hyunseung Koh. Hyunseung will serve Rod Library as an assessment librarian and liaison librarian.

As an assessment librarian, Hyunseung will help share the impact that Rod Library has on student success with the university and the surrounding community. Also, the data she collects, analyzes, and reports on library services will assist in decision-making processes by providing evidence-based insights.

Hyunseung will also serve as a liaison librarian to the psychology, counseling, political science, mathematics, and computer science programs. In her role as a liaison librarian, Hyunseung will support students and faculty from these programs in their research and teaching and give instruction on information literacy.

"I am so excited to be a member of UNI and Rod Library, given that this is a place where I can be surrounded by all my lifelong interests in learning and education, including data, information, knowledge and wisdom. More importantly, I want to be one of the members at Rod Library who keeps diligently adding traditional and novel values to our resources and services that serve our community based not only on hard evidence, but also on warm hearts."

Featured Library Ambassador: Mustafa Akbar

In the past year, Rod Library has begun a library ambassadors program. Library ambassadors connect with the patrons of the library and share their experiences with those on campus and in the surrounding communities as well as volunteer at many Rod Library events. One of the great ambassadors who was recruited to serve Rod Library for the introductory year of this program is Mustafa Akbar.

Mustafa Akbar is a junior global marketing major and ethics minor from Karachi, Pakistan. Even before becoming a library ambassador, Mustafa was no stranger to the library.

"The first semester I was here, I didn’t know anyone around campus. Pretty much the whole campus was unknown for me, so I used to come to the library and the library was my hangout spot."

Since becoming a library ambassador, Mustafa has learned even more about Rod Library and has enjoyed sharing his great experiences with others. Through this role, he has learned a great deal about public relations, public speaking, working as a team, and completing projects with minimal supervision. His experiences as a library ambassador have helped him take the skills he has learned in his classes out into the real world, which has greatly improved his learning.

Mustafa loves Rod Library because it has given him the research help he needs for his presentations and papers.

"I know I can always come to the library, and there’s always someone that can help me with finding a research article or a credible citation."

He has also enjoyed getting to know the library faculty and staff during his time in the library and appreciates all they’ve done to help him adjust to life in American culture.

NEW SPRING 2018

New bikes are available to check out from Rod Library for up to three hours per day.

UNI alumni will now have access to many of Rod Library’s resources by using their Cat ID.

COMING FALL 2018

Students will soon have access to library services; peer mentors, specialized writing, reading, math, and science tutors; and technical support in the Learning Commons as part of our commitment to student success.

Students will be able to check out an Oculus Rift or a Microsoft HoloLens at the Digital Media Hub.