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Finals Week Stress Busting

Finals week creeps up on us once again. Don't worry, the Rod is here to make the journey slightly less painful. We have a few stress relieving activities planned. Dec 14-16 from 5pm-8pm there will be free chair massages in the Learning Commons. The graffiti wall and stress free zones will make a reappearance, and back by popular demand- P.E.T.P.A.L.S therapy dogs will be in the lobby to greet you and let you know how amazing you are. They'll be here Dec 9,10, 14-16 from 11am-2pm. On Dec 13 at 7:00pm enjoy milk and cookies while you study, served by President Bill Ruud and Judy Ruud.



MakerSpace to Open in Late January

Construction is underway for the Learning Commons new Makerspace. What is a Makerspace you ask? It is what the name implies - a space for you to make something. Whether it be some computer coding opportunities, robotics, sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Those types of making will be available in our Makerspace along with 3D printing and eventually a large format printer. The Makerspace will be located in the northeast corner of the Learning Commons. We hope to see you there!

Calling All Artists!

Rod Library's Diversity Committee is hosting the first "Diversity Means..." art exhibit during February 2016. UNI Students, faculty, staff and community are invited to submit entries to the student juried show. The theme is interpretive to the title, "Diversity Means...". Artwork can be digital, paint, ink, pencil, charcoal, crayons, photography, collage, poetry, and small 3D objects. Artists are encouraged to submit a personal narrative about their artwork. The artwork will be published on Rod Library's website (with your permission). The exhibit will be installed on the main floor of Rod Library on the wall underneath Dichotomy. Submissions are due January 20 at 5pm. Email your entry (or questions) to julieann.beddow@uni.edu.



Crowdfunding Update

We would like to offer our extreme gratitude for everyone who contributed to our very first crowdfunding campaign to purchase a Microsoft Surface Hub. We were able to raise 105% of our goal. We will purchase the Microsoft Surface Hub and hopefully have it in place early in the Spring 2016 Semester. Again, a big thank you to everyone for your help with this project. It is through your generous support that we will be able to continue to provide you with the technology you need to connect, create, innovate and succeed!

Upcoming Events

Dec 3
Woodwind Performance
Learning Commons
4pm-5pm

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STEM Ambassador
Presentations
Room 287
4pm-5pm

Dec 9
Finals Week
Extended Hours
Begin

Dec 13
Milk and Cookies
with the President
7pm