What’s a Pop Up Library?

A temporary library in a new and different place! The purpose is to bring the library’s resources to the students, so that we can reach the students where they are: Powell Hall for example. The Pop Up Library is also a way to advertise all that the library has to offer, such as eBooks and databases.

This semester, Research librarian Sarah Dauterive brought the library to the College of Business Administration. Students had four chances to see the Pop Up in action. For each day, Dauterive had a different theme. One day, she introduced all of our reference librarians as superheroes. Students who stopped by learned about the library’s 3-D printer and had research questions answered. The Pop Up Library is also a time that students can get hands-on troubleshooting tips such as problems with downloading an eBook, renewing items, or checking out materials.

This semester was just the beginning of a new effort to show how the library is important for the university and improve the campus’s knowledge of how the library can be of service. Be on the lookout for the library popping up around campus in the future!
This semester Nicholls Research Week was held February 29—March 4, 2016. On March 3, librarians Sarah Dauterive and Michael Arseneau gave presentations along with faculty from the College of Education. Dauterive, a research and reference librarian, discussed the ways the library is instructing freshmen and how the librarians are evaluating whether the students are learning basic library and research skills. Her presentation was titled, Creating our Baseline: Teaching and Assessing Knowledge of Basic Research Skills for Freshmen. Technical Services librarian Michael Arseneau presented Dewey to LC: A Reclass Transition. He discussed the current situation of the library changing the way the materials are classified and explained how his staff is completing the process. The “reclass” project is the reason that the library’s stacks on 2nd floor are separated by Dewey Decimal (which begin with numbers) and Library of Congress (which begin with letters).

Also this year, the library was part of a research project for some Management and Marketing students. For their project, the students evaluated one of the library’s resources: Subject Guides. The poster was on display in the ballroom.

African-American History Month Honored with Display

In February, the library had a display honoring African-American History Month. The “Hallowed Ground, Hallowed People: Emancipation Proclamation to the Civil Rights Movement” display was a visual history spanning the 100 years between the Emancipation Proclamation (1863) and the March on Washington (1963) with a focus on the contributions made by Louisiana African-Americans.
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Conferences: Van Viator (Co-Director/Research & Instruction) was elected as the Louisiana Library Association’s Second Vice President and participated in a panel discussion on moonlighting librarian experiences; John P. Bourgeois (Access Services/Research) participated in the Round Table at LLA’s conference; Sarah Dauterive (Research) was the LLA Exhibits Subcommittee chair and had a poster displayed called “Pop Up Library: Getting Out of the Building and Going to the Patrons”; Bourgeois, Dauterive, and Sarah Simms (Research/Serials) presented the program “Libraries and the First Year Experience.” Sarah Simms (Research/Serials) and Hayley Johnson (Government Info) planned and presented at the pre-conference on the new ACRL standards for information literacy.

Day at the Capitol: On March 30, librarians John P. Bourgeois (Access Services/Research), Sarah Simms (Research/Serials), and Hayley Johnson (Government Info) attended LLA’s Legislative Day at the Louisiana State Capitol in order to promote Louisiana’s libraries.

Publications: Hayley Johnson (Government Info) and Sarah Simms (Research/Serials) published a chapter on collaboration in academia that will be featured in the upcoming Space and Organizational Considerations in Academic Library Partnerships and Collaborations, IGI Global, 2016. John P. Bourgeois (Access Services/Research) completed a book review of In Sickness and In Health.

Xavier University Librarians Visit: On April 7, three librarians from Xavier University and Mark Witteman from LOUIS spent the day in our Cataloging Department learning procedures of a reclassification project. Xavier Library is beginning a similar project, so a site visit was coordinated for sharing ideas.

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History

Ellender Memorial Library was awarded a grant from the American Library Association for their program Latino Americans: 500 Years of History. In conjunction with this grant, Zella Palmer Cuadras, author of New Orleans con Sabor Latino: The History and Passion of Latino Cooking presented a culinary lecture and tasting on March 7, 2016, in the Lanny Ledet Culinary Building.

In addition to the culinary arts presentation, New Orleans photographer Richard Sexton exhibited work from his book Creole World: Photographs of New Orleans and the Latin Caribbean Sphere on the library’s first floor from March 7-April 28. He also gave an artist’s lecture on March 16 on his work as well as the related histories, culture, and art of New Orleans and the Latin and Caribbean worlds. Stay tuned for further programming!
February 16, 17, and 18, 2016 the Center of Bayou Studies, the International Film Club, and the Student Programming Association presented a Film Festival. Filmmakers Glen Pitre and Michelle Benoit gave presentations for a film study class. The films shown were Belizaire the Cajun (1986) and The Scoundrel’s Wife (2002). Documentaries were also shown including American Creole: New Orleans Reunion (2006) and Good for What Ails You (1998). For more information on this film festival and the films shown, visit the International Film Club Subject Guide on the library’s website: http://nicholls.libguides.com/film_club.

New Databases!

Statistical Abstracts of the United States: The library is excited about a new product available, Statistical Abstracts of the United States! This online resource is “a comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States.” So, if you want to know what percentage of students report being bullied at school (21.5%), which state leads in hazardous waste both shipped in and generated (Texas), or the age range of the majority of identity theft victims (35 to 64 years old), this is the resource for you!

The tables in Statistical Abstracts are updated throughout the year as new data is released and are both searchable and browsable. Tables can be downloaded so that data can be manipulated, and each table comes with a citation in MLA and APA style. Check it out today!

Sarah Dauterive

UpToDate: Designed for use in hospitals and clinics, UpToDate is a nursing and medical database that provides current, peer-reviewed, evidence-based resources for symptoms and diseases. It works similar to WebMD but does not say a toothache could be gangrene - unless it actually could be. Furthermore, the database provides information for adults, children, and patients to get the info needed quickly.

John P. Bourgeois

Citation Help

End of the semester means papers are due and citations need to be perfect! If you are wondering how to cite properly or what Chicago style even looks like, come see a librarian on the 2nd floor at the information desk, call us at x4625, email el.reference@nicholls.edu or visit our “How to Cite” subject guide here:

http://nicholls.libguides.com/citation

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