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Check Out the Library



Explore, Create, & Innovate with SkillShops

By Kimberly Stelter

Welcome to the new school year and to new opportunities for learning. HSU Library and many of our partners (Learning Center, Academic and Career Advising Center, Peer Health Educators, CAPS, and more) offer SkillShops as co-curricular learning experiences that promote lifelong learning. By participating in SkillShops, 50-minute active learning workshops, you have the opportunity to develop new skills to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. With SkillShops you get to explore, create, and innovate, learn something you are interested in outside of class, and connect

with people in other majors. If you need a reason other than your love of learning to sign up for a SkillShop, consider competing with your peers for the top score on the SkillShop Leaderboard. Each month there are various opportunities for prizes. If you complete five SkillShops you can apply for the Skilled Learner Certificate, an accolade that would look great on your resumé. Best of all, SkillShops are free and open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. For more information and to learn about upcoming SkillShops go to libguides.humboldt.edu/skillshops.



Brain Booth - Learning Mindfulness

By Katia Karadjova

"There is a sanctuary on the second floor of the HSU Library. Turn right at the top of the main second floor stairwell, walk straight ahead and you will run into the Brain Booth. The relaxing feeling in the Brain Booth envelops the visitor, washing off the mental fatigue of the day." This is how students describe the Brain Booth in the HSU student-run newspaper *The Lumberjack*.

The Library Brain Booth (BB) (libguides.humboldt.edu/brainbooth) is an informal, experiential space to learn about the mind-body connection and optimize learning. The BB supports mindful practices, such as intentional brain breaks, emotional self-regulation, and singular focus, to help students reduce stress, and improve study skills and knowledge retention.

The BB offers activities such as: color-relaxation, light and sound-relaxation, meditation, gratitude-expression, virtual reality-immersion, biofeedback, gaming station, and more. During the school year, the BB hosts weekly drop-in hours and provides equipment to check out at the Library checkout desk. The Brain Booth Designated Open Space also contains books & media collections on mindfulness and contemplative pedagogy, FitDesks (pedal desks), and a meditation corner.

Brain Booth student assistant, Justina Madrigal, sums it all: "After trying out the activities, students walk out with a smile on their face and look renewed and energized. It feels good to be able to contribute to the well-being of the community."

Come and relax! Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions or comments about the Brain Booth, please contact Katia Karadjova, The Brain Booth Librarian, by email at katia@humboldt.edu.

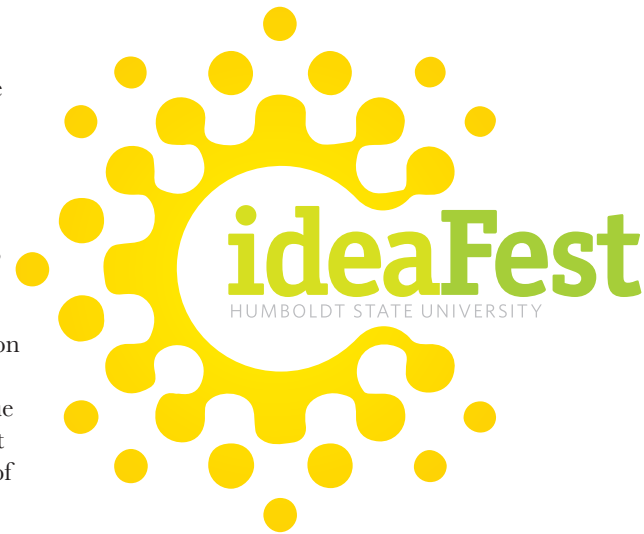


Publish Your Work in *ideaFest Journal*

By Carolyn Delevich & Kyle Morgan

ideaFest Journal is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that showcases the research of students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Humboldt State University. The journal grew out of HSU's ideaFest, a day-long event celebrating the collaborative research and creative projects of the HSU community. The journal provides a pathway to convert this day-long experience into a permanent mark on the academic community through publication.

The journal is open to any type of research, from anthropology to zoology. Research can include anything from independent projects to group collaborations, from scientific research to creative works. *ideaFest Journal* provides an opportunity to anyone who wants to publish in a peer-review journal. *ideaFest Journal* is an invaluable resource that we have as a community at HSU – there are no publication costs, the articles are accessible to anyone online for free, and it allows authors to have more control over how their research is presented. Check out the current issue of ideaFest online at digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/ideafest or purchase the latest issue on Amazon – it's in print! The deadline for online submission for Volume 3 of ideaFest Journal is **December 3, 2018**.



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(The Library) had all of my textbooks last semester. I was able to save money and I didn't even have to carry the books around!
- Kennedy George, Junior

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Textbooks on Reserve

Textbooks can be borrowed through the Check Out desk to ensure all students have free access. Check the course reserves webpage for your class to see a list of textbooks on reserve. If you don't see your class listed, ask your professor to place the textbook on reserve. library.humboldt.edu/search/reserves/index.html.

Concerned about the high cost of textbooks?

So are we. Here is one thing you can do now! Get involved in the growing open educational movement. Check out the HSU Library Open and Affordable Resource Guide at libguides.humboldt.edu/openedu.



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I use the Library as a space to be productive, teaching my mind that I'm here to work. And if I find myself at a dead end, the resources are always enough to get me moving again. - Riley Harte, Sophomore

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It's nice to have a place where I can focus on my work, and I'll know I have all the resources I'd need on hand. - Emily Landheer, Freshman

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Archive Interns Present Program to Yosemite Crowd

By Sarah Godlin & Alex Childers

Last semester, Humboldt State University Special Collections was invited by the Society of California Archivists to present an overview of our intern program at their convention in the Tenaya Lodge at the base of Yosemite National Park.

The HSU Library Archive's partnership with the National Park Service is unique in that it has allowed for the expansion of their paid intern program, giving more interns experience in the Library archives and National Park Archives, as well.

The crowd was eager to hear the experiences of the three interns, Alex

Childers, Sarah Godlin, and Hartford Johnson. Many staff from other college archives were curious about how they could foster their own partnerships with their region's National Park Service Department.

Carly Marino, Special Collections Librarian, spoke on the partnership with the parks and how it is mutually beneficial for the Parks Department and the University, a win-win for all involved. Bri Hagen, Cataloging & Metadata Librarian, discussed the digital platform interns used to create the "Researching the Redwoods" online database, found at rnp.omeka.net. The Redwood National Park engages



citizens through the internship, and HSU is able to provide valuable opportunities for learning. The interns are paid competitively and receive a wealth of experiences for their resumes, including, after the Yosemite trip, a presentation at a professional convention.

Interested in an internship with HSU Library Special Collections? Contact Carly Marino at carly.marino@humboldt.edu.

Finding Your Space at HSU Library & SpaceUse

By Cyril Oberlander

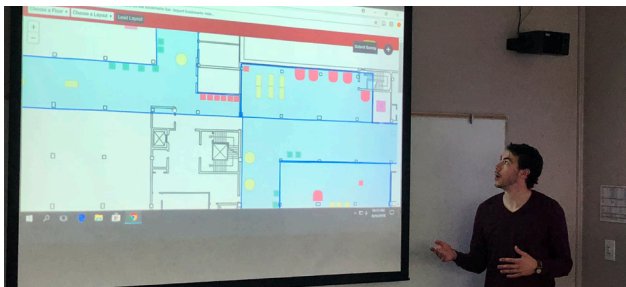
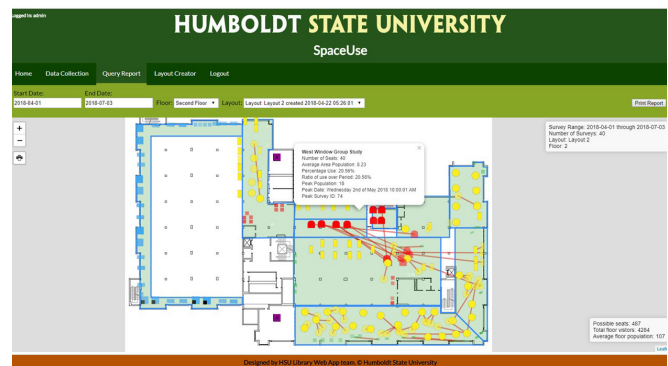
At the HSU Library, thousands of students each day are looking for a place to study, conduct research, write papers, and collaborate. Some are looking for a space free of distractions in the quiet stacks, while others are looking for a dynamic group work space in the social areas. How do we know students are finding the spaces they require?

Each year, HSU Library gathers information on where students work at the Library, and that data is then analyzed to determine use patterns for adjusting library spaces to better serve the needs of the campus. For three years, the process relied on hundreds of sheets of paper with floor and furniture maps, requiring considerable time to record and analyze the data.

To address this challenge, the Library hired three HSU Computer Science students, Sam Alston, Benjamin Miller, and Eric Mott to work with Kris Anderson (ITS/CS) and folks at the Library to develop SpaceUse, software designed to help us automate data gathering and analysis.

Below is one example of the data analysis from SpaceUse, compiled from 40 surveys completed in April 2018.

Clicking on any area shows a detailed analysis that includes average use, peak use, and other relevant data. If we click on any furniture, we see use analysis specific to that furniture in that space.



Sam Alston, shown above, presenting the first version to the library for feedback.

With SpaceUse we can use a touchscreen device to gather data about seating and computer use, as well as mobile whiteboards, and moved furniture. SpaceUse also automatically analyzes the data across surveys to visualize patterns of use.

The HSU Library is continuously evolving and improving as the learning hub and heart of the University. With this powerful tool, we are able to more effectively and efficiently gather and analyze data about space use at the Library, allowing us to better serve our students and the campus community. In addition, project-based learning like SpaceUse is an excellent example of combining our values with a desire to make decisions based on data. To help other libraries and universities to do the same, we have released SpaceUse as free open source software: github.com/LibrarySpaceUse/HSUSpaceUse.

We are also excited to report that Eric and Ben are currently considering forming a startup business as their next steps in developing SpaceUse. At HSU Library, we are happy to support learning that is relevant, applicable, and can positively transform the world. With SpaceUse, HSU students can help shape the future of library design while shaping their own future as well.

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library.humboldt.edu

Fall Events

Wed., Sept 5

HSU Day of Solidarity, KBR, 5pm

Wed., Sept 19

Pints for the Library Fundraiser,
 Redwood Curtain Brewery, 5pm

Sun., Oct 14 -

Sun., Oct 21

Against the Wind Peace Festival,
 various locations on/off campus

Mon., Oct 15 -

Fri., Oct 19

Indigenous People's Week,
 various locations on campus

Thurs., Oct 25

Chronic Freedom Book Talk, Special Collections

Mon., Oct 29 -

Fri., Nov 2

20th Annual Campus & Community Dialogue on
 Race with keynote speaker Denice Frohman &
 featured speaker Rev. Alvin Herring, KBR

Save the Date

**Thurs., Feb 14
 2019**

5th Annual Authors Celebration, Library
 Authors Hall



For a complete list of Library events and exhibits, visit
library.humboldt.edu/news/exhibitsevents.html



To find out more about how to help support Library Interns,
 visit library.humboldt.edu/giving.html or write
 to cyril.oberlander@humboldt.edu.

HSU Sustainable Learning Saved Students Over One Million Dollars

By Kyle Morgan & Tim Miller

Forbes Magazine's recent articles "The U.S. Student-Loan
 Debt Crisis Is Even Worse than We Thought" and "Student
 Loan Debt Statistics in 2018: A \$1.5 Trillion Crisis" point to the
 untenable financial burden of those seeking a college education.

But there is something we can do to help.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and
 learning resources that permit free use and repurposing. Studies
 of OER adoption have shown decreases in student financial
 stress in addition to improvements in student classroom success,
 graduation rate, and class design.

The Library's Sustainable Learning Workshops, now
 continuing in a collaboration with the Center for Teaching and
 Learning, has resulted in the growing adoption of OER across
 campus. Over the past two years, the switch to OER and more
 affordable classroom materials has saved students over \$1 million
 and counting.

Please keep an eye open for future Sustainable Learning
 Workshop offerings and the opportunity to join the OER
 revolution, libguides.humboldt.edu/openedu.



**Our library is extraordinary. The library
 staff, faculty, and leadership have a shared
 vision that prioritizes students and student
 learning. I could never enumerate all of the
 ways the library has supported me in my
 teaching--collaborating, providing instruction,
 showcasing students' research, running the
 fantastic SkillShops program and L4HSU. The
 library is a warm and welcoming place, and it
 has a remarkably dedicated staff, faculty, and
 leadership. I am thankful for you all every day!**
 -Janelle Adsit,
 Faculty in English

**Have a story to share with the campus? Writing for the Library newsletter is easy! Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to
 contact the Library Marketing and Outreach Team at libmarketing@humboldt.edu to learn more about sharing a story in the
 next newsletter.**