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Annual Report 2016/17



Humboldt State University Library

Letter from the Dean

It is an ideal time to reflect on the many positive transformations at the HSU Library. After three and a half years of intense planning, strategic changes, and hard work, our library now serves HSU as the center for scholarship, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. **Our Library is the heart of the University.**

Library annual reports often include the basics. For example, last year we circulated over 27,500 books and media and we had over 800,000 visits. These essential numbers clearly show the importance of our library's collections and space. However, for this annual report we would like to also reflect on how lively the HSU Library has become, fostering a vibrant learning community and enriching the lives of those on campus and beyond each day.

At the HSU Library, we curate engaging services and facilitate communities of learners, integral to enhancing student experiences and empowering student success. Our learner-centered pedagogy is evident in the design of our spaces, services, and programs: from relocating the Learning Center to the main floor, to creating the Center for Teaching & Learning, Humboldt Scholars Lab, and Digital Media Lab. In addition, we have adopted powerfully relevant programs that utilize innovative pedagogy to achieve demonstrations of student learning, crucial for their current and future needs. These programs include library instruction, SkillShops, Humboldt State University Press, Library Scholar Internships,

and more. The HSU Library well serves the campus community as the **learning space of choice**, empowering teaching and learning, research and scholarship, as well as collaboration and creativity.

This remarkable transformation was by no means easy, and I want to acknowledge the incredible librarians, staff, and student assistants. They have evaluated an entire collection, moved over 500,000 items to storage, opened innovative spaces for scholarship, collaboration, presentations, and special events, and even managed to create views of the Humboldt Bay for all to see. We also owe our deepest thanks to our library donors, the President and Provost, Facilities Management, and so many others at HSU.

HSU Library is a uniquely dynamic learning environment, and is now **one of the most innovative university libraries** in California. With an unwavering focus on learners, cultivating the connection of people and ideas, and inspiring collaboration and creativity to foster student, faculty and staff success, the HSU Library has transformed to be the invaluable learning environment on campus that it is today.

I **thank you** for your continued support of the HSU Library, and we welcome you to join us at our many upcoming events.

Cyril Oberlander,
University Library Dean



Learning

Access to information is expanding at an unprecedented rate. Navigating through this sea of data requires high-level information literacy skills such as evaluation, critical thinking, and appropriate application.

Collaborating with campus partners, the Library develops and hosts Skillshops, 50-minute, drop-in workshops offered to introduce and develop skills in important areas for student success. We have also designed innovative learning spaces and collaborative workstations for students to develop and engage in networked peer-to-peer learning.

For more information about our SkillShops please visit libguides.humboldt.edu/skillshops and join us.



Poster Presenters, American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) conference 2017 in HSU Library

Teaching

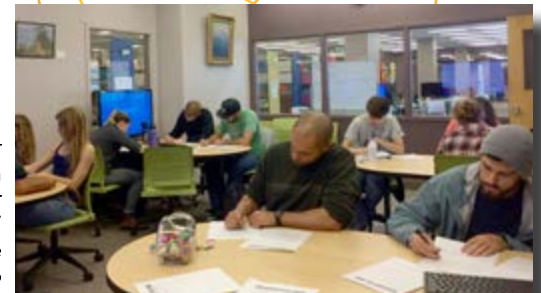
We prepare students for immediate and future assignments. Faculty turn to us for curriculum-based information literacy instruction. This past academic year, librarians provided 266 instruction sessions to students in all three colleges at HSU. As a result, instruction was provided to nearly 4,000 students in the fall semester and to 3,000 students in the spring.

In addition to instruction requests from faculty, librarians and staff taught SkillShops and reached over 1,600 learners in the fall and spring semesters combined. These 148 workshops were attended by students, faculty, and staff, providing learning opportunities that met a variety of the diverse needs of our campus community.

We actively work to support our students who are developing and producing projects that connect their studies to their passions and develop their academic, professional, and personal goals. Students sharpen their information literacy through classroom instruction, SkillShops, online tutorials, and in-person and online research help.



Skilled Learners
at the Strawberry
Festival & Skilled
Learner Certificate
Award Ceremony



Students drafting
their elevator
speeches in
the "Write Your
Elevator Speech"
SkillShop in the
CoLab

Transformation

Over the last several years, the HSU Library has transformed into a dynamic and exciting hub for research, learning, and collaboration with 3,500 - 5,000 visitors each day.

The staff, librarians, and student employees analyzed the Library's use to shape and create new learning spaces. Over 100 whiteboards provide



multiple flexible spaces and show evidence of learning across the disciplines. Collaboration research stations offer large display screens allowing groups to connect, create collectively, and practice presentations.

The Library Scholar Internship program offers students paid hands-on experience leading projects that build skills in teamwork, problem solving, communication, and research. Opportunities to share research findings and creative works worldwide in print and digital formats are available through the HSU Press at library.humboldt.edu/about/HSUPress.html.

Here at the HSU Library, students do more than access information online. They create it. We are the library of the future. We provide the resources, services, and means for helping our campus community transform the world.



Innovation

The HSU Library is a leader in innovation. New technologies and workshops are having a profound impact on student lives, enriching the campus community and learning environment.

The Library coordinates the HSU Sustainable Learning program, working with faculty to lower the cost of textbooks for students and publish free online textbooks.

The Library has renovated many spaces to be student and learning centered, including Humboldt Scholars Lab, Digital Media Lab (DML), Brain Booth, Learning

Center and Center for Teaching & Learning.

The new home for Special Collections will open February 1, 2018 from 3pm to 5pm. Please join us.

The DML supports student media projects, providing equipment, software, and consultation. This open, peer-learning space, hosts events and competitions, stimulates creativity, and develops digital literacies and student portfolio works critical to our students' futures.

The Library Brain Booth seeks

to introduce the HSU community to international scientific research and practice on the effects of mindfulness, attention, and contemplation through hands-on tools and activities in an informal, experiential setting. Students are especially encouraged to explore the positive impacts that taking an intentional brain break can have on their academic success. Through participatory demonstrations, we employ biofeedback, guided meditation, immersive virtual reality, expressive gratitude, and more.



Access

With the increasing costs of textbooks, Textbooks on Reserves has become more popular and greatly appreciated by our students. Accessibility to textbooks in the Library provides a lifeline to our students and eliminates additional expenses. Three years ago we expanded the service. We put every textbook we found in our collection on Reserve and we raised funds to purchase more textbooks. Support Textbooks on Reserve through alumni.humboldt.edu/giving/affordable-textbook-trust.

- In Fall 2016, six courses required textbooks that were priced over \$300 each

- Textbooks were checked out over 29,000 times

- In spring, \$5,000 worth of textbooks were donated to the Library.

- Last year, our Crowdfunding Campaign raised nearly \$3,000 for textbooks - that's about 20 textbooks

"I have saved so much money by being able to reserve books instead of purchase them, especially for classes that just have one chapter a week! I am so grateful that a few of my teachers have donated personal copies for their students to use. Book sharing for the money-saving, sustainable student."

- Casey Park, Wildlife Biology Student

"Two semesters ago, I was taking a dance class and during that time I was under a lot of financial pressure, so I had to save every penny and reserve textbooks helped me!"- Mario Sanchez, Physics Student



UnConference 2016

unConference

The unConference builds upon themes of technology, empowerment, teaching, and learning.

A typical HSU unConference session has over 50 participants. Skilled presenters engage in 5-minute lightning talks and 30-minute breakout sessions. Visit the unConference website for more information and to see archived recordings at humboldt.edu/unconference.

Events

Students, staff, faculty, and community members gather in the HSU Library to create dynamic community building and learning events for all to attend.

L4HSU

Our summertime series L4HSU (Library Lifelong Learning Lounge) offers lunchtime workshops in a wide range of topics. Facilitators create interactive presentations in a casual format to inspire participants' confidence levels and engage community members, staff and faculty with new material. Join us in the summer for the next round of L4HSU. For more information visit library.humboldt.edu/about/L4HSU.html.





Annual HSU Authors Celebration

We love Authors & Readers! The HSU Authors Hall is a growing collection of books, CDs, and DVDs representing the scholarship and creative work of HSU faculty, emeriti faculty, staff, student, and alumni authors. Participate in our annual HSU Authors Celebration and mingle with authors and readers who have specialized knowledge and a deep connection to the community.

The HSU Authors Hall celebrates authors, shares the value of their scholarly and creative works and makes them easier to access. Join us at our next event on **February 14, 2018**. For more information or to let us know of your publication, please visit library.humboldt.edu/about/HSUAuthors.html.

ideaFest

A showcase of research, projects, and creative works, ideaFest is in its fourth year of hosting student works including research posters, dance and musical performances, art and sculptures and theater arts. During the annual ideaFest in the spring, students display their work on each floor in the Library in an epic two-hour celebration. Participants have the opportunity to publish their research via the *ideaFest Journal* that can be found at digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/ideafest. ideaFest 2017 drew over 1,000 attendees and featured over 200 posters on display. Join us at our next event from 3pm to 5pm on **April 19, 2018**. For more information about ideaFest visit humboldt.edu/ideafest.

ideaFest 2017



Social Justice

Social justice is an integral part of HSU Library's core values. This includes participation in Equity Alliance of the North Coast, an emerging initiative focused on understanding and improving racial and social equity through education, dialogue, and training. We collaborate with the campus-wide community through SkillShops and Library Lifelong Learning Lounge (L4HSU) to provide a variety of racial equity and diversity-related workshops. We hosted author Ben Madley for multiple talks on his book *American Genocide* in collaboration with Campus Dialogue on Race, and the annual Banned Books Read-Out, co-hosted by the Journalism & Mass Communication Department and Humboldt Center for Constitutional Rights. We also hosted Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties with the Asian Desi Pacific Islander Collective (ADPIC).

At the HSU Library we believe that it is our civic responsibility to play an active role on our campus by promoting social justice and providing tools and resources for open dialogue. We strive to empower learners to make a difference.



Author Ben Madley Talk 2017
Native American Forum, Behavioral & Social Sciences Building



Courage Cuentos Journal Launch Party 2017
digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/courageouscuentos
Humboldt Scholars Lab, 3rd floor Library

Research

Our Special Collections is the premier research center for the study of the primary industries, Native peoples, and natural resources of northwestern California. Researchers visit from around the world to see our original maps, photographs, diaries, and manuscript collections documenting this unique region. Over 80 classes utilizing Special Collections were taught last academic year, as well as, the Humboldt Room saw over 900 researcher visits and answered over 660 research questions.

On February 1, 2018, Special Collections will open a new research facility on the third floor. It will continue to provide access to primary source material while working with students to digitize the collections and making them available to the world online. Researchers will find the exciting, recently acquired Suzie Van Kirk and Lucille Vinyard Research Collections when they visit the third floor and online at library.humboldt.edu/humco.

As information and research changes in the digital age our collections are shifting to support students entering the scholarly conversation and participating in research beyond the campus.

We invite you to join us February 1, 2018, for the grand opening of Special Collections from 3pm-5pm.

Photo right: Library Scholar Interns hike in Redwood National Park



Community

Many community members visit every day: researching in the Humboldt Room, using the computers, attending events, or reading a book in the Helen Everett Reading Room. Local schools actively visit HSU Library, too. During the "I've Been Admitted to College" event, we provide multiple tours to hundreds of eighth graders.

The HSU Library builds connections with the youth of our community by supporting local education programs that prepare students to be successful in college. One example is McKinleyville High School. Students participate in a rigorous learning program called International Baccalaureate that, in some cases, gives them college course credits and scholarships. This program requires students to produce a research paper. Participating students needed access to more scholarly and diverse sources for their individual topics of interest. The HSU Library worked with this program by offering instruction on how to use databases and access resources. There was an entire day devoted to



History Day 2017 in HSU Library Special Collections

research with a librarian available to help answer questions and guide students in thinking of new ways to approach looking for information.

History Day, held each spring, is an opportunity to encourage students from fourth grade to high school to explore Humboldt County's dynamic history. Students conduct extensive research using the HSU Library and our archives, while preparing them for a future of academic pursuits. HSU Library is one of the host sites for History Day on **March 3, 2018**.

Student Experience

In the midst of research, readings, and final exams, students ask themselves questions like, "What do I do after graduation?" and "How can I get professional experience and be competitive in the job market?" Blanca Drapeau considered these questions as she worked as a Library Scholar Intern in Fall 2016. She was part of a team of interns working on creating digital exhibits and organizing collections related to Redwood National Park and the HSU Special Collections. This paid internship gave Blanca an understanding of how archives work and what it means to work as an information professional. Upon graduation in 2017, she was awarded a competitive paid apprenticeship at the Library of Congress.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support a Library student intern, visit library.humboldt.edu/giving/interns.html.



Blanca Drapeau & David Ferriero,
Archivist of the United States,
Washington, D.C., 2017

"The constant group work in the internship affected my confidence level, and attributed to my professional development in a positive way."

- Victoria Bruner, Social Work
Major Spring 2016

"Now after this internship, the Humboldt Room isn't just a resource it's also a place I find relaxing, which is why next semester I plan on stopping by to scan more journals. It's like a second home. I felt out of place my first semester here and being an intern made me feel like part of the school and felt better about my choice to attend HSU."

- Cathlyn Garibay,
Anthropology Major, Spring
2016

"The most important thing about this internship is the experience of getting one's hands dirty in real historian work."

- Jorge Ambriz, History Major,
Fall 2015

Scholarship

Collaboration is the foundation of scholarship and by working with students, faculty, and staff we are able to transform the university's global engagement. We publish an assortment of open-access research, creative works, archival papers, and campus publications on the Digital Commons platform. The wide range of content promotes the diversity of academic pursuits and holdings by students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

HSU Press publishes high-quality, scholarly, and creative works by or in support of our campus community. This past year, HSU Press oversaw accessibility and format compliance, committee approvals, and the publication of 87 HSU graduate student theses and projects. HSU Press published four transformative works by emeritus faculty, all with multicultural, community, and/or social justice themes. Five journals publish utilizing the library's Digital Commons platform, ranging from internal class-generated works to international peer-reviewed publications.

Thanks to Library Scholar Interns, Special Collections and the Scholarly Communications department have collaborated to digitize Humboldt Room historical publications for the campus, community, and world. The online publications provide expanded accessibility to valuable content while protecting the original publications. For more information about HSU Press, visit digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hsu_press.



Lasting Value



Graduation marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another for Humboldt State University students. The time spent in the Library has prepared them for the paths that lie ahead in life. Our legacy is the difference that our students make in the world, from local communities to national and global levels.

The Library prepares students to gather, evaluate, process, present, and publish information, enabling them to make important contributions in their respective fields. The skills, knowledge, and experiences gained at the Library reflect our commitment to empowering students and inspiring a desire to seek out

and use information for personal growth and social change.

Our goal with HSU Press, ideaFest, and the Digital Media Lab is to provide every student a high-impact learning opportunity to publish their creative or scholarly work for the world.



As of September 2017, we share globally over 2,580 works in Digital Commons. The map above shows global readership distribution by number of downloads.

“No longer is it acceptable for students to be passive consumers of content; they can contribute to the local and global knowledge ecosystem, learning through the act of producing... students do not have to wait until they graduate to change the world.”
New Media Consortium Horizon Project, Vol. 3.4, August 2017

Supporting the Library

You can make a difference.



The HSU Library continues to transform to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff. This year, we are focused on our goal of providing more students with paid internships that are high-impact, project-based learning opportunities. The new Special Collections will provide an important opportunity for student-paid internships to digitize unique collections that create a story of the past, present, and future. To achieve this, we are asking for support. Your support of \$500 will fund one student intern for one semester. You may prefer to name and endow internships in perpetuity for approximately \$26,163.



HSU Library Scholar Interns

In addition, we are raising funds for Textbooks on Reserve, providing equal access to required readings for students who otherwise would be unable to purchase textbooks. We are also raising funds for much needed student-centered spaces and for expanding the relevance and currency of our collections. For more information about our fundraising efforts, please visit library.humboldt.edu/giving.html or write to Cyril. Oberlander@humboldt.edu.

We are committed to serving our campus community and sincerely appreciate your continued support.

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