Library 101

Making connections & envisioning new collaborations with the University Libraries

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Plan for today

- Introductions
- University Libraries Overview
- Resources & services
- Questions & discussion

Who am I?

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Scope of work

Liaison responsibilities to non-academic units on campus (or units with an academic focus who do not have a liaison currently). Help connect these units with library services and expertise Collaboration and coordination with campus libraries, librarians, and staff to help create an aligned approach to student engagement + the Libraries On a mission to make library student employment meaningful

The University Libraries

Fast facts

- The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) ranks Penn State in the top 10 research libraries in North America
- 8 million physical items and access to over 500 databases
- 36 miles of shelves in Pattee & Paterno
- Large system of libraries (4 branch libraries at UP, along with 20+ across the Commonwealth)
- Strong collaborations with other campus units, including Teaching & Learning with Technology, and required classes (ENG 15, ESL 15, CAS 100)

What are students saying about the library?

- 97% of students surveyed find it useful that the Library provides spaces for students to study
- "I come here specifically when I have to get a lot of work done"
- 76% visiting a library building at least monthly
- "The library system has been extremely useful in finding the information I need for papers and projects, as well as some readings for leisure. Without access to all of the databases, academic research would be incredibly difficult and/or expensive."
- Common activities in the library include: studying for an exam, working on a paper or assignment, and consuming a beverage or snack
- Around 50% of Liberal Arts majors consider themselves "moderate users"

What's ahead?



Resources & services

There are multiple ways to ask for help





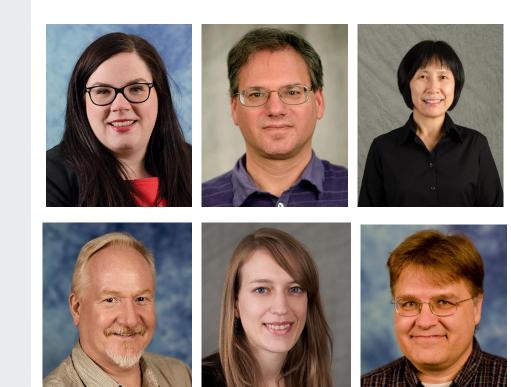




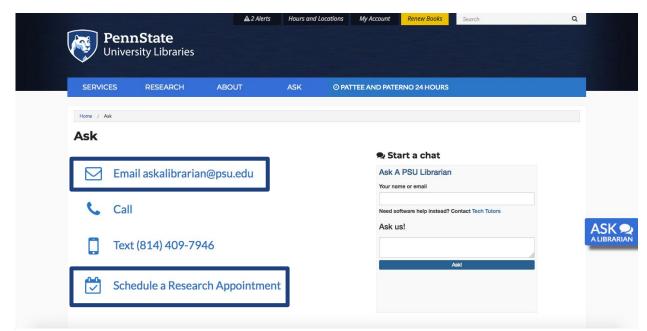
Peer-to-peer services

- Located in Sidewater Commons
- Sunday Thursday, 10 AM 10 PM; Fridays, 10 AM 6 PM
- Drop in services
- Services that intersect and intertwine

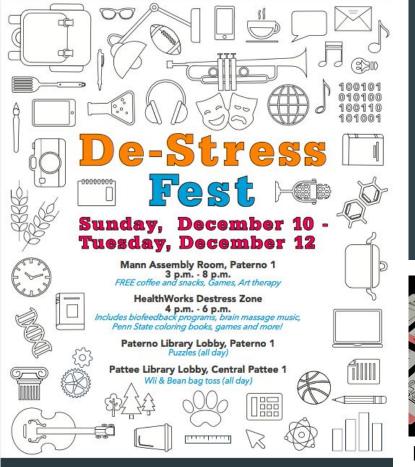
Subject Librarian Expertise



Personalized attention with research



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