

LR Libraries Newsletter – Spring, 2020

Welcome back to campus, everyone, and a Happy New Year! We just wanted to share a little about what we've been doing in the LR Libraries and what we'll be working on this semester. In addition to these initiatives and projects, we're here to help students with their research questions and to help faculty teach students how to find and use quality information—and also how to use it responsibly. If you have any questions, great ideas, concerns, or complaints, please let us know. We're always happy to hear from you.

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LIBRARY RENOVATION PLANNING—

We've begun talking with architects and space planners in anticipation of a hoped-for Rudisill Library building renovation work.

We want to hear from you about the kinds of spaces you'd like to see in the library -- more group study spaces? More and better computer access? Better quiet study spaces? --a coffee bar? We're all ears.



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SUMMON by the numbers – We knew our Summon Discovery Search would bring important but little-used resources “front and center,” but a few things have been happy surprises. For example, Summon includes:

- Nearly 280,000 full-text dissertations;
- 1.7 million transcripts to news and business wires, radio programs, and TV news broadcasts;
- Over 3.5 million full-text ebooks;
- Over 630 million full-text items (books, articles, streaming audio and video, etc.); and
- Free access to RefWorks, a citation management application—a handy cloud-space to store and retrieve citations to scholarly articles

Oh. And we've increased usage of our four large e-journal collections (Sage, ScienceDirect, Springer, and Wiley) by 95 percent.



LIBRARY STAFF UPDATE – **Craig Varley** joined our team this past summer as the new Instruction and Reference Librarian at our Asheville Graduate Center. After Heather Propsom’s departure in December, Craig is the sole librarian in Asheville, at least for the Spring semester. Craig has advanced degrees in Film Research, from the University of Kent, and Library Science, from UNC-Chapel Hill.

In addition to teaching, reference, and outreach, Craig has been working on a project to add our print library catalog holdings to our Summon search tool.

FINAL FRIDAYS— Rudisill Library is excited to continue hosting the “Final Fridays” faculty lecture series, held in the Library’s Colloquium Room on the last Friday of each month.

With leadership by Professor Taylor Newton and in partnership with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Center for Teaching and Learning, we hosted three of these events in the Fall semester, with three more scheduled for the Spring semester, on **Jan. 31, Feb. 28,** and **Mar. 27.**



OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES – Working in partnership with— and with funding support from—the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Library helped provide a number of LR faculty with \$500 exploratory grants to switch from requiring expensive textbooks to free, high-quality online resources, saving students money and having a positive impact on **student success and retention**. With a university investment of about \$4000, this project could result in a combined estimated \$45,000 in savings to students in textbook fees—not a bad investment!

The Library and CTL also encourages faculty to apply for the NC LIVE cooperative’s \$1000 “[Open Education North Carolina](#)” grants. In the past year *three* LR faculty received these coveted awards. The OENC program continues through the Spring, 2020, semester.