The seventh annual SOAR, a celebration of SOU faculty and student research, performance, and artistic activity, will take place May 12 through May 16. Check out the schedule at www.sou.edu/SOAR. You are invited to the many free SOAR events in Hannon Library and other campus venues.

2014 IMPORTANT SOAR DATES

April 14th
Applications for Faculty Organized Panels Due

April 18th
All SOAR APPLICATIONS DUE
IRB Review Requests Due

May 2nd
Poster Printing Deadline
5:30-8:00 SOAR First Friday Art Walk
Hannon Library

SOAR Monday, May 12th
4:00-6:00 Student & Faculty Presenter Reception
and Buffet Bash
Stevenson Union Rogue River Room

SOAR Tuesday, May 13th
9:30-4:30 University Seminar Presentations
1:00-5:00 Lab & Studio Open Houses
7:00-9:00 Student Film Festival (Tentative)

SOAR Wednesday, May 14th
9:30-4:30 Presentations, Performances, & Exhibitions
12:00-2:00 Campus Club Street Fair
Raider Way

SOAR Thursday, May 15th
9:30-11:30 Presentations, Performances & Exhibitions
12:00-1:30 Poster Session
1:30-4:30 Presentations, Performances & Exhibitions
4:00-5:00 School/Department Ceremonies
8:00-10:00 Little Shop of Horrors: SOU Theatre ($)

SOAR Friday, May 16th
7:00 Passion of St. Mark Concert
Southern Oregon Repertory Singers &
Music Department Chamber Choir:
SOU Music Recital Hall ($)
8:00 Little Shop of Horrors: SOU Theatre ($)

Tutoring Centers Support SOU Students

“I credit the Writing Center for aiding me in many of my academic achievements here at SOU. It helped me gain the confidence that I need in order to be successful in the university environment not only as a student, but also as an employee.”

— Eric Worthey, SOU student and Writing Center tutor

Students who believe in themselves and have strong academic goals, skills, and self-confidence are more likely to persist through college and ultimately graduate. The Learning Commons tutoring centers, the Math Lab and Writing Center, strive to meet the needs of SOU students. Providing free tutoring in math, science, and writing, peer tutors work to both enhance a student’s academic skills and offer a space to study and feel comfortable.

What goes on in the Writing Center? We offer a host of services, ranging from brainstorming assistance to creating outlines and going over final drafts. Ten writing tutors, coming from academic programs ranging from biochemistry to criminology, share a common passion for the written word and possess strong academic and writing skills.

The Math (and Science) Lab is open seven days a week, providing support for math and science classes. Fifteen math and science tutors cover everything from calculus and statistics to organic chemistry and physics. The tutoring schedule is posted quarterly on our website indicating when specific tutors are available and for which classes they can assist.

“I’ve found that tutoring is not only an integral part of learning math for the tutee, but it also helps the tutor gain a deeper understanding of the material and in turn become a better mathematician. The Math Lab at SOU is an incredible place where learning takes place for everyone involved, and it helps makes our math community strong.” - Jim Kloor, SOU student and math tutor

In the Learning Commons tutoring centers we strive to meet students where they are in their learning processes, with a focus on empowering students to develop academic skills and heighten academic self-confidence. Our tutors and administrators take pride in their work and look forward to continuously serving the needs of Southern Oregon University students.
What? No Hannon Library Catalog?

All 37 libraries of the Orbis Cascade Alliance are migrating to a new Shared Integrated Library System (SILS) that encompasses all facets of library operations. With this groundbreaking move, the Alliance is doing something that other consortia have only considered. Each library will move from a discrete system on a local server to the new single, shared, cloud-based system for acquisitions, serials management, cataloging, circulation, Summit borrowing, and patron discovery.

SOU, like all other Alliance libraries, will no longer have a standalone catalog. When an SOU user searches for an item, the shared catalog will show which school owns the item. If it is at SOU, location information is displayed. If the item is at another library, the user can initiate a Summit request.

The migration to the new shared catalog requires a complete revamping of workflow and procedures. Libraries are migrating in four cohorts. SOU is assigned to the third cohort with a scheduled switchover date of July 1, 2014. We are busy with training and preparation needed to successfully transfer records and create new workflows.

The migration to the new SILS, utilizing Ex Libris software, presents unique opportunities and challenges. The new system will offer one-stop searching for discovery and access to materials from SOU and Summit. With the open architecture of Ex Libris, we will be able to add customized functionality to meet SOU student, faculty, and staff information discovery needs.

“Academic libraries have a choice: we can collaborate, or we can die. The move from separate stand-alone systems to a truly shared library management platform is radical, but it opens the door to realizing the strategic vision of deep collaboration that we hold across the Alliance.”


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OSF Petruchio Costume on Display

This spring the Hannon Library Special Collections features a costume on loan from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The display case is on the second floor just opposite the rotunda. The costume featured was worn by Ted Deasy playing Petruchio in the 2013 production of Taming of the Shrew. The production was directed by Davis Ivers with costume designs by Meg Neville.

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More Than Books!

By Erica Knotts
MIIS Graduate Student at SOU

As a college student, I’ve always known what a great resource the Hannon Library is. You can check out books, find journal articles, type or print papers before class, and even reserve a study room. However, it wasn’t until I started working here that I discovered how many resources we actually have!

Did you know . . .

- Hannon Library sells earbud headphones at Circulation
- Students can check out iPads or laptops in the Learning Commons
- Patrons can check out recent feature films
- There’s a “white board room” and you can check out markers and erasers from Circulation
- There’s a media playback area for watching VHS tapes and DVDs
- Patrons can check out art prints from the 3rd floor
- New art displays are added each month and you can submit a request for your artwork to be shown
- You can make copies, use scanners, and send faxes

I am so grateful to be at a university with such an incredibly resourceful library for both the students and the community. Be sure to stop in and check out all we have to offer!
Comings and Goings

Hannon Library welcomed three new staff in January:

Shana Sandor, Digital Projects and Electronic Resources Specialist, moved here from Portland where she was a cataloging technician at Portland Community College. Shana has a B.S. in Elementary and Special Education from the State University of New York at Geneseo and a B.S. in Accounting from Converse College. She looks forward to being a part of the continued success of digital collections and electronic resources at Hannon Library.

Riah Gooding, Learning Commons Tutoring Director, brings to SOU over eight years of experience working with students in a variety of academic support and teaching capacities. She has a B.S. from the University of Oregon and a Master of Social Work from the University of Washington. Riah is an Ashland native and thrilled to be working at SOU, connecting students with valuable tutoring resources.

Susie O’Connor, Library Technician III, works in both the reference and government documents areas. An SOU graduate, Susie has worked in Hannon Library for many years and brings a wealth of experience in cataloging and processing government information as well as assisting patrons, training new employees, and utilizing various library systems.

Just won’t be the same around here!

After coming to SOU from CSU Channel Islands six years ago, Library Dean Paul Adalian has left his mark on Hannon Library and the campus, setting the bar high for his successor. Since 2008, under Paul’s direction, we have completed many initiatives. Here are a few:

• The Learning Center provides a single point for student tutoring, career planning, and research assistance
• Laptop checkout expanded to include iPads
• Scholarship@SOU, an institutional repository, archives faculty and student papers
• Twelve digital collections were created in-house on a new software platform
• E-book, e-journal, and streaming audio and video content increased exponentially
• Library walls are filled with art, and exhibit cases with displays
• A second electronic classroom and the Digital Media Gallery were created
• A 65-inch interactive touchscreen welcomes visitors with maps, videos, and slideshows

A search is underway to find a replacement University Librarian. For now, we are wishing Paul all the best.

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Friends Corner
Southern Oregon University Friends of Hannon Library

You are invited to learn about potential impacts of climate change on the Rogue Valley. Retired ecologist and Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN) co-facilitator, Alan Journet, will present "A Rogue Climate for the Valley" on April 10 at 5:30 p.m. in LIB 329. All are invited to this free event which is part of the Friends of Hannon Library Lecture Series.

Mark your calendar for May 8 and join us. Renowned Shakespeare scholars Alan Armstrong and Mary Z. Mahar will be keynote speakers at the Friends of Hannon Library Annual Membership Meeting. Armstrong (Emeritus, SOU) and Mahar (Emerita, U. Arizona) will discuss their new book of interviews with a dozen master Shakespearean actors at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The audience will hear behind-the-scenes details of the Shakespearean acting process. This annual event is free and begins with light refreshments in the Meese Meeting Room at 5 p.m. followed by a brief meeting and the keynote promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The Friends of Hannon Library Board met monthly all year on the second Monday at 4 p.m. in Hannon Library Room 329. Many thanks to outgoing FHL President Ruby Whalley and a welcome to new FHL board member Colin Mills-Cannon. Elections for the 2014-2015 board take place at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 8. Anyone interested in serving on the Friends of Hannon Library Board should contact Ruby Whalley at rubywhalley@spiretech.com

This year, the Friends of Hannon Library continued to assist Hannon Library by funding initiatives and purchasing books. This year, the Friends:
• Sponsored First Friday Artwalks held on the first Friday of each month from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
• Sponsored the Library Lecture Series with free programs throughout the year
• Provided coffee and cookies for students cramming for exams and writing papers during quiet and finals weeks every term
• Spent nearly $7,000 to purchase expensive books and materials to support SOU’s academic programs

All Friends members are invited to use Hannon Library’s resources and to attend events, which are announced at hanlib.sou.edu. To join the Friends of Hannon Library or renew your membership, use the online form (http://hanlib.sou.edu/friends/becomeafriend.html) or come into the library.

Gifts to the Friends of Hannon Library are eligible for an Oregon tax credit as an approved cultural organization through the Oregon Cultural Trust. For information go to: www.culturaltrust.org.