

**Dean's Report
Library Advisory Council
James E. Brooks Library**

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Introduction

The Library Strategic Plan is taking shape:

Directions

We seek:

- *to be a partner in transformative teaching, learning, and research*
- *to welcome the University community with excellent service, seamless access to resources and services, and inclusive spaces and programs accessible and approachable to all*
- *to add to the quality of life of the CWU community*
- *to create and extend an atmosphere of Inclusiveness and Diversity*

Goals: The Big ideas

- **OER/Textbook program** providing course materials for free/low cost through a variety of strategies
- **A Welcoming User Experience and Inclusive Access** space/experience improvements
- **Diversity in Collections Initiative** representation in the collections

Collections:

We continue to focus on purchasing faculty requests and current topics of interest. Faculty can make individual requests via their subject librarian or the [request form](#). Requests after ***1 March*** may be rolled over into next fiscal year (meaning purchased after 1 July).

See our mobile book display this quarter in the Student Commons on Women's History, and new children's literature (fourth floor).

We began a new three-year contract with ELSEVIER and SAGE, see attachment for new titles.

Please see the attachment on Databases add in FY20.

Coming soon, but not available yet:

- Policy Map
- HeinOnline
- Behavioral & Mental Health Online

- Oxford Law & Justice catch up file
- African American Historical Serials

Instruction:

We are responsive to the new general education model. Librarians are working closely with 184 instructors. The library faculty met to assess at the end of Fall Quarter and will continue to do so.

Access:

We successfully completed a major upgrade to our interlibrary loan system. Please remind your colleagues about ILL services. Most journal articles can be delivered in a few hours.

Scholarly Communications:

Math Circles celebration on 10 February: please help us mark the occasion of the publication of an open access Math journal!

We have been granted funding by the American Association of College and Research Libraries Scholarly Communications Roadshow:

“Academic and research librarians increasingly recognize scholarly communication as a core competency of the profession. Whether helping researchers meet their funder's mandates for public access and data sharing, guiding responsible copyright practice, or supporting new types of scholarship and instruction, librarians are leading change across campus and around the world. With this workshop, ACRL empowers our community in accelerating the transformation of the scholarly communication system.”

We're the first library to receive a Roadshow Award in Washington State! Ours will focus on OERs. The date is 1 May, please consider attending. Registration is free; we'll send the link to LAC.

Programs:

We continue great partner programs like Lion Rock and Cultural Conversations. New and coming this spring will be Rodeo History events near College Rodeo time.

We'll continue the expanded version of Finals Week with Waffle Night, Paws and Relax, the Friends-sponsored Pizza Night, and more.

New Hires:

- Associate Dean Sydney Thompson began 3 February!

- Daniel Levy, Library & Archives Paraprofessional in Government Publications, was promoted to a Digital Initiatives position 3 February. This position fills the vacancy left by Carol Peterson, who retired after more than 30 years of service to CWU.
- Arts & Humanities Librarian update very soon (perhaps by the time we meet in person)! We had a great pool.

Searches:

- Filling the Collections Strategist position is a challenge due to demand in the market both in the region and nationally. We made an offer to a promising candidate but she declined because of dual-career issues. We will have the CS in the hiring plan for FY21 in case we do not complete a hire this spring.