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KU Libraries place faculty scholarship at the forefront by partnering throughout the research and publishing lifecycle. A leader in scholarly communication, KU became the first public university to adopt a faculty-initiated open access policy in 2009.

When Bruce Lieberman assumed leadership of the Paleontological Institute he also took on editorial duties for the “Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology.” The definitive multi-authored work with more than 50 volumes has been published since the 1950s, but hasn’t been broadly accessible. With the help of KU Libraries, Lieberman and his team have increased the reach of the research contained inside by publishing the journal as open access.

"The nature of scientific publishing has changed so much. In order for us to stay relevant and useful to scientists, and also folks interested in paleontology, we had to make this transition to open access and we had to do it as soon as possible. KU Libraries has been so helpful with that." — Bruce Lieberman, Senior Curator at the KU Natural History Museum and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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NAVIGATING OPEN ACCESS (OA)
The Shulenburger Office of Scholarly Communication & Copyright provides resources, consultation, and instruction on copyright and author’s rights, the benefits of open access, and improving the visibility and impact of scholarship.
openaccess.ku.edu

DIGITAL PUBLISHING
Digital Publishing Services aims to increase the impact and visibility of KU-affiliated research. Our online open access publishing model follows best practices and standards that are designed to increase the reach of the research, as well as provide long-term stewardship of the material after publication. Formats include books, journals, conference proceedings, working papers and technical reports, and departmental research publications.

KU SCHOLARWORKS
Achieve greater visibility for your scholarship by submitting it to KU ScholarWorks, the open digital repository for KU-authored scholarship. KU ScholarWorks openly shares published articles, theses, dissertations, performances, monographs, and other creative works.
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From unique, traditional collections to high-quality, up-to-the-minute online resources delivered via the KU Libraries website, our collections are vital for research at KU.

Art History’s Areli Marina was stuck in a mountain of field notes, photos, and a tangled web of mental connections, but her research found new life after she leveraged the experience and perspective of a team of librarians during Sprints Week.

“We figured out a way to take all these connections that existed in my head and put them together in a way that relates ... I cannot say thank you enough. You guys [KU Librarians] have changed my life in five short days. That is astonishing. I’m deeply grateful for every member of the team and for the library for literally taking on a project that I was almost on the verge of abandoning.”

— Areli Marina, Associate Professor of Art History

On the cover: Ljudmila Bilkić, assistant teaching professor in the department of Slavic, German and Eurasian Studies, was recognized as a KU Libraries Textbook Hero for her work with Open Educational Resources (OER).
SPRINTS WEEK
Partner with a team of librarians on a project or component of a broader research or teaching project, including course assignment redesign to improve information literacy outcomes. Teams work intensively for five days during May intersession, collaborating without distractions to produce a tangible product or outcome. Sprinters are selected by way of an application process and awarded a $1,000 stipend.
lib.ku.edu/sprints

DIGITAL HUMANITIES
The Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities (IDRH), is a partnership with the Hall Center for the Humanities, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and KU Libraries. IDRH provides resources and training in the practices and tools of the digital humanities, facilitating interdisciplinary academic collaborations and innovative research, and creating external funding opportunities.
idhr.ku.edu

GIS AND MAPPING
The libraries assist with data, mapping, and geographic information systems, providing consultation, teaching and learning assistance, and software and data access. The GIS and Data Lab, located on the fourth floor of Watson Library, is available for walk-in use or by appointment for consultations.
guides.lib.ku.edu/gis

DATA MANAGEMENT
KU Libraries support the campus research community by facilitating the management, storage, documentation, sharing, and reuse of research data, by:
• Providing instruction on file naming and organization, data and software citation, file and metadata formats, and preservation strategies
• Connecting researchers with available data storage and access services
• Providing guidance and templates for data management plans
• Providing grant support
lib.ku.edu/data

SOFTWARE CARPENTRY
Learn fundamental skills that can increase productivity and improve the quality and reproducibility of research projects. Hands-on workshops teach how to automate tasks using the Unix shell, track and share work using version control, and how to write software in Python or R that is readable, reusable, and reliable. KU’s cohort of certified Carpentries instructors offer workshops multiple times per year.
lib.ku.edu/software-carpentry

SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS
Systematic reviews attempt to identify, appraise and synthesize empirical evidence that meets pre-specified eligibility criteria to answer a specific research question. Librarians advise researchers on the review process, search for existing reviews, select appropriate literature databases, design and execute search strategies, document the search process, manage search results and collect citations, and write the methods section of a resulting manuscript.
lib.ku.edu/systematic

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION
Librarians and staff lead instruction sessions for students, customized to their needs, desired learning outcomes, and the project at hand. We work with groups of all sizes, from large-scale classes to small seminar groups.
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TEACHING SPACES
The libraries host librarian-led instruction sessions for both small groups and larger classes in various library locations on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses. The Lawrence campus libraries offer reservable study rooms and informal study areas

MAKERSPACE
The Makerspace on the second floor of Anschutz Library is a creative space for students and faculty of all disciplines, supporting discovery through 3D printing and podcasting, among other services.
lib.ku.edu/makerspace
TEACHING

KU’s expert librarians can help you plan effective research-based assignments and integrate research and critical thinking skills into your curriculum.

Sam Yates Meier was working on the complex task of seeing a history and philosophy of design course through a DEIB lens when she reached out to KU Libraries for support. She partnered with librarians to redesign the course syllabus and assignments, as well as create a digital timeline tool to aid in student learning.

“...I learned a lot of tools that I can take into the classroom now. It’s been a resource that I’m going to use way beyond this project.

— Sam Yates Meier, Lecturer, Visual Communications

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

KU supports the adoption, adaptation, and creation of OER — free teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain. Developing OERs not only reduces costs for students, but allows faculty and teaching staff the ability to customize and quickly update course content.

SUBJECT AND COURSE GUIDES

KU Libraries can help find free, high-quality online resources, as well as subscription resources available through the libraries’ databases, to incorporate into classes. Librarians can also create custom library guides for a course or discipline, in addition to our general research tutorials online.

COURSE RESERVES

Reserves are available on the Lawrence campus for physical items such as books, journals, and DVDs. Licensing requirements allow for direct links to electronic copies of articles and book chapters on Canvas. For physical items, request pick up from a preferred reserve desk and check out for a specific duration.

RESEARCH HELP

For individualized research help, refer your students to the Ask a Librarian service for one-on-one research assistance. KU Libraries can consult with you and your students by email, instant message, or in person.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to the services listed, KU Libraries also provide:

• Support for electronic thesis and dissertation deposit
  guides.lib.ku.edu/etd
• Assistance and support for graduate students at the Center for Graduate Initiatives and Engagement
• Access to scanning, printing, and copying equipment.
  lib.ku.edu/scanprintcopy
• Online video tutorials to guide navigation of libraries resources and services.
  lib.ku.edu/video-tutorials
EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTIONS
High-quality materials in many formats serve your research needs, including more than 73,000 subscriptions to journals, magazines, and newspapers and 4.4 million volumes.

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RETRIEVING ITEMS
The libraries will deliver requested on-site items directly to your campus mailbox, usually within two business days. Request the items through our online catalog and select “TripSaver.”