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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*

NAVIGATING OPEN ACCESS (OA)

The Shulenburg 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.

kuscholarworks.ku.edu

RESEARCH

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).

COLLECTIONS



KENNETH SPENCER RESEARCH LIBRARY

Spencer Research Library supports faculty as instructors and researchers by providing access to rich collections of original, rare, and unique materials from the university, Kansas, and around the world.

spencer.lib.ku.edu

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Digitized collections give faculty remote access to unique primary sources and include the Kansas Sanborn Maps, the Rossetti Family Collection, and World War II: The African American Experience, to name a select few.

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INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS

KU Libraries' International Collections include more than 2 million volumes, primarily from and about Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Russia, and Central Asia. Expert staff provide in-depth research, instructional, and outreach services in these areas.

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OTHER RESOURCES



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.

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DIGITAL HUMANITIES

The Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities (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.

idrh.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.

guides.lib.ku.edu/gis

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partner with the Libraries to deepen your scholarly impact with partners on and off campus. We support faculty and community engagement by building bridges between local, national, and international partners. Libraries provide resources, instruction, and collaborative spaces to achieve meaningful impact and cultivate communities of belonging through events, exhibits, and service-learning support.

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

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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 synthesize evidence to answer a specific research question. Librarians support the process by guiding search strategies, managing results, documenting methods, and contributing to the final 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

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.

lib.ku.edu/ask

TEACHING



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



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.

guides.lib.ku.edu

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.

lib.ku.edu/instruction

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.

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.

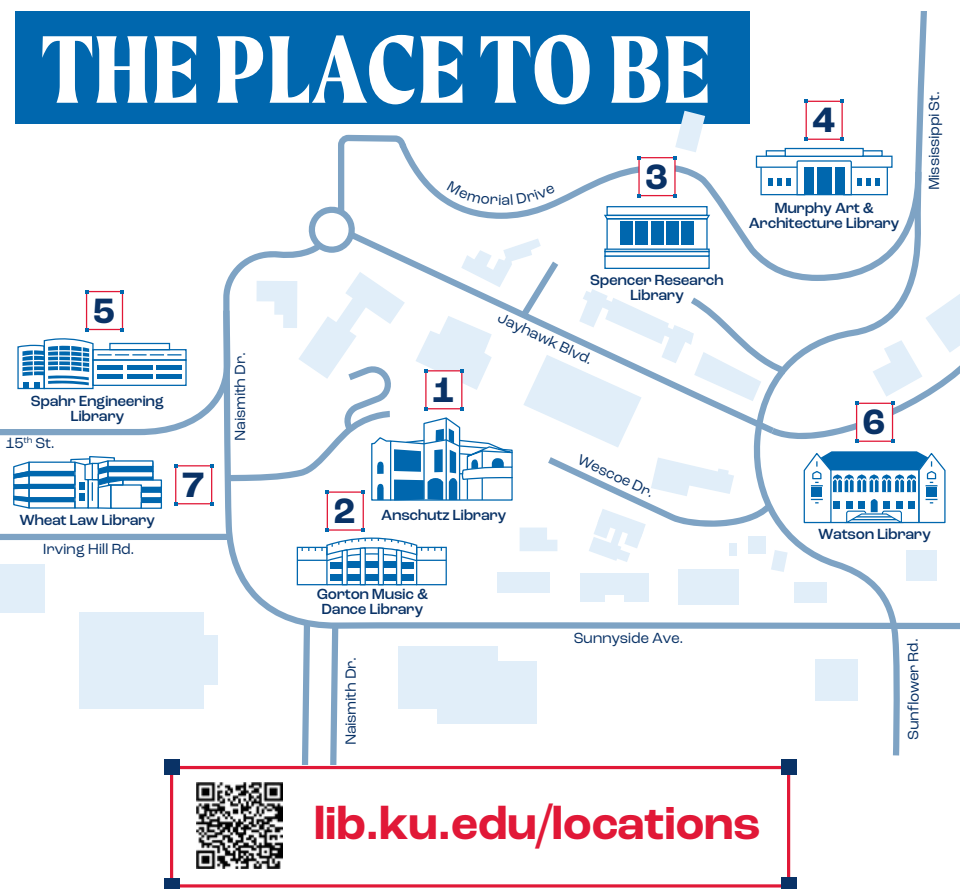
lib.ku.edu/video-tutorials

Sam Yates Meier was working on the complex task of seeing a history and philosophy of design course through a more diverse and inclusive 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.

“Whenever you look at solving that [large course] design challenge through the information literacy tools you can break things down. There’s different ways to engage with students to take a 100-person lecture and make it feel a little more intimate. 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

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EXPERTISE & TOOLS

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RETRIEVING ITEMS

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LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS:

1. ANSCHUTZ LIBRARY*

1301 Hoch Auditoria Drive
Information: 785-864-4928
Research Help: 785-864-4930

2. GORTON MUSIC & DANCE LIBRARY*

Murphy Hall, 1530 Naismith Drive
785-864-3496

3. KENNETH SPENCER RESEARCH LIBRARY

1450 Poplar Lane
785-864-4334

4. MURPHY ART & ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY*

Spencer Museum of Art
1301 Mississippi St.
785-864-3020

5. SPAHR ENGINEERING LIBRARY

1532 W. 15th Street
785-864-3866

6. WATSON LIBRARY*

1425 Jayhawk Boulevard
Information: 785-864-8983
Research Help: 785-864-3347

7. WHEAT LAW LIBRARY

Green Hall, 1535 W. 15th Street
785-864-3025

DYKES LIBRARY (not shown)

Medical Center, Kansas City, KS
913-588-7166
Toll-free: 800-332-4193

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Overland Park, KS
Information about library services and access:
lib.ku.edu/edwards-campus

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