We’re back in person and classes have started! Check out what Arthur Lakes Library has been up to as the academic year kicks off...

Library Awards and Grants

The library has enjoyed a robust quarter of grants and awards! Gyasi Evans, Rebecca Schneider, and Christopher Thiry were collectively awarded the 2021 Mines Raising Awareness (Group) DI&A Award for their work to engage both the campus and broader community in Diversity, Inclusion & Access (DI&A) efforts:

- **Gyasi Evans** partnered with the Golden Anti-Racism Collective to create an ongoing series of Community Conversation events on campus centered on race, ethics, intersectionality and equity.
- **Rebecca Schneider** brought, in collaboration with Juniper Books, a Black Lives Matter art installation and exhibit to the library. Rebecca also won a $3,000 scholarship for her graduate studies in library science for her work with non-traditional students.
- **Christopher Thiry** worked closely with the county archivist, county office records and several local civic groups to identify and map race-based exclusionary real estate practices in Jefferson County.

At the Campus Conference on August 20, 2021, President Paul Johnson announced that the Library and Museum was additionally awarded a 2021 Diversity Progress Report for “Best in Shared Responsibility”.

Rebecca Schneider will lead the implementation of a $6,000 LSTA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant to help the library respond to the pandemic via enhanced digital inclusion and library services. Rebecca plans to apply part of the funds to install new laptop docking stations in the library for student use.

Emily Bongiovanni was awarded a Mines Academic Affairs Innovation Grant to develop a pilot grant program to expand the adoption of Open Access (OA) publishing at Colorado School of Mines.

Finally, the OER Steering committee chaired by Emily Bongiovanni received ten Mines faculty applications for the 2021 round of a CDHE-funded grant program to encourage faculty development of Open Education Resources. The committee has reviewed and notified award recipients.

Congratulations to all grant and award recipients!

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**Scholarly Communications**

The Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries recently signed a “Read and Publish Agreement” with Cambridge University Press. Authors who are affiliated with Mines can publish articles Open Access in many Cambridge University Press journals at no cost to them.

Emily Bongiovanni created a new Accessibility Course for Education (ACE). This course is designed to give Mines educational content developers a targeted introduction to accessibility.

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**Welcome Joe Kraus**

Joe Kraus, our half-time STEM reference librarian who has been working to extend our evening and weekend research services, joined us full time as of
July 12, 2021. As part of this change, Joe assumed primary responsibility for expanding the library’s institutional repository of Mines scholarly output and digital collections. He looks forward to facilitating greater access to research produced by Mines faculty and students.

Get Involved

Upcoming Library Events

Library Open House: Sept 15th 1-4pm

The library is welcoming the Mines community back into the building for a fun afternoon of FOOD, ACTIVITIES, GIVEAWAYS and refreshments!

We want to reconnect with the Mines community, highlight our services and share some cool changes in the building.

Mindful Mondays: Starting Sept 13th 2-3pm

Mindful Mondays will be returning to in-person sessions on September 13 from 2-3pm with a special guest facilitator, SoundOff Colorado!

SoundOff will focus on eliminating external distractions and only the music and instructor’s voice are heard through the headphones.

National Gaming Day: Sept 12th 1-3pm
Sunday September 12th marks National Video Games Day, and what better way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon by gaming in the library.

We will have food, drinks, and fun swag items. Game on our Xbox, Nintendo switch and physical games!

Come hangout and enjoy a Sunday afternoon full of gaming at the Arthur Lakes Library.

Reference

Want to talk to a librarian? This fall we will have in-person services in the morning & evening and virtual reference services in the afternoon.

What's New?
Busy Bags for children in the library
Transform any of our study rooms or library spaces into a family friendly space with our busy bags! The busy bags contain a collection of activity books, a large puzzle and a small collection of children’s books for various age groups.

Lego: We know how much our Mines students love their Legos!
We can cite all the educational benefits of playing with Legos, but let’s be honest, we just love Lego bricks! Take a brain break and check out one of Lego brick kits at the front desk or look for our special build kits that will show up on our puzzle table throughout the semester.

Came for the mountains, stayed for the library:
Meet Orc, the mannequin in the Entrance Lobby helping us advertise the Outdoor Recreation Center and the library’s collection of books and outdoor gear.
Experience the Colorado wilderness at a discount by reserving a state park pass to get into any Colorado State Park for free and rent camping gear at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Our popular Gadgets to Go collection is officially circulating again, with many new additions for students to discover!
Students, staff, and faculty can check out over 200 gadgets and tech from the library for free. New items include Bose noise-canceling headphones, a carbon fiber travel-sized ukulele and guitar, cornhole, cameras, and much more! Check out the entire collection and reserve your Gadget2Go today.

New Scanner in the library
Thanks to a tech fee proposal, the library has a brand-new flatbed and sheet feed scanner. The new scanner features include: automatic doc feeder, send scans to Google drive/Dropbox/email/flashdrive, convert scanned documents to audio files, and a translation tool.
Course Readings

As part of the library’s initiatives (in line with Governor Polis) to reduce course material costs for students we implemented Course Readings. This service facilitates the integration of library resources within the curriculum. At the time of this release, 102 faculty at Mines are using Course Readings in 140 sections over 107 distinctive courses, reaching 5,566 students with course-assigned library materials.

Donate to the Arthur Lakes Library

Your donation helps by providing opportunities for students. Current projects include:

- Updating Boettcher room chairs
- Adding soft seating to the 3rd floor quiet study area

Projects funded since the last eNewsletter:

- Adding single study private areas on the main floor
- Additional scanning station that is ADA compliant
- Updating soft seating for students in Room with a View