Visit from International Accessibility Expert

At a library conference held at Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan in June 2019, library faculty attended a presentation by Mehmet Üneş, an expert on innovative accessibility technologies for the visually impaired from Kastamonu University in Turkey. Inspired by Üneş talk, we extended an invitation for him to visit Mines to consult with us on accessibility best practices.

During Üneş intensive week-long visit to Arthur Lakes Library in October 2019, he led multiple campus activities, including presentations and consultations for the library and museum, a campus lecture, and meetings with campus units engaged in accessibility
As a result of his visit, we identified three significant opportunities to advance library and museum accessibility:

1. Installation of an innovative indoor navigation system for the blind in the library and the museum
2. Creation of a dedicated space in the library for assistive technologies
3. Improving the accessibility of the library’s digital presence

The library and museum are currently pursuing funding opportunities to bring the above proposals to fruition, with Mr. Üneş as a project consultant. We are grateful to him for all we learned from his visit and look forward to our future collaboration.

Get Involved

#idigmines

#idigmines is a campus wide event. There will be three activities starting with hot chocolate and coffee at the Arthur Lakes Library Patio from 7:30-9:30am. Be an OreGiver to support improving the Boettcher Room and to provide another Carpentries Workshop for students! Mark your calendar so you don’t miss out on this event! There are a lot of bonuses you can help us win! Thank you for your support!
Book and Brew

The Book and Brew has been keeping campus caffeinated for over fifteen years. It was started as a student initiative and is run by students. Book and Brew was voted best coffee shop on campus! We have more options than any other coffee shop in town. Stop by today to try something new and different and meet our amazing baristas.

Upcoming Spring Events

Jan 27-Feb 7 McBride Cloud Exhibit
Mindful Monday every Monday
Modern Researcher twice weekly until March 19
Concerts happen twice a month
Jan 30 Movie Night
Feb 6 #idigmines
Feb 11 Town and Gown
Feb 19 Therapy Dogs
March 2-6 Open Education Week
April 19-25 National Library Week
April 27-30 Review Week

Student Worker Highlight

Sam Sherbeck, B.S. Chemical Engineering 2020
Q: What attracted you to working at the Arthur Lakes Library and attending Colorado School of Mines?
A: I was initially interested in Mines because of the school’s reputation. I finally decided to attend Mines because I fell in love with the campus and Colorado. I was instantly attracted to working at Arthur Lakes Library because of my love of books. The staff is so great that I decided to stay and work all four years of my college career!

Q: What are your favorite memories or takeaways from working at the Library?
A: As a student, the library has always been there to supply the resources that I needed for my courses such as textbooks, study rooms, and the document scanner. On top of everything else the library provides great ways for students to destress such as current popular fiction, self-care course, and travelling books. Overall, the library really cares about the students. As a work study employee, I have learned a lot about customer service and the internal workings of libraries. I have never felt more appreciated at a job than I have while working at Arthur Lakes Library. The staff are so kind and supportive!

Q: Outside interests/travels/hobbies and fun facts about you.
A: I enjoy many creative outlets such as drawing, painting, sewing, bullet journaling, and baking. I also like to stay active during the semester through hikes and walks with my dog. When I have the time I also enjoy volunteering at the Foothills Animal Shelter. Lastly, I am the Vice President of the sustainability group on campus, EarthWorks. Through EarthWorks I learned how to garden and take care of houseplants.

Q: Any Fun Facts?
A: I played trombone for seven years before I came to Mines. I placed 2nd in the Robotics competition at the Nebraska State SkillsUSA conference. When I was young, I dreamed of being a veterinarian because of my love of animals.
Welcome Emily Bongiovanni

Emily Bongiovanni is the Scholarly Communications Librarian at Mines, where she supports faculty and students throughout the research lifecycle and promotes Open Science. She went to Denison University for her undergraduate degree and earned her Masters of Library and Information Science at the University of Denver.

She spends her free time hiking, skiing, playing tennis, golfing, and exploring new breweries. You can also find Emily at the Mines Rec Center teaching workout classes.

Visiting Chinese Scholars Depart

We welcomed our visiting scholars from China in August and we bid them adieu in late November. Our three months together went by quickly. We expect to receive more visiting scholars in Fall 2020.
Kazakhstan Display

See the International Corner in the Conger Room along with our High Grade Exhibit, Every OreDigger Exhibit and the Photography Club Exhibit. Exhibits are changed on a regular basis so don't miss out! Contact Sherry Muniz if you want to assist with a display in the library.

Did You Know?

Donation Policy

The library welcomes gift-in-kind donations that extend and complement our existing collections. If you have materials that you are interested in offering to us, please refer to our Library Material Donations Policy. We are happy to evaluate your collection for acceptance with a detailed description of your gift-in-kind.
Paid Memberships
Take home Arthur Lakes Library with our annual membership program. Get access to over 1,000,000 items including maps, academic journals, and aerial photography!

Open to the Public
Arthur Lakes Library is open to the public! We invite you to come and visit the library, view materials, see the displays and continue your own research while you enjoy a cup of coffee from the Book and Brew.

Press for Arthur Lakes Library

Mitch Cutts playing at a Library Concert Fall 2019
CMA Reception
On December 13, 2019 Arthur Lakes Library hosted a reception for Colorado Mining Association. This reception was in honor of a recent donation. Read the Mines Newsroom article here.

Book and Brew Voted #1
The Book and Brew was voted the #1 coffee shop on campus. Read the article by Oredigger staff Mckenna Larson.

Mines Magazine for Alumni
A Never-Ending Story: The Mines History Archive Makes the School's Story Come Alive was written by Ashley Spurgeon detailing the Homecoming "Antiques Roadshow" Event in Fall 2019 for the Alumni Magazine.
Donate to the Arthur Lakes Library
Your donation helps by providing opportunities for students. Current projects include:

- Adding outlets to the mezzanines so students can plug in computers, phones, and other electronic devices.
- Adding privacy screening to windows so that students are not distracted by staff movement.
- Adding an interfaith prayer and meditation room to the library for students to use.