Dear Students, Faculty and Staff –

We are just a couple of weeks away from wrapping up another academic year! This will be our last newsletter for this academic year. Over the year we hope you have enjoyed reading about your library’s resources, services and activities.

As you prepare to put the finishing touches on your paper or senior project or cram for a final, our staff is here to assist you and hopefully ease some of your stress! Starting at noon this Sunday Wilson Library will be open 24 hours for two weeks thanks to the hard work and unfailing dedication of Wilson Library staff: Matt Durian, Sabrina Mora, David Ovcharenko and Ben Mulchin.

The Library Staff wishes to congratulate the Class of 2016! We wish you the very best! Please remember that as “Leos for Life”, you will continue to have access to a suite of services from the Library. For more information, go to http://laverne.libguides.com/alumni

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Rapid ILL

With Rapid ILL, we are able to send and receive requested articles with a turnaround time within 24 hours. Since we started Rapid ILL we have received 854 requests from students, faculty and staff and we were able to successfully fill 96% of those requests. We are also lending our materials to libraries globally. We have loaned out 93% of the 422 requests that we received.

Rapid ILL with

Turnaround Time

Before Rapid ILL: 5 days to receive article

With Rapid ILL: 17.5 hours

Mini Maker Fair and Shark Tank Contest

Our Inaugural Mini Maker Fair was a great success. Students, faculty, staff, and local community members came together to showcase items that they created or are in the process of creating. Various projects ranged from crafts to robotics to biology experiments. Visit laverne.libguides.com/mini-maker-fair, to see photos and a list of all the exhibits.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in a Shark Tank style contest, where students had to present their creation(s) in front of a panel of judges. Everyone who participated did a great job on their presentations.

Book Day

Book day was a great opportunity for the La Verne Community to see what our faculty members are publishing. Faculty members were able to discuss the topics of their books and participate in a panel discussion. An acquisitions manager from Sage Publishing was also able to provide some insight for those looking for advice in terms of how to get started and how to get a book published. Check out laverne.libguides.com/bookday for photos of the event and a list of all our published authors.

Library Digital Display

Ryan Cahoy, Rise Vision President, from the software program that is used to develop the digital signage in the library wrote an article that highlighted students from the University of La Verne. Cahoy also serves on the National Board for Digital Signage. Visit http://blog.risevision.com/the-university-of-laverne-creates-a-digital-signage-class/, to read the article.

Upcoming Events: Starting May 15th we will be open 24/7 for finals

Destress Fest (May 16th – May 27th)
- Therapy Dogs (Wilson Library)
- Craft Table (Wilson Library)
Librarian’s Column

This edition of the Librarian’s Column is edited by:

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(Karen studied literature, media, and cultural studies. Her reading diet is a mix of books, articles, and websites - anything that feeds her interests in film, TV, art, politics, and basketball.)

All kinds of great electronic media are available via our website, but I am still struck by how important the physical library is to our users. At certain times of the semester, I see students utilizing every square inch of individual and group study space.

I am currently reading The Story of a New Name, the second book in Elena Ferrante’s series about how social and political forces shape a lovely, messy friendship. I’m also cooking with Tamar Adler’s An Everlasting Meal and flipping open to different pages of AxMe, a book filled with smart and beautiful images by the painter Ellen Gallagher.

Fun Facts

Top requested Popular Books:
- Matched
- The Timekeeper
- Ready Player One
- Eleanor & Park
- Mr. Penumbra’s 24-hour Bookstore

Librarian Publications & Presentations


Library Display Case

The Wilson Library will start highlighting various materials on a monthly basis. We began in April and highlighted various poets for National Poetry Month.

If your department or organization is interested in using the space to highlight a school event please contact Sabrina Mora at smora@laverne.edu.

Trivia Question Book

We are starting to compile a Trivia Book for the university’s 125th anniversary. We are asking the community to submit questions along with the answers in regards to the university, e.g., “Where did the Old Gym use to reside?” Trivia questions and answers can be submitted electronically at laverne.libguides.com/archives under the tab labeled ULV Trivia Question Book. Please direct questions to archives@laverne.edu

Archives and Special Collections

University Archives and Special Collections is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Powell Greenland Collection of rare books on the history of California. This collection, generously donated by the Historical Society of Southern California, contains hundreds of books detailing the history of the Golden State from its first Native American inhabitants through the twentieth century.

Many students have completed a variety of cataloging projects, such as alumna Margo Cash, who made a digital finding aid to the massive Photograph Collection. Andrew Rodriguez organized the large collection of rare books, which were published as early as the eighteenth century, before the American Revolution! Finally, Catalina Lopez designed a sign that will hang in the archives, inviting students to discover the wonderful materials within.

Also, we are excited to share the beginnings of our VHS digitization project. Of particular interest is the video archive of former communications professor Bill Neill, who videotaped a wide variety of events at ULV from 1985 to 2013. They include lectures, football games, and commencement exercises. We digitize new tapes every week, so stop by to enjoy unique moments from ULV history.

To view these videos, check out our Youtube Channel: ulvwilsonlibrary, under Archives and Special Collections.
What’s Going On?

Want to promote your event? Make use of it on the library’s digital display! With over a 1,000 visits a day, your event will get the attention it deserves. Email Amy Jiang today at, ajiang@laverne.edu.

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