

## Greetings from the University Librarian



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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff –

Hope your Fall Semester has gotten off to a great start! As the pace picks up, please keep in the mind the Library has a variety of resources, services and spaces to support your educational and research endeavors. And a helpful and dedicated team to provide guidance and answers! Ask Us!

We had a busy summer designing and hosting our first ever conference on makerspaces and its role in learning. Makerspaces for Innovation and Research in Academics (MIRA) attracted presenters and attendees from around the country and the world.

We also launched a new website, a redesigned LeoPac (online catalog) and research and informational guides ([laverne.libguides.com](http://laverne.libguides.com)), and reconfigured some of our resource offerings.

The Library always offers a selection of workshops and events throughout the academic year, go to <https://library.laverne.edu/upcoming-events/>

Have a wonderful rest of the semester!

*This newsletter is dedicated to University Librarian Emeritus, Dr. Marlin Heckman, for his service to the University and Wilson Library. Dr. Heckman served as the University Librarian from 1972-2003.*

## MIRA: Makerspaces for Innovation and Research in Academics

The Wilson Library hosted its first MIRA conference this past July. MIRA provided a platform for librarians and educators to come together and share their makerspace experiences. They were able to network and learn different aspects of makerspaces from how to set up a makerspace to the challenges of running a makerspace.

- 26 sessions were offered at the conference ([mira18.sched.com](http://mira18.sched.com))
- Presenters were from California, around the country and the world (one presenter was from Australia)
- 130 people (librarians, faculty, IT, K-12, etc.) attended the conference
- Attendees were mostly from California (north to south) but also from around the country and Canada

### Post-conference survey results were extremely positive (response rate: 44%)

- 96% rated the program schedule excellent/good
- 100% rated the quality of sessions excellent/good
- 97% rated the relevancy of the sessions excellent/good
- 96% thought the variety of sessions were excellent/good
- 98% said they learned something they will be able to apply in their work
- 100% noted that they enhanced their knowledge in areas relevant to their professional interest and goals
- 94% said they were inspired to explore a particular topic further
- 92% said they made one or more professional connections

## Transitioning from RefWorks to Zotero

Wilson Library's subscription to RefWorks will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will **NOT** be renewed. For instructions on how to export your stored citations from RefWorks visit, <https://laverne.libguides.com/RWTransition>

Drop-in sessions for one-one help are being offered on the following dates for Fall Semester:

- Tuesday, October 2: 5p-6pm
- Wednesday, October 17: 12p-1pm

If you're not able to make it to one of our drop-in sessions, feel free to make an appointment with one of our librarians,

<https://library.laverne.edu/research-help/subject-librarian/>

### Ask Us

Call Us: 909.448.4301  
Text Us: 909.638.1882  
Chat with us  
Tweet with us  
Friend us on Facebook  
Hours

## Staff Column

This edition of the Staff Column is edited by:



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*(Ben has a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of La Verne. He started working at the Wilson Library as a student worker in 2004 and was hired as a supervisor in the Circulation department in 2005.)*

Ben is an avid reader, especially of the science fiction and fantasy genres. Some of his favorite works are Isaac Asimov's *Caves of Steel* and Jim Butcher's *Dresden Files* series.

He also enjoys other works of fiction, such as Rafael Sabatini's *Captain Blood* or *The Moon is Down* by John Steinbeck.

Currently, Ben is reading *The Good Soldier Švejk* by Jaroslav Hašek, a comedic anti-war novel about the misadventures of a Czech soldier in the Austro-Hungarian army in World War I.

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## New Website

We have updated our website, online catalog, and our guides to:

- match the university's website theme
- improve user experience and navigation
- update interfaces

Please take a look at our website, [library.laverne.edu](http://library.laverne.edu) to update any bookmarks. Feel free to [contact us](#) if you need any assistance.

## Upcoming Events

The library will be having various academic and creative workshops, Game Night, and other events this semester.

<b>DigiMaking Using 3D Printing</b>	Sept 26 12pm – 1p	Library Room 172
<b>Game Night</b>	Sept. 26 6p-10p	Library Room 172
<b>Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month with Button Making &amp; Pan Dulce</b>	Oct 1 12p-1p	Library Lobby
<b>Creating an Effective Search Strategy</b>	Oct 3 12pm – 1p	Library Room 160
<b>DigiMaking Using 3D Printing</b>	Oct 3 12p – 1p	Library Room 172
<b>Finding &amp; Evaluating Articles</b>	Oct 10 5:30p-6:30p	Library Room 160
<b>Archives and Special Collections Open House</b>	Oct 10 9a-12p	Library 4 <sup>th</sup> Level
<b>Citing in ASA Style</b>	Oct 16 5:30p-6:30p	Library Room 160
<b>Suit Up for Halloween: Costume Making</b>	Oct 22 12p – 1p	Library Room 172
<b>Halloween Zine</b>	Oct. 29 12p-1p	Library Lobby
<b>Dia De Los Muertos: Painting 3D Printed Skulls</b>	Oct 31 12p-1p	Library Lobby

Check out the [Library Events calendar](#) for the rest of our upcoming events and/or to register for our workshops.

## 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 the Makerspace today at, [makerspace@laverne.edu](mailto:makerspace@laverne.edu).

### New Databases

As we begin the new school year, we have added a few more databases to our collection and unfortunately had to cancel some as well.

#### New Resources:

##### [ACLS Humanities E-Book](#)

ACLS Humanities E-Book is an online collection of over 5,000 books of high quality in the humanities. These titles are offered by the American Council of Learned Societies in collaboration with thirty-one learned societies, over 100 contributing publishers, and the Michigan Publishing division at the University of Michigan Library.

##### [MLA International Bibliography with Full Text](#)

Combines the definitive index for the study of language, literature, linguistics, rhetoric and composition, folklore, and film with full text for more than 1,000 journals, including many of the leading publications in these fields.

##### [Social Explorer](#)

Provides quick and easy access to current and historical census data and demographic information. It lets users create maps and reports to illustrate, analyze, and understand demography and social change.

#### Cancelled:

- BioOne Complete
- Gallup Analytics
- Hoover's Online
- ProQuest Statistical Insights
- Small Business Resource Center

### MIRA



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