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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Fall 2020 Newsletter



Closure and Reopening due to COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, the University of South Dakota shut down face-to-face classes. Although the library closed its doors, we endeavored to provide online services for our patrons.

The library reopened August 3. This is the library reopening plan libguides.usd.edu/reopening-plan under which the library is currently operating.

The University Libraries and Undergraduate Research



With Dean Daniel Daily

Of the many strengths that I appreciate about the University of South Dakota, the opportunities for undergraduate research certainly stands out to me. USD's focus on undergraduate research fosters opportunities for meaningful, high-impact learning experiences for students.

The University Libraries supports and advances undergraduate research through its services and programs. Our faculty guide and support the research process as it relates to discovering books, articles

and archival materials; serve on Honors theses committees; and connect students to resources that are beyond USD. Moreover, the University Libraries ensures the preservation of undergraduate research findings and creative works—honors theses, IdeaFest projects, and more. Increasingly so, USD undergraduates are sharing their work with the scholarly community and public through [RED](#).

On a final note, the University Libraries, on an annual basis, financially supports one to two UDiscover scholars whose research substantially draws upon the resources of Archives and Special Collections and the South Dakota Oral History Center. For more information contact library@usd.edu.

Increasing Access to Digital Collections for Teaching, Learning and Research

While COVID-19 has presented budget challenges, the University Libraries continues to develop access to digital collections that advance the work of students and faculty. Through gifts and the stewardship of current resources, this fall the University Libraries has added three new digital collections—Digital Theatre Plus, Books at JSTOR, and New Play Exchange. See the following pages for more information about these databases in addition to resources that the University Libraries added during the spring of 2020.

New Databases



[Books at JSTOR](#)

Includes scholarly ebooks on the JSTOR platform. This resource offers more than 35,000 titles from leading publishers such as Princeton University Press, Yale University Press, MIT Press, and Harvard University Press. The ebooks are easy to use and offer the following benefits:

- Unlimited, DRM-free access
- Integration with journals
- Easy to use in links
- Content available 24/7
- Book and chapter citations

[How to use Books at JSTOR](#)



[Digital Theatre+](#)

Provides online access to streaming video of current theatre productions including behind-the-scenes documentaries as well as teaching and learning resources to facilitate understanding of the productions and texts for English Literature and Performing Arts.

[NewPlay Exchange](#)

New Play Exchange (NPX) is a script discovery database. Search, read and download scripts, view writer profiles, contact writers, and read script recommendations from professionals throughout the field.



[US Newsstream](#)

Provided by the State Library.

Same-day publication access to over 250 news titles, including the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Minneapolis Star Tribune with archives back to circa. 1984 for the NYTIMES, LA TIMES, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, Boston Globe, and the Des Moines Register.



New Databases



Academic Video Online

Academic Video Online (AVON) is the most comprehensive video subscription available to libraries. It delivers more than 68,000 titles spanning the widest range of subject areas including anthropology, business, counseling, film, health, history, music, and more.



American Underworld: The Flash Press

From crime and scandal to brothels and blackmail, the Flash Press covered the seamier aspects of urban life in the mid-19th century. Though stopping well short of pornography the editors played a delicate game with the authorities, often moralizing against the very topics they covered, which included prostitution, gambling, urban gangs, illicit sporting activities, and sensational crimes. To many of their readers, the Flash Press also conveyed an implicit threat of blackmail, which often led to very ephemeral print runs.

Elgaronline

Provided by the USD Law School.

Elgaronline includes scholarly research monographs, Research Handbooks, companions, dictionaries, encyclopedia and journals.

Works include scholarly research monographs in major subject areas of Law, Business, Economics and the Social Sciences.



New Digital Collections

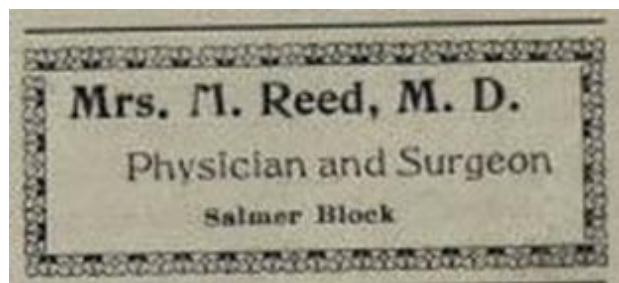


“Veritas” Available in the Digital Library of South Dakota

“Veritas” was a college newspaper created to jointly feature the University of South Dakota and the city of Vermillion. “Veritas” was published by T. H. Ayres of the “Vermillion Plain Talk,” and only six issues were published.

Volante Volume XX 1906-1907 was added to the Digital Library***Volante Finds***

One little ad in the Volante sparks so many questions. A woman doctor in Vermillion in 1901? Who was she and where did she come from? Where did she go to medical school? What happened to her after she left Vermillion? Read about our findings in our [Archives and Special Collections blog](#).



[The Volante, Volume XV, Number 1, October 2, 1901.](#)

South Dakota Oral History Project (SDOHP) Cataloging

This summer, the library resumed cataloging of South Dakota Oral History Project (SDOHP) recordings in the Digital Library. Over sixty recordings have been cataloged and cover topics such as the 1972 Rapid City flood, 1930's Great Depression, Women's Suffrage and World War II.



Interlibrary Loan in a Global Pandemic



With David Alexander

Pandemics are stressful, who knew? The stress is felt by all the individuals that are suddenly forced to adapt to changing conditions. The stress is also felt by entire systems when business as usual is suddenly no longer possible. This was the case this spring and summer for the entire interlibrary loan system and the services provided by the University Libraries.

Keep in mind that no library has a collection so complete that it holds every resource. Given very real budgetary limitations, libraries try to build a good collection of resources they anticipate will be of value to their users and supplement their own

collections through interlibrary loan. The interlibrary loan system provides a convenient way to use the materials from other libraries.

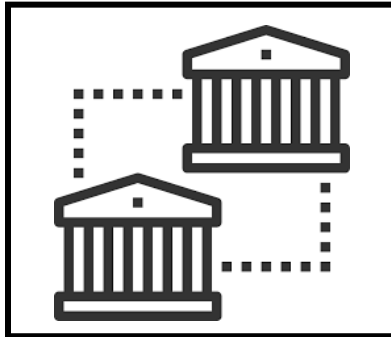
Interlibrary loan is possible because libraries have chosen not to restrict use of their collections to their own user community. As a partner in the interlibrary loan system the University Libraries maintains roughly two hundred reciprocal relationships with libraries around the country that allows us to borrow materials without a charge. We are part of the Minitex network of libraries in Minnesota and the Dakotas that have a special relationship for resource sharing that includes a courier system for delivery of interlibrary loan materials in the region. We also participate in the RapidILL resource sharing system that facilitates very fast and efficient delivery of articles.

As the Covid-19 pandemic impacted libraries around the country many libraries closed out right. Many other

libraries had to close their buildings, some completely and some were only closed to the public. At USD Spring Break was extended an extra week and then campus went into a period of remote learning. Campus was closed in the interest of health and safety, including the library building, but the University Libraries remained open for business. Interlibrary loans were deemed an essential service with the continuation of classes and staff members worked on site during normal business hours throughout the remote work period.

However, it was not business as usual for interlibrary loan services. Closed libraries do not lend their materials and libraries without staff in the building cannot lend materials from their physical collections and cannot receive materials delivered physically. That meant there were fewer libraries from normal that were in a position to supply us with materials requested by our patrons. Physical materials like books proved to be next to impossible to obtain when the library and campus closures further impacted the

delivery system. Most significantly, the Minitex courier that handles the larger portion of items we send and receive shut down completely. Given the difficulty we temporarily stopped taking requests for physical materials.



We were able to continue receiving and lending electronic copies of articles. With the sudden switch to remote learning the number of requests to borrow materials on behalf of the USD community dramatically decreased. Between April 1st and the end of July this year 994 borrowing requests were processed for articles compared to 1557 during the same period in 2019. At the same time, the number of articles we sent out to other libraries saw an increase of just over 25 percent from 1450 articles in 2019 to 1836 articles in 2020.

In the interest of being a good partner in the interlibrary loan system we were one of 174 RapidILL member libraries that responded to a call to lend materials to a temporary group of over 300 non-member academic libraries located in over 30 countries. Collectively over

20,000 requests were filled in the first three months of the temporary service. One more change to the work of the interlibrary loan was put in place. Working with the Circulation Desk, delivery of items from our collection was expanded from distance students to the entire USD community in order to provide continued access to the physical materials in our collections.

Heading into the fall Semester, we will continue to strive to provide the best interlibrary loan service we can to both the USD community and our partner libraries in the interlibrary loan system. We hope that everyone will be understanding as the situation continues to place some (thankfully less) limitations on our ability to receive and lend materials.





RED Quick Bytes

Most Popular Paper

Since January 31, this Honors Thesis received 516 downloads and 197 abstract views:

[Haack, Austin, "100 Years Later: An Analysis into Factors That Affected Mortality During the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic" \(2019\). Honors Thesis. 49.](#)

First Open Access Journal

"[Aesculapius](#)", our first peer reviewed, open access journal published its first article:

[Fanta JW, Fanta SE. Pseudo-methemoglobinemia Induced by Phenazopyridine. A Diagnostic Challenge. Aesculapius. 2020 Sep 01; 1\(1\): Article 1.](#)

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Readership Distribution



Item views from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.

There are currently 727 total works in the repository. University of South Dakota scholarship was read by 120 institutions across 82 countries.