



12-2018

Library Leads, December 2018, Issue 5

University of the Pacific Libraries

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/library-leads>

Recommended Citation

University of the Pacific Libraries, "Library Leads, December 2018, Issue 5" (2018). *Library Leads*. 8.
<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/library-leads/8>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Libraries at Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Library Leads by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Library Leads

December 2018, Issue 5

Scholarly Communication Talks

By Michele Gibney and Michael Ladisch



Back in the summer of 2017, we got together to discuss offering Scholarly Communication Talks to the faculty and graduate students of Pacific on topics ranging from open access publishing to demystifying citation metrics. Scholarly Communications is an exciting field that encompasses the complete research lifecycle from identifying a research problem to producing a research work and finally to further dissemination and evaluation of that work.

The tools and services in Scholarly Communications are constantly changing and updating which makes it hard to keep up with new options that might make the research lifecycle easier. By discussing these tools and services with the Pacific populace, we hope to help and support them with their individual research processes.

Michael had previously engaged in Scholarly Communication lectures at University College Dublin, presenting on a similar range of topics as we offer here at Pacific. Michele also participated in a workshop lecture series at Nova Southeastern University where she talked about the institutional repository, as she does here, in addition to lectures on [publisher contracts and copyright](#) and [big data management plans for grant-funded research](#).

The first Scholarly Communications Talk at Pacific was held on September 20, 2017 and since then we have offered a total of 39 presentations with one left to go this Fall. In the first year (AY17-18), each Talk was offered three times and we attempted to go where the researchers

Talks to twice each and are holding all of them in the DUC in order to also provide a free River Room lunch to attendees. Interestingly, the free lunch does not appear to be the primary draw as most faculty are surprised when we tell them about it at the beginning of the hour.

Attendance has not been all we hoped, but we are reaching some interested and motivated faculty and the Talks have led to invitations to present at well-attended departmental meetings and seminars as well. While attendance at the Talks leaves room for improvement, we recognize that adding one more thing to the faculty workload is a hard sell given the constraints on their time already.

As the semester winds to a close, we are already contemplating the Talks of Spring 2018. As we've done every semester, we will strive to find additional avenues of promotion to raise awareness amongst our faculty and graduate students. We're also discussing single offering Talks, in collaboration with the Graduate School and the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs in order to target the graduate students a little more fully in our Library outreach and support. We also plan to offer one new talk on journal contracts and understanding author copyright directed at faculty. Stay tuned - and keep in mind that all Library staff are invited to the Talks and a free River Room lunch too!

More information on each talk and links to register:

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/plw/>

Pacific Finals De-Stress Zone in the Library

By Thy Son and Michele Gibney

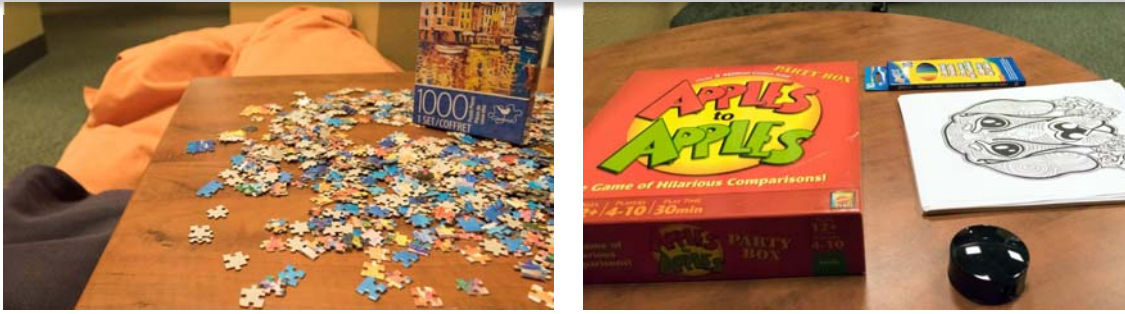


As finals are approaching, seats at the library are filled with anxious students dedicating themselves to studying for their last academic obstacle of the semester. The Cross Functional Team recognize that this is a very stressful time for students and are taking steps to make sure that we support and encourage students to take time to rejuvenate.

Searching the internet for tips on how to de-stress during finals week at university leads to some solid advice.

1. Try meditating
2. Exercise can help you decompress
3. Take a relaxing bath
4. Get a full night's sleep
5. Eat snacks!

The invaluable tips for students will allow them to shift their focus from deadlines, papers and cumulative exams to a more inviting leisure activity. However, we can't let students take baths in the Library and a mile run might be difficult but we are going to be offering some de-stress activities in the space behind the Ask Us desk for the next two weeks. We want to create a de-stress zone to provide students the opportunity to take a break from their studies to relax and reenergize. Students can unplug with coloring pages, board games, candy, comfortable chairs, meditative music, and complimentary coffee and snacks during the actual days of finals.

[Subscribe](#)
[Past Issues](#)
[Translate ▼](#)


Advertising on social media and signage in the Library are set up to direct students to the right location but please mention it to any stressed looking students you come across. And if *you* are feeling stressed - make sure to go in there to color and grab a piece of candy. Channel your inner artist with crayola and creativity while boosting your energy. You'll be feeling better in no time!

De-STRESS

ZONE

LIBRARY LOUNGE (BEHIND THE ASK US DESK)
 OPEN DURING LIBRARY OPENING HOURS UNTIL DEC. 14TH

COLORING • BEAN BAGS • ZEN GARDEN

MEDITATIVE MUSIC • SWEET TREATS • BOARD GAMES • & MORE

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC
University Libraries

IF YOU NEED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT,
 YOU ARE ASKED TO CONTACT JOSH SALYERS AT JSALYERS@PACIFIC.EDU OR
 209.946.2945 AT LEAST 3 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

We hope to repeat the effort at the end of every semester so that students can have a space within the library to unwind and alleviate their stress. It's our attempt to reach out and remind students to take care of themselves in the midst of preparing for and taking final exams.



Conference Notes from the Field

by Michele Gibney, Cherilyn Moe, Lillian Hom-Imada, Niraj Chaudhary and Josh Salyers

Many of the Library staff and faculty attend conferences around the country (and the world) but, in general, we aren't all attending the same ones. In an effort to share back what we learn with our colleagues we will be including a periodic 'Conference Notes' column to which anyone can contribute, just email libraryleads@pacific.edu after a conference!

In October, Michele attended the [#OpenEd18](#) conference in Niagara Falls - in its 15th year, this conference is wholly devoted to Open Educational Resources (OER) ([see Library Leads Issue 3 for more about Pacific's involvement with OER](#)). Michele co-presented with colleagues from Roger Williams University (Rhode Island) and Valparaiso University (Indiana) on the unique challenges faced by small-to-medium private universities - which are very different from those encountered by community colleges, public higher ed and heavy research institutions.

The conference lasted from October 10-12 with over 350 presentations. Some highlights that are applicable to Pacific's OER pilot were:

1. A presentation on how to get OER recognized as part of the Promotion & Tenure process (drives faculty interest and engagement with participating in an OER effort on campus)
2. Creating and sustaining a Student Government Association Open Education Award (again, drives faculty interest because they can include these kinds of awards in P&T)
3. A tested rubric for approving and determining funding amounts on OER applications based on quantitative and qualitative submission data



Taken from the Rainbow Bridge between the US and Canada, temperature in the very low 40s.

On October 26th, Cherilyn and Lillian attended the [NorCal IUG 2018](#) (Northern California Innovative User Group) Conference at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. The one day conference began with an update directly from [Innovative](#) of new developments over the past year and what is expected for 2019, along with coffee and refreshments. There were three short presentations on the topics of subscription renewals, Link+, and statistics from various NorCal IUG Libraries.

During the extended lunch, there were optional tours of the Library and Archives or the Museum. During the library tour, the librarian giving the tour said they are expecting to have a completely new Library & Learning Commons building as well.

The afternoon, had different breakout sessions. Lillian attended sessions on Acquisitions & Serials and Cataloging & Authorities, while Cherilyn participated in the Systems & API and then Circulation/Resource Sharing sessions. It was nice to be able to be meet with other Sierra users to share about issues and experiences. Some conversations led to resolutions of problems, while others brought about collaboration for the future or problems to investigate further. Harriet from the Sacramento Campus Library also attended.

On October 26-29, Joshua Salyers, Keely Canniff, and Alicia Stephans (students from the DDP Summer Fellowship) attended the Digital Heritage 2018 Conference in San Francisco and presented their peer-reviewed paper "Recreating Little Manila through a Virtual Reality Serious Game." DH is broad conference that focuses on the use of digital tools for conserving and sharing heritage in museums, libraries, and archives. Projects of interest to our team included: Malaysian oral histories told through an augmented reality comic book, an AR application that allowed users to step inside historical photos (in this case, the WWII photo, "V-J Day") and experience the context in which they were taken, and a presentation from the head of the Internet Archive on working with Wikipedia footnote links to rescue footnote citations from link rot.

Also in October, both Michele and Niraj attended the [University for Business and Technology \(UBT\) International Conference](#) in Pristina, Kosovo and presented on a project from Pacific to integrate VR in the classroom ([see more about the presentation](#)

Part of the conference also included a gala dinner with traditional dancing and a post-conference country tour to a few of the major cities and sights including the [Trepča Mines](#) museum, the [Adem Jashari Memorial](#), and Prizren (cultural capital of Kosovo).



Traditional Dancing



Prizren

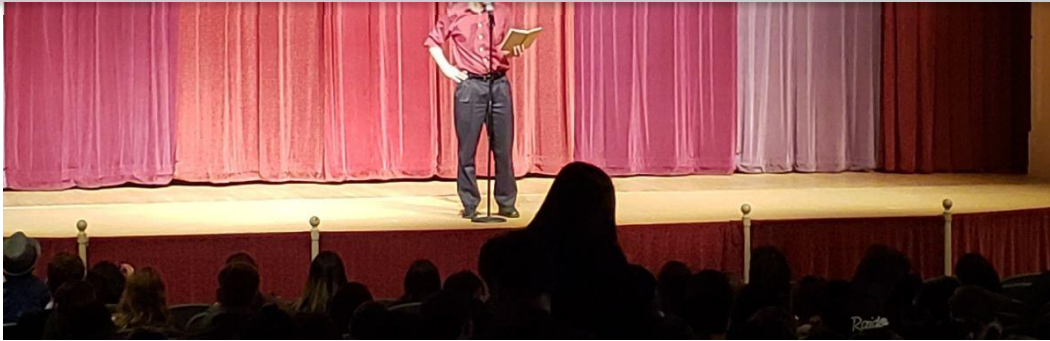
Overall, the UBT International Conference was incredibly interesting and robustly attended by faculty and students from Kosovo as well as international guests. It was a great experience to discuss commonalities and differences in education across borders and continents and a truly wonderful travel opportunity to see more of the country outside the conference location.

That's it for our conference highlights from October! If any other Library staff would like to share back on what they learn and experience at future conferences, feel free to drop a line to libraryleads@pacific.edu.

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼



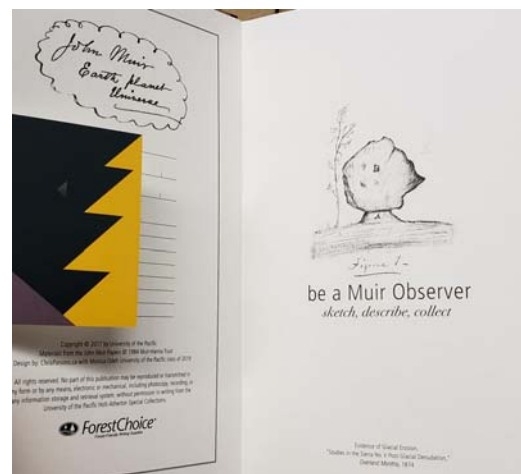
Work on While I Can, Studying Incessantly

by Mike Wurtz

In the libraries' continued new focus on learning engagements, the Holt-Atherton Special Collections and Archives (HASCA), in conjunction with the John Muir Center (JMC), handed out over 400 ***John Muir Observer Journals*** to PACS1 students at their second annual Poetry Slam on November 27, 2018.

For years the JMC, led by Professor Swagerty, has made sure that Muir's legacy is instilled in all Pacificans. John Muir was an author, scientist, and founder of the Sierra Club. He described the natural world with wonder, he used science to understand nature, and he taught us to preserve our natural spaces. Muir was also a master observer and he recorded his observations in his journals, sketchbooks, letters, and drawings that are now curated here.

In 2016, HASCA and JMC received a SPIF grant to create a journal for students to become their own master observers. Students and faculty with California Cedar Products Company and its ForestChoice brand of environmentally friendly journals and pencils, created the ***John Muir Observer Journal***.



Mia Watts, Rukhsar Shiraz, as well as Robin Imhof and Michele Gibney frantically handed out journals and pencils to each freshman that streamed into Faye Spanos Concert Hall. As the students slid into their seats, yours truly recited Muir's most famous letter from 1873 that concludes with, "The mountains are calling and I must go and I will work on while I can, studying incessantly." I then encouraged the new Tigers to use their

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

The rest of the evening, over a dozen students from PACS1 classes recited their own poetry to the cheers of their colleagues.

STATISTICS

Scholarly Commons

- In November, Scholarly Commons had 9,695 full-text downloads and 397 new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to 39,088. University of the Pacific scholarship was read by 1,228 institutions across 139 countries.

Link+

- 2,501+ books loaned out to California & Nevada libraries
- 601 users

Kanopy

- 72,793 minutes of videos streamed

UPCOMING AWESOMENESS

Last Scholarly Communication Talk of the semester (with free River Room lunch) on December 5, [read more about them here!](#)

The library is open 24 hours from Sunday-Friday for the next two weeks.

The Library Staff/Faculty Holiday Party will be on Tuesday, December 11 from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Taylor Conference Room!

Library closure/winter break is December 17th - January 13th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Due to the Library closure and winter break, there will be no January issue of Library Leads. Look for the next issue in February!

TRIVIA

Participants have until Friday, December 7th to submit answers. The correct submitters will be put in a raffle and the participant name that is drawn will receive the trophy prize. Please submit your answer via email to libraryleads@pacific.edu.

1. How many Scholarly Communication Talks are left this semester?
2. What city is the official birthplace of Marvel's Fantastic Four?
3. How many months have 28 days?

Answers from November trivia:

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

Answer: Gullan, Haelga, and Juno (<https://www.atlasobscura.com/foods/moose-cheese>)

2. When did Pacific start holding Safe Trick or Treat on campus?

Answer: 20 years ago – 1998.

(https://calendar.pacific.edu/event/20th_annual_safe_trick_or_treat#.W7UKeflKiUk)

3. RttP is a pedagogical tool being used this semester in PACS courses. What does the acronym RttP stand for?

Answer: Reacting to the Past (<https://reacting.barnard.edu/>)

NOVEMBER TRIVIA WINNER - LILLIAN HOM-IMADA

Winner of this month's trivia questions will win the special honor of hosting the trophy on their desk for the next month!



[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate](#) ▼

Do you have an idea for a Library Leads article? We'd love to hear about it. Please submit your idea to libraryleads@pacific.edu.

You can [unsubscribe](#) from this list.

