

A Letter from Your Library Liaisons

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Open Access Week @ Henderson Library

by Ashley D. Lowery, Digital Collections Specialist

Open Access Week (October 19-25) is a global event to learn about the benefits of Open Access. Open Access is the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need. More and more high-quality peer-reviewed journals are open access or offering authors to publish their articles open access. Studies have found that publishing articles as open access increases citation counts since it is available for everyone to use. Zach S. Henderson Library will be hosting sessions on copyright, predatory journals, and scholarly impact in celebration of Open Access Week.

Open Access Week session descriptions and daily schedule of events.



**Faculty Rights as Authors:
Know and Protect Your Copyrights**
(co-presented by Office of Legal Affairs)
Tuesday, October 20 at 2:30-3:30
Friday, October 23 at 2:30-3:30

**How to Recognize and Avoid
Predatory Journals**
Wednesday, October 21 at 1:45-2:30
Thursday, October 22 at 2:45-3:30

**Library Services Available to
Measure Your Scholarly Impact**
Wednesday, October 21 at 2:30-3:15
Thursday, October 22 at 3:30-4:15

Open Access Week sessions are sponsored and presented
by Zach S. Henderson Library.
Sessions will be held in Room 1300.

Affordable Learning Georgia

by W. Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Library

Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) is a University System of Georgia (USG) initiative to promote student success by providing affordable textbook alternatives. ALG is a one-stop service to help USG faculty and staff identify lower-cost, electronic, free, and open educational resources (OER), building on the

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cost-effective subscription resources provided by GALILEO and the USG libraries. Affordable Learning Georgia helps to fulfill the University System of Georgia Strategic Plan Imperative 1: “Reaffirm Commitment to Collegiate Access and Affordability: The USG will maintain its longstanding commitment to collegiate access, affordability, and value.”

Some recent news from ALG:

- The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries released two new archived webinars, recorded on January 14th and 15th. The first is about OER and libraries, and the second is about open science. View these archived webinars at this address: <http://www.aserl.org/archive/>
- The keynote videos from last December’s ALG Symposium on the Future of the Textbook are now available, thanks to the filming and editing work done by the Digital Innovation Group at Georgia College and State University. Along with providing these videos, we have identified notable excerpts from each speech that would be optimal for enhancing workshops and informing your colleagues on different topics. Recorded keynote speakers include James Koch (Old Dominion University), Stephen Laster (McGraw-Hill), David Harris (Rice University's OpenStax College), Cable Green (Creative Commons), David Wiley (Lumen Learning), David Ernst (UMN/Open Textbook Library), and three USG Student Government Association presidents. The link to the keynote videos page will be on the front page for the Symposium on the Future of the Textbook and available through this direct link: http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/symposium_videos
- The Affordable Learning Georgia website now has a new tutorial: Finding Free and Open Resources. This is a seven-part tutorial with videos, reflective questions, embedded search tools, handouts, and more. The tutorial is intended to give USG faculty, librarians, administrators, and staff a kick-start on understanding the implementation process with affordable learning materials.
In addition to the foregoing direct link, you may find the tutorial in the Help section of the Affordable Learning Georgia website.
- The Nebraska Book Company, aka Neebo, which operates over 200 college bookstores nationwide, surveyed students about textbook costs. The report was released in late 2014 and can be viewed [here](#). Of note are the following findings: Students reported being more worried about textbook costs (55%) than tuition (50%). Nearly all respondents (95%) reported seeking affordable options for textbooks. Almost half planned to look for pirated textbook copies online. Nearly half would choose one university over another if it provided four years of free textbooks.

To learn more about how open educational resources and open textbooks can move affordability, choice, and accessibility forward, visit affordablelearninggeorgia.org.

New Books NOW Available on Demand

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Henderson Library is excited to announce that all Georgia Southern students, faculty, and staff may now request new books for purchase by the library directly in our catalogs (*GIL-Find* and *GIL Classic*) and in *Discover @ Georgia Southern*. While searching *GIL-Find*, *GIL Classic*, or *Discover @ Georgia Southern*, you will notice that some newer books appear with the messages “On Demand” and “Available by Request.” When you see an On Demand book that you wish to read or feel should be added to the collection, simply click on the title and request the book using the form available on the book’s detail record.

When you complete the request form, you can let us know whether you would like the library to obtain an electronic or print version, and whether you would like us to hold the print copy for you at the Circulation Desk when it comes in. Please see the following resources to learn more about On Demand books, and how to request them:

Students, see our [On Demand Books FAQ Post](#).

Faculty and staff, see our [On Demand Books page](#) in the Collection Development Research Guide. Learn more about the library’s “Opt-In” approval plan for monographs [here](#).

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