

# Outreach & Engagement Committee Retreat

February 26th, 10am-12pm. Room 220 Main Library

The Outreach and Engagement Committee invites you to connect with your colleagues across the library to learn more about their current & future projects, outreach strategies, and how you could collaborate together! The first hours will be lighting talks to showcase the outreach and engagement work being done across the library & community, and then a informal reception with light refreshments.



## Lightning Talks: 10am–11am.

### **Jess Hagman (She/her )**

Social Sciences Research Librarian

#### *Reference and instruction to support qualitative research*

In this presentation I'll describe how I have used qualitative data analysis (QDA) technology support as a way to connect with both new and experienced researchers. Through consultations, workshops, and digital resources, I help researchers make informed and confident decisions about how they will analyze data for qualitative and mixed methods projects.

Intended audience: Anyone who works with grad students or researchers using data

### **Mara Thacker (she/they)**

South Asian Studies & Global Popular Culture Librarian

#### *Seizing Serendipity: Bringing Sumit Kumar to Illinois*

Some of the best programs come down to pure chance and seizing an unexpected opportunity—such as when award-winning artist Sumit Kumar shared that he was visiting the United States and was seeking workshop opportunities. Alongside sharing insight gleaned from the planning and hosting a comics workshop, this presentation will also explore some unexpected and ongoing benefits born of this project.

Intended audience: University of Illinois students, members of the local Champaign-Urbana community

### **Maria Emerson (she/hers)**

Student Success Librarian

#### *Space to Remember, Space to Create: Supporting Indigenous Students Through Collaboration, Care, and Creativity*

Learn about the Library's ongoing collaboration with the Native American House each April to support U of I Indigenous students find space, support, and a creative outlet to navigate the challenging topic of Murdered, Missing, and Indigenous Relatives.

Intended audience: Indigenous students

**Quinn Ferris (she/her)**

Senior Conservator for Special Collections  
Coordinator, Conservation Services

***“Lights, Camera, Conservation!: Creating Access in the Limelight when you work Behind-the-Scenes”***

Library and Archives Conservation is a hidden and complex process, and one that historically happens out of sight in memory institutions. This lightning talk will present some of the ways that making and sharing filmed content has allowed our comparatively small and remote conservation team to make a sizable impact on both our campus and broader professional communities.

Intended audience: various, as this will briefly touch on a few different filmed content projects

**Kirsten Feist (she/her)*****No collection? No problem! Engaging undergraduates with reader’s advisory in a de-centralized environment***

When the Undergraduate Library closed its doors and services migrated to the Orange Room, the physical collection was redistributed to locations across campus, but the popularity of undergraduate Reader’s Advisory engagement and programming remained. This lightning talk will highlight how the TLAS GA Programming Team uses a little ingenuity, a few slips of paper, and a lot of enthusiasm to provide a series of Reader’s Advisory events that gets the word out to undergraduates about collections across campus and beyond through programs such as “Booked for Break” and “Love Between the Pages.”

Intended Audience: Undergraduate Students

**Celenia Graves (she/they)**

Experimental Learning and Engagement Librarian

***International student summer fun and community with the IDEA Lab***

The Grainger Engineering Library Information Center’s Innovation and Design in Engineering and the Arts (IDEA) Lab provides introductory 3D design workshops for the International Education department’s Summer Break series to create sparks of creative confidence and community-building. Learn about the partnership’s journey and how you can support international students during the summer.

Intended audience: students, faculty, staff from the University Library department and other campus department partners interested in programming for international students

**Lian Ruan**

Head Librarian & Director of IFSI International Programs

***Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program: Illinois Fire Service Institute Library***

Established in 2005, the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) brings librarians from universities across China to engage with library and information science initiatives at the University of Illinois and other U.S. institutions. Through sustained collaboration, the program has built strong, long-term partnerships between Chinese and U.S. library communities, fostering professional exchange, knowledge sharing, and mutual understanding.

Intended audience of your O&E project: Academic and research librarians from universities across China

**Janis Shearer (she/her)**

Public Services & Engagement Librarian

***From Stacks to Snacks: When the Library and Health Center Team Up***

During National Cookbook Month, Funk ACES Library partnered with McKinley Health Center's Nutrition Peers and campus collaborators to promote healthy eating - while showcasing the Library's cookbook collection.

Intended audience: Anyone with an active I-card

**Bethany Anderson (she/her)**

Natural and Applied Sciences Archivist

***Promoting Engagement with the University of Illinois' History of Science***

The University of Illinois Archives has a long history of acquiring and preserving scientific records and engaging diverse audiences in the university's history of science. While acquisition and outreach are typically viewed as separate activities, this presentation will describe how both inform each other in productive ways and why they are important to consider together for promoting the history of science at the university.

Intended audience: Faculty, staff, and students on campus, and external audiences (including alumni)

**Ruthann E. Mowry**

Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts

***Have Games, Will Travel***



**Padlet and Networking: 11am-12pm.**



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## Attendees

Name	Collaborators
Quinita Balderson	
Alyson Bell	
Sara Berthier	
Erik Chapman	Urbana Free Library, Spurlock, other UIUC libraries
Sarah Christensen	Clark Lindsey Village, Windsor of Savoy, OLLI, The Esquire Lounge, Common Ground Coop, the Pygmalion Festival, Human Library Organization, Institute for Genomic Biology, College of Fine and Applied Arts
Emily Benton	Prairie Research Institute
María Emerson	
Diana Eynon	
Kirsten Feist	Grainger, Funk, MPAL, NSFS for programs (off the top of my head), plus Comp I depts./Communication for instruction
quinn morgan Ferris	
Eva Gellman	
Jess Hagman	qualitative researchers across campus, via Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences, departments in Education and several others.
Cindy Ingold	
Victor Jones	
Mary Laskowski	
Skylar Lucci	Cultural Houses, IAS, Engineering Department, Main Library, Funk ACES Library
Jenny Maddox Abbott	
Marisa Modugno	
Ruthann Mowry	Funk-ACES / Champaign Public Library / Urbana Free Library / U4SD Central H.S. / International & Area Studies / Multiple external libraries
Elisabeth Paulus	Funk ACES Library, Ricker Library, ODTAC, DEIA Task Force, ILL
Laura Poulosky	University Housing (various units), Office of Undergraduate Research, Asian American Cultural Center, professors from academic departments
Zoe Revell	

Erin Simon	
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Sarah Williams	
Kristen Wilson	Champaign County Museum Network, Tolono Library, Champaign County Historical Archives, Champaign County History Museum, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, Cancer Center at Illinois, Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, Center for Social and Behavioral Science, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, Grainger College of Engineering, Humanities Research Institute, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute, LAS Office of Inclusive Excellence, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Prairie Research Institute, School of Integrative Biology, Siebel Center for Design
Jen-chien Yu	