



News from Your Librarian, Melody Allison

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Welcome to Fall 2018 at UI Library!

With over 14 million volumes, the University Library is the 3rd largest library in the country, the 2nd largest academic library, and the largest publicly supported university library. We have over 90 subject and other librarians, 28 departmental libraries, and other staff and units to provide you the best resources and services available for your information needs. This past year we have been working hard on phase two, and beyond, of our Web migration to a new WordPress system that will make accessing our resources and services even easier. There have been a few glitches along the way but we think you will agree that it was worth the change.

We have a lot to share with you! Our information universe is *big* and always moving in new constellations. It may seem overwhelming to try to interact with. But don't fret -- help is as close as your fingertips! To get you started, check out the University Library's 'Help & Services' page <<https://www.library.illinois.edu/help-services/>>. Find here links to our:

- Ask a Librarian service
- Library guides and FAQs
- subject specialists and Research Consultation Scheduler to make appointments with them

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“Questions?

Need Help?

Just Ask-A-Librarian!!

We IM, chat,
email, phone,
and do in-person
consultations!



Skylight and stairs in Funk Library from 1st floor foyer, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/illinoislibrary/with/43096919814/>

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- subject libraries
- information on how to find various types of information (e.g., articles, ebooks, dissertations, government information, multimedia, etc.)
- information for specific users (users with disabilities, researchers, instructors, undergraduates, distance learners, alumni, visitors, services for allied organizations)
- interlibrary loan
- workshops and tours, including Savvy Researcher Workshops
- our specialized services (e.g., Library instruction, Illinois Experts, Scholarly Commons, Media Commons, Digital Humanities (text analysis tools may be useful to sciences as well), Research Data Services, Scholarly Communications & Publishing, and more

Be sure to visit the Funk Library website, brimming with resources for scholarship in the *many* areas we serve, including [City Planning and Landscape Architecture](#). We have over three dozen [research and database guides](#) to assist in using our resources, many linkable on our website right at the same point the resource is accessed.

Additionally we provide instruction sessions for classes about these resources and how to use them to help your students find the best articles and other materials for their scholarship and research. Don't forget that our [Life Sciences Data Services](#) are available to all College of ACES departments, Life Sciences schools, *and* Departments of Landscape Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning!

If you want to communicate with a human being, there are a myriad of ways to reach us – chat, IM, text, email, phone, in person, and more. Your librarians are here for you!



You are at [beautiful University of Illinois!](#)

New Gifts Policy

The University Library appreciates collection gifts. They make our great collections even stronger and richer. Our Gifts Policy provides criteria and process for acceptance. Changes have been made to the University Library's Gifts Policy. Some highlights follow.

Due to the cost of assessment and processing, high likelihood of duplication within our collection, and difficulty in appropriate disposal, the University Library will not accept collection gifts without prior screening. The former policy allowed for book donations to be dropped at the Main Library loading dock during business hours or mailed to the Library, *BUT we are no longer accepting unsolicited gifts.*

Regardless of the size, all donations *must* be screened prior to being accepted. For all proposed donations the donor must contact the appropriate subject librarian or email libgifts@library.illinois.edu who will identify the appropriate librarian and/or departmental library for you to contact. The appropriate librarian will work with the donor to assess the gift.

Gifts that are valued at \$5000 require a Deed of Gift that is issued by the Office of Library Advancement at the time the gift is accepted. This Deed includes terms and conditions and gives clear title to the Library.

'Significant gifts' (valued at \$5000 or more, and/or are physically voluminous-over 100 items, are rare items, and/or need custom processing or other specialized attention) must be reviewed by AUL for Collections and Technical Services and the Head, Collection Management Services in consultation as necessary, with the other units and appropriate subject specialists for suitability for the collection and impact on space, processing, and preliminary outreach to Library Advancement for Deed of Gift. A Memorandum of Understanding that documents a description of the gift and how the gift will be handled, processed, stored, etc. with a time line to do so must be created and signed by the librarian conducting the receipt of the gift, the AUL for Collections and Technical Services, the Head, Collections Management Services, and other appropriate units *before accepting* the gift.

For more information, such as types of materials to donate, what is done with items not added to the Library collections, etc., see our Gifts Policy at <https://www.library.illinois.edu/geninfo/policies/gifts/>. Contact Melody Allison, Information Services Librarian, Funk Library, mmalliso@illinois.edu, with any questions or donation inquiries.

Meet Heidi Imker, Director, Research Data Service

[Heidi Imker, Director, Research Data Service](#), and Associate Professor, University Library, and all-around data guru! Before joining the Library, Heidi was the Executive Director of the Enzyme Function Initiative, a large-scale collaborative center funded by the National Institutes of Health. Heidi holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Illinois and did her postdoctoral research at the Harvard Medical School. Her current research focuses on understanding and improving data management, sharing, and archiving practices.



Do you need help with your data, like:

- ⇒ How do I go about creating a data management plan for my grant application?
- ⇒ What is the best way for me to organize my data?
- ⇒ What are current best practice data management strategies?
- ⇒ How can I save and share my [massive amounts of] data?
- ⇒ Are there secure data storage options sides my campus Box account (or computer!)?

Research Data Service

The Research Data Service is a campus-wide program that provides the Illinois research community with the expertise, tools, and infrastructure necessary to manage and steward research data, such as:

[Data Management Plans & DMPTool](#)

[Illinois Data Bank](#)

[Workshops](#)

[Organize your Data](#)

[Save & Share your Data](#)

[Workshop Materials](#)

[Introduction to Data Management](#)

[Dryad Vouchers](#)

[Personalized Workshops!](#)

[Active Data Storage](#)

[Consultations](#)

[Data Nudges](#)

Get the details at <https://www.library.illinois.edu/rds/>

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students!*

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go.illinois.edu/viz-competition

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and Research IT

Resource Highlight - Scholarly and Research Resources from the Library

[Funk Library - Data Services](#)

Life Sciences Data Services assistance is available for data sharing and data management plans for all campus departments affiliated with Funk Library.

[IDEALS](#)

"Collects, disseminates, and provides persistent and reliable access to the research and scholarship of faculty, staff, and students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign." (from IDEALS website)

[Scholarly Commons \(SC\)](#)

The Library Scholarly Commons "provides faculty, researchers and students access to experts in digital content creation and analysis; scholarly communication; geo-spatial, textual, and numeric data analysis; and innovative teaching and learning methods" (from SC website) Note: Also visual, usability research, and GIS resources and support.

[Scholarly Commons Copyright Services](#)

Copyright Librarian, Sara Benson – consultations, workshops/lectures, & more.

[Scholarly Commons Data Management](#)

Learn about data management and how to create a data management plan.

[Scholarly Commons Data Services](#)

Data Services at SC includes assistance with finding and formatting digital data, acquiring data sets, preparing data for secondary analysis, and much more. Including weekly hours for campus Survey Research Lab!

[Author Rights and Copyright](#)

Authors have rights, too! Find out more about it here.

[UIUC Dissertations & Theses](#)

Dissertations and theses, via IDEALS repository (also can be found via PQ Dissertations and Abstracts database (above)).

[UIUC Research Data Service](#)

Headquartered in the University Library, "the Research Data Service is a campus-wide program that provides the Illinois research community with the expertise, tools, and infrastructure necessary to manage and steward research data." (from RDS website).

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<https://www.library.illinois.edu/cpla/cplanewsletter/>

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More information can be found at
<https://www.library.illinois.edu/discover/>