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Open Access Week (October 24-30) is an opportunity to spread awareness about the potential of the open access movement to transform scholarly communication. In celebration of Open Access Week, the Archer Library will be holding two sessions: Open Access: What Is It? and The Open Access Author’s Fund at the University of Calgary: History and Evaluation. Both of these sessions will be held in the Archer library this October as part of our Beyond the Book Lecture Series. Be sure to join us for these events, as we will also be making a major announcement about the Library’s support of Open Access!
### Beyond the Book Lecture

**What:** [Open Access: What Is It?](#)
**Who:** Dr. Alec Couros & Dr. Patrick Lewis
**When:** October 24, 2011 2:00-3:00 pm
**Where:** Archer Library

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### Beyond the Book Lecture

**What:** The Open Access Author's Fund at the University of Calgary: History and Evaluation
**Who:** Andrew Waller
**When:** October 26, 2011 2:00-3:00 pm
**Where:** Archer Library

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### Beyond the Book Lecture

**What:** Titanic, Science, the Arts and the Microbes
**Who:** Dr. Roy Cullimore
**When:** November 9, 2011 2:00-3:00 pm
**Where:** CL 126

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### Internationalization of the U of R: Globalization and Higher Education

**What:** UR International and the Centre for Teaching and Learning are pleased to present Dr. Andrea Sterzuk, speaking about globalization and higher education.
**Who:** Dr. Andrea Sterzuk
**When:** 3:00-4:00 pm, Monday, October 3, 2011
**Where:** College West, Room 113

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### Featured Database

This month’s featured database is [Making of the Modern World](#). This collection follows the development of the modern western world through the lens of trade and wealth — the driving force behind many of the major events during the period (1450-1850). It can be used to support research in slavery, colonization, the Atlantic world, Latin American/Caribbean studies, social history, gender and more. We hope you enjoy using this fantastic resource!

### Beyond the Book Lecture Series

The Library will be hosting four presentations this fall that are part of the *Beyond the Book Lecture Series*. They are free and open to the University community and the general public and no RSVPs are required. Information about the lectures can be found on the left column of this page.

The second lecture of the fall will be given by Dr. Alec Couros and Dr. Patrick Lewis from the University of Regina's Faculty of Education. They will discuss the issues facing Open Access (OA) such as publishing and the University's involvement. This lecture is in recognition of [Open Access Week 2011](#).

More information is available on the University's Events Calendar.

### Library Renovations

The Archer Library has been undergoing some exciting renovations to improve the teaching and study space, and also welcome the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The main floor is in the process of being updated with two innovative instruction rooms, as well as 8 bright and soundproof study rooms; which will be made available for students to book. Additionally, the Information Desk will be relocated at the entrance to the library and will be more easily accessible for library users when they come to the Archer Library.

On the third, fourth and fifth floors, new furniture, lighting, and flooring will be installed shortly, as well as additional electrical outlets. Student will be able to make the most of these quiet study spaces, which are freely available during opening hours. Current periodicals will be moved to newly-furnished space on the fifth floor and the Centre for Teaching and Learning is settling into their new open-concept office space on the sixth floor.

For information on the renovations, please contact the Library Administration Office (585.5412). For inquiries about booking study space, call 585.5102.

### Library Laptop Loans

Did you know the Library has laptops to loan out? If you are a current student, faculty or staff member and you have your valid U of R photo ID, you may borrow a laptop for use anywhere within the Dr. John Archer Library. They may be borrowed for up to 3 hours while the Library is open and may be renewed if no one else is waiting to borrow one.

Come to the Borrowing Desk for more information!
Archives and Social Media

The rise of Web 2.0 and social media applications in recent years has led to archives experimenting with these tools. Archives and Special Collections at the University of Regina has joined numerous archives across the country in maintaining its own Facebook page. This page aims to communicate and engage with users around our growing list of digital projects and digital collections.

As part of a study on the effectiveness of social media tools for archives, University Archivist Mark Vajcner recently completed a report examining the growing use of social media by archives. Consisting of a short literature review and survey of various Canadian archives and archivists, the report concludes with a series of recommendations about social media use in archives. The principal recommendations are: establish and regularly review a social media plan that outlines institutional social media goals; use a variety of social media tools to engage archival researchers; and get to know your online community through surveys and other feedback tools.

Anyone interested in a copy of the report can contact Mark Vajcner (mark.vajcner@uregina.ca). The report is still in draft form but a final version will eventually be added to the oURspace institutional repository (http://ourspace.uregina.ca/).

Tactile Desires: The Work of Jack Sures

The Mackenzie Art Gallery is presenting a major retrospective of the works of renowned local artist Jack Sures. Sures taught at the University of Regina and was a principal force in the establishment of our ceramics program.

Part of the research for this art exhibition was conducted at Archives and Special Collections which holds the Jack Sures Collection.

Sures kept notebooks and scrapbooks which contain his sketches, notes, early diagrams of his commissions and kiln design as well as clippings from magazines and newspapers. These and other archival materials offer researchers a unique glimpse at the early stages of the artists’ ideas and projects as well as his influences and thought processes.

The art exhibition, Tactile Desires, is on display at the MacKenzie Art Gallery until January 2, 2012.

GIS & Data Expo

In celebration of International GIS (geospatial information systems) Day, Spatial and Numeric Data Services (SANDS) will be holding their second annual GIS and Data Expo (poster session) on Wednesday, November 16th.

The Expo showcases students’, staff and faculty projects, research and teaching as it relates to their use or creation of numeric and/or spatial data.

If you are interested in presenting a poster or have any questions please contact Marilyn Andrews at marilyn.andrews@uregina.ca

On-Site Librarian Services

What: On-site librarian services for students and faculty
Who: Services currently provided by Donna Bowman, Kate Cushon and Gillian Nowlan
When:
Donna Bowman:
• ED246 Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
• Institut rotonde, les mardis de 14h00 à 1700
Kate Cushon:
• University Residence Towers. Times and exact location to be announced shortly
Gillian Nowlan:
• ED246 Tuesday & Wednesday 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

CARL Open Access Toolkit

Wondering about publishing in an Open Access Journal? Click here to find out more!
Collecting Library Feedback

The Archer Library supports the teaching and research needs of the University’s faculty, students, and staff, and provides all users with an array of services and collections that advance the mission of both the Library and the University. We have recently acquired two new products that will aid in ongoing efforts to evaluate programs, collections and services:

- **Counting Opinions** is a user feedback system that gathers data either continuously, or at specific times of the year. Counting Opinions will enable the Archer library to measure user satisfaction, and the impacts and outcomes of various improvements over time. When implemented, the survey will appear on one or more pages of the Library website; it is started when a user clicks on a “corner curl” widget on the upper-right of the page.

- **360 Counter** is a product that collects data on the usage of library databases and journal packages that can be efficiently gathered and compared, allowing the Library to determine which products are being used, and, since cost data are factored in, which products provide the best value. The end result is that critical information can be monitored in order to make better collection development decisions.

Academic Integrity Awareness Week

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is pleased to present 3 workshops as part of Academic Integrity Awareness Week. All sessions will be held in LY 610 (6th floor of the Archer Library).

- **Strategies for Fostering Academic Integrity in Your Students**
  3-4pm, Tuesday, October 4, 2011
  Cara Bradley will share some tips for making your classroom and your assignments more plagiarism-resistant.

- **RefWorks as an Academic Integrity Tool**
  3-4 pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2011
  Charles Phelps will discuss the ways that instructors can use RefWorks to encourage students to keep track of their references and properly cite sources.

- **Keeping It Real: Using Subject-Specific, Real-Life Cases in Educating Students about Plagiarism**
  3-4pm, Thursday, October 6, 2011
  Join Cara Bradley as she discusses the value of subject-specific plagiarism education that situates integrity discussions in the context of the discipline under study. This presentation draws from Cara’s recent book, *Plagiarism Education and Prevention: A subject-driven case-based approach*.

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