



# A Year of Change - Oregon Tech Libraries 2017-2018 Annual Report

The Oregon Tech University Libraries are stretching beyond the traditional academic library. With information available in many more ways than items on a shelf, we are reaching for new ways to connect students, faculty, and staff to research, information, information literacy, and success.



*1 - new open front area of the library available for student use, collaborative space,. Furniture coming by December 2018.*

## **We are pushing boundaries in:**

- Open educational resources
- Creating spaces
- Laptop and computer availability

- Equipment check out program
- Cultivating relevant and useful collections



*2 - Old reference space*

In 2016 The library undertook a project to combine services in Public services. This included both access services and reference. However, once combined, it left a large unstaffed desk at the entrance of the library. In April of 2018 this desk was removed, and the front area has been opened up to create more spaces for students to work, study, and collaborate.

The library gave \$10,000 to 12 faculty across many departments to create or adapt open educational resources (OER) or low cost/ no cost texts for courses. This will net future student savings. The library also participates in state wide initiatives on OERs, bringing workshops to campus, and supporting other outside funding options.



*3 - Equipment available for check out at Portland Metro campus*

The library moved beyond books. Equipment available for check out at the Portland Metro campus library includes oscilloscopes, multi-meters, radio hackers, and more. Soon available at the Klamath Falls campus library will be 20 computers to check out.



*4 - Aisle in west side of library*

At both campuses the reference collections were either removed or added into the books that can be checked out. This creates better accessibility for useful and relevant items as well as clearing out items that are no longer relevant resources for Oregon Tech students. Over all XXXX items have been withdrawn due to lack of use and relevance, making room for student spaces and modernization projects.

The library also rearranged staff resources for more efficiency. Placing staff into special collections to provide support that was not previously available, and bolstering support in public services while making technical services and systems more efficient.



*5 - Open area*

What comes next?

- New furniture for the now open front area
- Listening to student needs
- Growth in staff development to modernize skills and human resources
- adapting staff spaces to newer service models
- Collaborating with other departments to provide...
- Digitized yearbooks will be available online