Teaching Resources

Supporting teaching
Research librarians have long supported teaching by helping students meet course-objectives through class-based workshops and individual/small group consultations. In recent years new faculty-librarian partnerships have emerged. In course design and course preparation, librarians are providing input on the design/revision of assignments and projects that build research skills and connect students with library resources. In the area of assessment, faculty-librarian partnerships have launched projects that provide meaningful insight into research behavior and help faculty measure how students are utilizing library resources and services.

Digital Design Studio or DDS
The DDS is a creative space for the production of digital class projects and the exploration of digital media. With data graphics, digital stories, or video projects the DDS can meet your need to create digital content. Library staff consult with faculty to design multi-media academic assignments.

Streaming Video
If you’d like to use a DVD from the Tisch Library media collection in a class, we will make it possible for registered students to stream the content from your class Trunk site. This provides unlimited access to the whole class for the semester, enabling them to analyze film more closely. See also the electronic resources below.

Social Sciences Data Services
This new program blends traditional library expertise in locating primary/secondary literature with knowledge of the data landscape, specifically where to find data using institution-subscribed sources and on the open web, how to get started analyzing data using a variety of tools/software, and how to visualize and present data.

Equipment lending
Students are able to borrow equipment to support their work, whether routine or specialized. Equipment in the media center (3rd floor) includes video recorders, audio recorders, headphone, cameras, tripods, and external hard drives. At the circulation desk, students can check out laptops, iPads, and chargers. We intend for this equipment to assist faculty who may worry about the cost of technologies in making assignments.

Revitalized Special Collections Program
Over the past few years, we have given renewed attention to our collection of manuscripts, early printed books, and significant facsimiles. We have expanded access to the collections we own by digitizing selected works, through targeted new acquisitions, and by working with faculty and students in research and teaching projects, such as the Tisch Miscellany and the Tufts Bodin Project. We welcome opportunities to consider innovative ways to bring library collections into the classroom, literally and metaphorically.

Digitization Services
Inside the Digital Design Studio, we have a range of digitization tools to enable you to reformat slides, LPs, video cassettes, audio cassettes and more into digital files for use in your classes. The equipment is self-serve but assistance is available to help you get started. Additionally, Tisch is establishing digitization capabilities for limited in-house work to create digital images of texts. For large volume projects, we can assist in identifying local vendors with whom you might work.

New Collection Resources

Bloomberg Terminal
Ginn and Tisch libraries are sharing the costs to license two Bloomberg terminals for the Tufts community in Medford. Use of this financial database must be made in person at Ginn Library, but is now available for AS&E students and faculty. Fletcher librarians provide training and assistance at Ginn.
New and Recent Changes at Tisch Library

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Growing Electronic Resources
Tisch Library provides access to an extensive collection of electronic resources (more than 64,000 electronic serials, more than 400,000 e-books, 62,000 streaming music titles and almost 15,000 streaming videos). Just this fall, we’ve added a number of new resources. NK News creates and curates independent coverage of North Korean news in English. Kanopy provides access to thousands of streaming films, including titles from the Criterion Collection and Media Education Foundation (MEF). For those needing additional access to KEGG data, we now provide access via FTP to the full data underlying the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes. Additionally, we have orders being processed for Ancestry.com, which offers great possibilities for micro-history, the digital Loeb Classical Library, International Historical Statistics, and an upgrade to Emerging Markets Information Service (EMIS), which will include mergers and acquisitions intel, benchmarking tools, and additional screening capabilities.

Data Mining and Textual Analysis
Tufts is now a member of HathiTrust thus our faculty may connect to this corpus of digitized materials with more sophisticated tools for analyzing content. Similarly, some of our other vendors, most recently including Gale, have announced new features for similar data analysis and text mining (e.g. 18th and 19th Century Collections Online).
Tisch Library provides Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) consultation services to students working in the digital humanities. The TEI Guidelines, which collectively define an XML based metadata standard, are frequently used in different projects and our staff can help demystify everything from the XML and tagging structures of a document, to providing insight into best practices for managing a project.

New Services for All

Scan & Deliver
Tisch and Lilly Music libraries will provide scanned PDFs of book chapters or journal articles from items within our print collection and send them by email to faculty, staff and students. Requests can be made directly in ILLiad and are made available within two business days.

Room 224 and a closed Reference Desk
Our data show that the vast majority of questions asked at the reference desk relate to printing, copying, circulation, and reserves. We’ve closed the reference desk and provide those services at the main circulation desk. The research librarians are now in Room 224 (formerly the ILL staff office on the way to the café). In 224 you can sit down with an expert for a more focused conversation, share technology, and compare results. This room is especially helpful when we assist students working in groups.

Data Management Planning
In response to new requirements from federal and private funding agencies, librarians are assisting faculty with creating data management plans (DMPs) to submit in proposals. Let us demystify DMPs and/or support you in the storage, organization, sharing and use of electronic tools and resources for managing research data. MORE

Revamped Web Site
This summer we upgraded our web site. We hope you find it more user-friendly. We added JumboSearch, which searches the catalog and our article databases and serves as a good starting point for exploratory searches. The traditional catalog search is now defaulting to keyword. New URL too: tischlibrary.tufts.edu

Library Membership in SHARES
Tisch Library recently joined the SHARES consortium. Membership grants Tufts access through interlibrary loan to restricted, non-circulating collections from member libraries and museums. A special benefit from membership is that it grants our faculty, students and visiting scholars on-site access and limited privileges at other SHARES institutions. You can find the full listing of participating institutions at http://bit.ly/1zzXtwY

New in Tower Café
Tower Café is now open starting at 10am Mon-Fri. Extended hours, new food offerings, and a phone charging station make Tower even more enjoyable. Don’t forget to peruse the leisure reading books.
Help Us Spread the Word!

Open Access Publishing Fund for Graduate Student
Tisch Library recently established a fund to support open access publishing for full-time ASE graduate students who have no other means of funding. The goal of the fund is to increase access to graduate students' research and scholarship throughout the world. MORE

Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowships in the Humanities and Arts
Tisch Library, in collaboration with GSAS, funds two summer fellowships that support the dissertation or thesis research of one doctoral student and one terminal master’s degree student working in the humanities and the arts. The aim of the fellowship is to support graduate research in the humanities and arts while also promoting the use of Tisch Library collections and services. MORE

Tisch Undergraduate Research Awards
Encourage your students to submit their research projects to the fourth annual Tisch Undergraduate Research Award, recognizing outstanding undergraduate use of the library’s collections, resources, and services in the production of an exemplary research project. Deadline for submission is February 17th, 12pm. MORE

Coming Soon

Large Format Printer
Students and faculty will now be able to purchase large format print jobs on campus. Our printer will be in the DDS, accept JumboCash payment (based on the linear feet of the print), and include the ability to ask for assistance from the DDS staff. Perfect for poster sessions and other visualizations taking physical form.

Faculty Research Study
Associate Director Laura Walters will conduct a qualitative study of faculty publishing practices. We will be asking a small group of faculty to participate in hopes of further understanding faculty habits, needs, and opinions about the ways they publish their scholarship.

Evolving Digital Infrastructure
Tisch Library has been working with the Art and Art History Dept., along with Digital Collections and Archives and ESTS (AKA Academic Technology) to build an image interface and study resource that will replace the outdated Artifact application. The Tufts Digital Image Library (TDIL) will allow faculty from any department to create image collections for teaching and research purposes utilizing the infrastructure that supports the Tufts Digital Library. Pilot use begins this Spring. Look also for new capabilities for faculty to deposit their own publications and students to deposit honors theses.