

Libraryinsider

Welcome to the University of Pittsburgh Library System's *Library Insider*. Here, we share brief updates on library spaces, services, programs, and people, and extend invitations to library-hosted events we hope you will find interesting. Thanks for reading!

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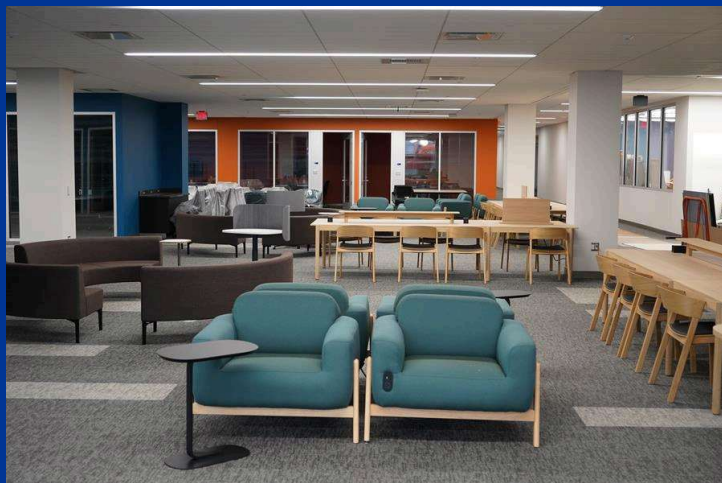
Sneak Peek at Hillman Library's Final Renovations

The ground-floor renovations at Hillman Library are nearing completion!

The floor will include a suite of media creation spaces, a Technology Lab with a drop-in IT Help Desk, and a Digital Scholarship Lab available for drop-in consultations with staff and librarians.



Alongside robust technology and media creation spaces, the ground floor will be home to instruction rooms for hosting workshops, discussions, and events. The Latin American Room and K. Leroy Irvis Room, seen here with their unique palettes and finishes, are two such spaces.



Look for an invite to our open house as the renovation project comes to a close this spring!

Online Introduction to ULS Digital Collections Workshop

The ULS's A&SC Digital Collections feature over 200,000 unique objects in diverse formats, including photographic images, books, maps, artwork, manuscripts, atlases, ephemera, correspondence, and audio-video media documenting local and University history. Learn how to navigate and utilize the [ULS Digital Collections](#) and see select materials from a few popular collections, such as the Pittsburgh City Photographer Collection, G.M. Hopkins Company Maps, and several oral history collections.



Interested in a particular topic? Submit your questions in advance to [Carolyn Friedrich](#).

Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 19, 11 a.m. - noon

Presented by Carolyn Friedrich, Digital Collections
Coordinator

[Register here](#)

East Asia Collections Unit Presents a Conversation with Author Laura Gao

Join us for a conversation with Laura Gao, author, and
illustrator of YA graphic novels featuring queer and

diverse teens. Their graphic memoir, "Messy Roots," debuted on the Indies Bestsellers List in 2022. Their upcoming book, "Kirby's Lessons on Falling (In Love)," will be released in 2025. Learn more about the author at lauragao.com.



Registration is not required.

Thursday, February 6, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Hillman Library, 1st Floor

[Learn more about this event](#)

The Archival Scholars Research Award Turns Ten Years Old



We are thrilled to celebrate a decade of the Archival Scholars Research Award (ASRA)!

For ten years, the ULS and the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) have partnered to make possible an undergraduate research experience based in the ULS's distinctive collections. These collections include archives, manuscripts, music, rare books, and other unique items such as handwritten letters from George Washington, August Wilson playbills, props from modern horror films, and everything in between.

Awardees receive a stipend to develop their research and get specialized mentorship from a faculty member and a librarian.

In spring 2025, awardees will collaborate on a digital interactive wall exhibit to showcase their research projects.

Join us for the exhibit launch event on April 11 at 1 p.m. in the A&SC Instruction Room, 340 Hillman Library.

Pitt Day of Giving is Coming Up

Mark your calendars; #PittDayofGiving is coming on February 25!



Join us as thousands of alumni, students, faculty, staff, families, and friends worldwide come together and give to transform tomorrow. By making a gift on Pitt Day of Giving, you ensure a brighter future for Pitt students for years to come.

Last year, 106 members of the Pitt community donated over \$15,500 to support the General Library Fund, August Wilson Archive, Hillman Library Reinvention, and Archives & Special Collections (A&SC) at the University of Pittsburgh Library System (ULS).

We know students can count on you to show up for the ninth annual Pitt Day of Giving!

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