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The Dean's Preface

A note from Dean of the Libraries, Brooke Cox

The semester is underway! Roy O. West Library has reopened and students are finding their place(s) to study, read, and write. It's been fun to see them tucked in every nook and to help several find books on the shelves. While library services remained available, with alteration, during the pandemic and renovation, it is clear how much we all missed the main campus library. This issue highlights our library instruction program and the ways we help students learn to use the many resources and services the libraries provide. We are excited to bring classes into the library (Roy O. West and Music) for library instruction sessions this spring.



Librarian Tiffany Hebb teaching a library instruction session in the new Laptop Lab at Roy O. West Library.

Service Spotlight: Instruction

Library instruction helps develop students' ability to critically search and evaluate in the context of library research. There are various types of library instruction sessions, such as: first-year seminar class visits, one-time or "one-shot" instruction, multiple or embedded instruction sessions that take place over the semester (this is typical within the School of Music), or senior seminar class visits. While the amount of information available has exploded, and resources like Google and Wikipedia make it easy to find, library instruction can help students determine where to search, craft the best searches, evaluate the resources they find, and use them responsibly. Librarians also work with faculty on creating assignments that best help develop these skills.

1,346
classes

*at DePauw had library
instruction sessions
2012-2022*

18,198
students

*participated in library
instruction sessions,
2012-2022*

Meet Joanna Berry

Fifth-year Public Services Library Intern

Joanna is a 2022 graduate of DePauw, learning and working under the mentorship of the librarians for the duration of this academic year. While her work runs the gamut of everyday library tasks, one of her favorite parts of the internship has been through coordination and work with former professors as she leads library instruction sessions in their classes!

