

# 6 Essential Booth Library Updates for Fall 2024

Booth Library supports students and faculty by providing access to resources, research assistance, teaching support, technology, and spaces for learning, collaboration, and community. These supports are evolving and ever changing with lots of exciting developments for the coming year!

## 1 Expanding Access to Information

The Booth Library collection includes more than **1 million physical items**, including books, periodicals, media, serials, maps, music scores, and government documents. In addition, you have access to over **300 online collections** providing over **678,000** e-books and over **134,000** unique magazine, newspaper, journal, annual report and periodical titles.

## 2 New Inclusive and Engaging Spaces

Booth Library is an interdisciplinary hub for learning, collaboration, and creation, providing quiet study areas, group workspaces, and technology-equipped rooms that cater to diverse learning needs. These spaces foster academic engagement, support interdisciplinary collaboration, and encourage creative thinking.

### New this Fall!

**The Family Hub** provides essential support for student and employee parents, including **Lactation and Feeding rooms, Family-Friendly Study spaces, and changing tables**. We have also added **new age-appropriate exploration/learning materials**. In addition to family friendly, the library has also upgraded the **JAM Room** which is now equipped with an **electronic piano and guitars** for music enthusiasts. For relaxation and focus, students and staff can enjoy **two massage chairs**, utilize sensory tools like **weighted blankets and fidgets**, or find tranquility in our dedicated **Meditation/Prayer Room**.



### Lactation and Feeding Room amenities include

- comfortable, kid-friendly furnishings
- gliding rockers
- dimmable lighting, and
- a sink for hand washing, hygiene, and the cleaning of equipment

## NEW COLLECTIONS

Booth has expanded its digital collections, adding an additional **5,000+ journals** and an impressive **75,000+ scholarly ebooks** covering a vast array of subjects.

### New collections include:

- Business Source Premier
- Child Development & Adolescent Studies
- Ethnic Diversity Source
- Family & Society Studies Worldwide
- Family Studies Abstracts
- Humanities Source Ultimate
- LGBTQ+ Source
- MEDLINE Ultimate
- Urban Studies Abstracts
- Violence & Abuse Abstracts
- Women's Studies International



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## Partnering for Student Learning and Success

Booth Library is dedicated to supporting instructors in boosting student learning outcomes and enhancing both information and digital literacy. Every academic area has a library faculty member as their liaison. Research consultations are available 24 hours a day. Over **4,086 students** attended research instruction sessions last year. Our comprehensive YouTube tutorials, and LibGuides provide organized, easily accessible resources and information on specific subjects, courses, or research topics.

This Fall our **Empowered Researcher workshops** will prepare and inspire students to engage deeply in their research. Library faculty also continue the **AI Sandbox series**, equipping both instructors and students to navigate the challenges and opportunities of this digital transformation of the academic landscape.

**New this Fall!** Booth Library offers **Video/Media Services for Faculty**. Streaming media, DVDs and other media are valuable tools in instruction and EIU faculty now have one stop for the conversion of DVDs for use in a D2L Classes; delivery of a DVD, CD, or other media to their office; Course Reserves for DVD, CD, or other media; and to request that we add media content to the library collection.



## 4

## Innovative Learning with Technology

**Digital literacy** is the ability to use technology to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information safely and responsibly. Proficiency in digital tools and scholarship is imperative for academic success and career readiness.

**The Center for Student Innovation (CSI)** is a campus resource for equipping our students and faculty with the requisite skills, and its programming will greatly expand this academic year.

- **Daily Discovery Hours** offer hands-on, walk-in learning in 3D printing, podcasting, and green screen technology
- **Learning Labs** providing instruction on 3D design, virtual reality and audio production, and more will be offered to all campus members throughout the semester
- **Recurring training sessions for Adobe Creative Suite** applications: recurring learning opportunities can empower ALL students and faculty to use digital technology confidently and incorporate it into their work. Upon request sessions for specific courses can be provided, as well.



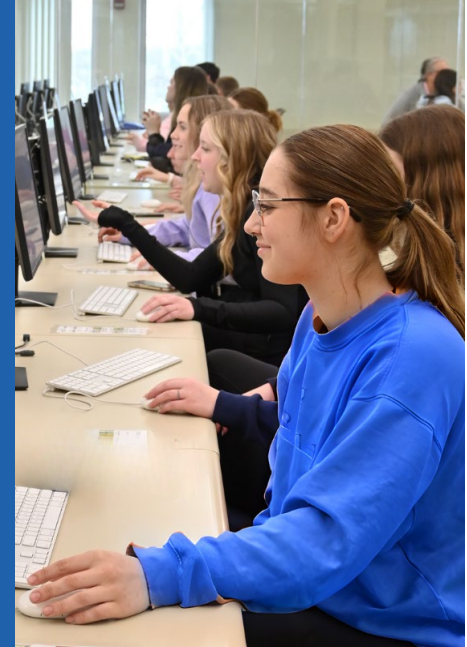
## 5 Empowering Learning and Creativity

Library technology guarantees that **ALL** students have the resources needed to excel at EIU and prepare for their future workplaces. These resources allow faculty in any discipline to innovate in their course. We provide multiple labs totaling more than 100 computers, and a fleet of **270 laptops for extended loan periods**. Additional resources include digital cameras and sound recorders, A/V editing equipment stations, 3-D modeling workstations and scanners (mobile and fixed), data analysis, visualization applications, and work stations.

### Booth Library technology is expanding!

- **TWO new podcasting and sound recording rooms** (by popular demand, our second and third!)
- **VR/Video Production Lab**, with a group of 8 VR headsets, green screens and other video production equipment
- **3D printing on demand service** - NEW & free this Fall!

In addition to these resources, library team members offer **technical support** to individuals or groups, and can provide instructors with consultations on incorporating technology into their courses.



## 6 Preserving and Sharing EIU's Creative Works

The Keep, EIU's institutional repository, serves to collect, preserve, and provide open access to the work of faculty, staff, and students. It showcases research and creativity, increasing visibility and impact while ensuring long-term preservation and compliance with open access mandates.

An evolving landscape for digital collection building and our user-friendly platform are allowing the library to offer new opportunities that expand the scope of The Keep to benefit students and faculty.

- **RSO's** are invited to use The Keep to preserve and make accessible for posterity records of their time at EIU
- **Campus programs and offices** are encouraged to use The Keep as the archive of their important records – expanding EIU's archival record
- **New digital exhibit platform** brings history and student achievements to life, creating engaging virtual spaces for exploration
- **Scholars@EIU** provides faculty with a powerful tool to enhance their online presence and connect with collaborators worldwide

This expanded digital collection building is underway, and training and information sessions will be offered throughout the fall. Consultations for individuals or teams are available.

### The Keep:

**All-time Downloads:**  
**6,218,924**

**2023-2024 Downloads:**  
**1,167,218**

**Student thesis: 5,038**

**Works posted: 101,151**



**ACADEMICS**



**STUDENT LIFE**



**FACULTY PROFILES**



**DIGITAL ARCHIVES**

# Connect with Your Library Liaison

Relationships between Booth Library and the faculty and students in academic programs are essential. Each program has a library faculty member as their liaison.

## The role of the liaison includes

- helping students develop critical information literacy skills
- providing specialized research support, including one-on-one consultations, assistance with literature reviews, and guidance on using advanced research
- fostering two-way communication and ensuring awareness of library services and resources
- working closely with faculty to identify and acquire resources
- supporting teaching through the incorporation of library resources and information literacy

Please feel free to contact your colleagues at any time and for additional information or to provide your feedback on all of the developments in Booth Library.



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