# SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

## Peter J. Cayan Library Newsletter

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## Library Hours | Fall 2017



Fall semester hours begin Saturday August 26th:

 Monday—Thursday
 8 am—11 pm

 Friday
 8 am—8 pm

 Saturday
 10 am—5 pm

 Sunday
 noon—8 pm

Exceptions: For Thanksgiving and other fall holiday hours, and extended end-of-semester hours, please see the Library website.

#### **New Initiatives**



# Textbooks on 2 Hour Reserve

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the College Association, the Library has purchased *some* fall 2017 course texts to keep on <u>2 hour reserve</u> at the Library circulation desk, concentrating on large enrollment and general education courses. We hope that doing so makes a small contribution to college access and affordability!

Since new texts are arriving daily, we do not yet have a comprehensive list of what will be available for the semester. But, the Library catalog will be updated continuously throughout the early days of the semester, so keep checking back.



# Student Project Showcase

In spring 2017, the Library hosted and coordinated the <u>Student Project Showcase on April 21st</u>. Over 45 students participated by mounting displays or academic posters. Faculty served as judges for the event, with an award for best project for each college and a graduate student award given by the Provost. Selected posters and abstracts are available in the SUNY Poly Repository at <a href="https://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/69306">https://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/69306</a>



The tentative date for the 2018 Showcase is Friday April 20th.

Photos: Top—President Sammakia discusses James Larious' "Privacy and Surveillance: The Use of Drones" Poster

Bottom—Jessica Seaman (Faculty Advisor Lauren Endres) award winner for best poster for Arts and Sciences.

# Open SUNY Textbooks

Open SUNY is an initiative that is part of the Excelsior Scholarship program, intended to support college access and affordability by addressing the high cost of textbooks and other course materials. SUNY Poly has been designated a SUNY Open Educational Resources (OER) campus and has been awarded funds to support OER adoption in general education courses. For more information about this, please contact Rick Shelton (Distance Learning) or Shannon Pritting (Library).



# Institutional Repository

Over the past six months the <u>SUNY Polytechnic Institute digital institutional repository</u> has received more than 5000 visits! Is your scholarship or creative work getting the visibility it deserves? Contact <u>Rebecca Hewitt</u> or <u>Shannon Pritting</u> about uploading your work into this free open access repository.

## **New Library Spaces**

#### First Floor Study Rooms

The four study rooms located on the first floor of Cayan Library are now available for 2 hour check out. Please stop by the Library circulation desk to sign out a key with your SUNY Poly ID. If no one is waiting, you may renew for an additional 2 hours by bringing the key to the circulation desk. At this time, the study rooms are not reservable.



#### Local at Mario Café

Renovations have begun to create a new café in the Library, Local at Mario Café. Coffee, tea, and other specialty drinks, as well as light food and small meals will be offered. The focus of the food in the café will be local NY fare, so keep an eye out for offerings from the Utica area.

In addition to a café, there will be additional seating where students can meet, collaborate, and enjoy a great atmosphere in close proximity to academic support services. Opening is expected in January!

Image from Connor Architecture

#### **New Art Room**

Last academic year, the café area was used as a temporary art studio. To accommodate the café renovations, the art studio has been moved to the Mele Room, with 5 classes scheduled to use the room in fall 2017.



#### **Enhanced Meeting Room L132**

In cooperation with the Department of Distance Learning, the Library has created a technology enhanced meeting room featuring high quality video conferencing equipment. An adjoining studio has multiple computer workstations offering the recording software Camtasia, with more functionality coming soon. Please email <a href="mailto:library@sunyit.edu">library@sunyit.edu</a> if you would like to schedule this room for a meeting or workshop.

#### **New Collections & Services**



# Teaching Collection

The Library has acquired a small collection of resources on the best practices in college teaching. These items are available in the new books area on the first floor and can be checked out.

# MVILR & Heart Association Grant

Thanks to a grant from Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement and the American Heart Association, the Library has acquired a large number of current wellness books, particularly heart-healthy cookbooks. These items are available in the new books area on the first floor and can be checked out



# EndNote Web via Web of Science

SUNY Poly now has access to EndNote Web via Web of Science. This is one of the oldest bibliographic management tools, thoroughly updated for the web. Contact Rebecca Hewitt for help creating an account and using EndNote Web.

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