LRC Renovation: What You Need to Know!

Spring break is over and finals are just ahead, and as everyone prepares for the end of the semester the Learning Resources Center is getting ready for its big renovation. While offered services will be relocated around campus after the spring semester ends, it's important for the student/faculty/staff of RSC to know that those services will still be available during renovation!

The Library, Testing Center, Tutoring Center, Disability Services, ITV rooms, and Electronics & Telecommunications will remain in the LRC building through the end of the spring, 2015 semester.

In preparing for the move, all study seating will be consolidated on the first floor of the LRC, by March 27th. Students will still be able to access books on the second floor, the Circulation Desk, and the Audio Visual computer lab. The Library Orientation Room (LRC204) will still be open, as well, up until the spring semester ends.

All offered LRC services will be relocated by the end of May to their new homes until the grand-reopening of the LRC for the 2016 fall semester! During the renovation, LRC services can be found in the following locations:

- Library; which includes books, computer labs, and periodicals (moves to the University Center; aka the “UCO at Rose” building)
- Testing Center (moves to Science & Math Building Rooms 120, 122)
- Tutoring Center (moves to Child Development Center, Rooms 115-117)
- Disability Services (moves to Child Development Center, Room 109)
- Electronics & Telecommunications (moves to Child Development Center, Room 110)

More information about the renovation, and how it will affect RSC students, staff, and faculty can be found on the Rose State website:
Save the Date!

Rose State College Professor of History, Dr. Matthew DeSpain will be the guest speaker for the Friends of the Library's spring event.

The title of his presentation, "Little Red Died for Your Sins," was appropriated from a 1969 Indian student activist banner in protest of OU's Little Red mascot. The phrase derives from Vine Deloria's monumental work *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* (1969) which influenced the Red Power movement including Indian student actions against Little Red. Dr. DeSpain's presentation explores how, over time, Native and non-Native students at OU appropriated and re-crafted Indian imagery, the eventual creation of Little Red, and the battle against him that divided Indian peoples in Oklahoma. In the end, OU abolished Little Red, but his end opened the way for better treatment of Indian students at OU.

The presentation will be held in rooms 109/110 of the Learning Resources Center on Tuesday April 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. Please join us for this interesting topic and learn more about other activities sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

For more information about the Friends of the Library Club, please visit their page on the Rose State website.
Spring is here, and graduation is coming soon. As we finish the semester I want to remind you of some very major items.

For a student to receive accommodations, by policy they are to bring each professor an official accommodation form with the approved and appropriate accommodations. Please DO NOT make any other accommodations! If you have a question about the accommodations, then call Janet at 7407. If you do something different (out of the kindness of your heart or you are tired of being badgered), you have legally obligated all future professors to do the same AND put the College at legal risk. That is why the Office of Disability Services exists! I can appreciate that you may not want someone else deciding what is done in your class. But to maintain the integrity of your class and the program that you teach within, AND to keep us all compliant with Federal ADA law, following policy is so very necessary. The second reminder is the proverbial close to the end of the semester question, “Can I fail a student with disabilities?”

The response is, “Can you fail any student?” Not that we want anyone to fail, but application of the same standard for all students must be our goal. “Sympathy grades” really don’t do anyone a favor - the student nor future professors. Just be your usual, consistent self in reporting the grades that each student earns. Faculty responsibility is met by following the approved accommodations as specified on the official accommodation form. Sometimes the challenges can appear overwhelming. Sometimes the outcome may not be what was hoped for or expected. Faculty, you may have students who are not performing well. But grades are to be earned and not just given.

I want to thank those who have worked diligently to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. Faculty and students actually do the majority of the work in the classrooms. Thank you for your patience and tenacity. YOU have made a difference in so many lives and have encouraged our students to do their best and accomplish their goals! Some of you have actually been the catalyst for some students who have literally blossomed through your encouragement. I won’t mention that sometimes it was with screaming and kicking on the part of a student here or there along the journey! Education is all about accepting opportunities to grow and then making it happen. You have helped students sort through numerous challenges as they have grown immensely along their journey.

Finals and pre-final tests greatly increase demands on the Academic Testing Center. Encourage students to plan ahead if accommodations specify testing in the Academic Testing Center. This is especially important if private space, reader, and/or scribe are needed.

As you are choosing books and support materials for next year’s courses and visiting with textbook reps, please consider the accessibility of ALL support materials. Online tutorials, your own webpage design, as well as homework programs, video discs, and all support materials are required by law to be accessible for all. That includes captioning of videos. If you will plan for this as you choose materials it will help everyone be more successful. Consider, also, that this will assist students with different learning styles in addition to students with disabilities.

By this time in the semester many students, faculty and staff are overwhelmed and their stress meters may be off the chart! Sometimes “life” interferes with learning or even just day-to-day functioning. If you know of any one on campus who is having difficulty and might benefit from personal counseling, please refer them to Special Services and Student Outreach (SSB101 – 733-7373) or to DSR (LRC125).

Disability Services is here to serve students and all campus personnel as we encourage students to do their best to obtain individual goals.

For more information about services for students with disabilities, to refer students wishing to request accommodations, or if you have questions concerning approved accommodations, please contact Janet Griffith at 733-7407 or stop by LRC 125. The welcome mat is always out!

Have a GREAT spring and summer!
Tutoring Services offers:
* Free Online Tutoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
* Also available in Spanish.

To obtain more information, you may call the tutoring desk or go to: http://www.rose.edu/tutoring-services

Rose State Tutoring provides free tutoring in the Learning Resources Center for Rose State students in general education courses only. This includes 0-level skill building courses (e.g. MATH 0103, Fundamentals of Math).

**Spring Hours – LRC Tutoring**
Monday – Thursday 08:00 AM – 08:00 PM
Friday 08:00 AM – 05:00 PM

The 15th Street News office has temporarily relocated to the second floor of the LRC in room 206 (the former D2L office) while their building is being renovated: They will be in the LRC through the end of the semester.

The D2L office is now located on the first floor of the Professional Training and Education building. All phone numbers have remained the same.
The Academic Testing Center

Located on the first floor, north end of the Learning Resources Center.

Phone 733-7440

Spring hours are:
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Fall & Spring ONLY)
Sunday: 1 pm - 6 pm (Summer ONLY)

FOR HOLIDAY HOURS
Please visit our web page

The last time to start a test is one hour before closing. Tests must be completed five minutes before closing.

“PLEASE NOTE” - The hours for the Academic Testing Center are not the same as the building hours for the Learning Resources Center.

TO TAKE A TEST, students must provide:

1. Student ID OR Government issued photo ID - and - student number
2. Professor’s name
3. Course name
Congratulations to Audio Visual's Crystal Reimler, who was married to DeeAnna Ramsey on March 7th, 2015!

Make sure to stop by the We3Farms booth at the OSU-OKC Farmer's Market, each Saturday. You'll find the LRC's Deb Willis and friends selling locally grown meats and eggs from their farms.

Further congratulations to AV's Crystal Reimler who received her Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership, from the University of Central Oklahoma, this past December, and is now working towards a Master's Degree for Adult Education: Student Personnel from UCO.

LRC photos in this newsletter by Audio Visual's Katie Graham.