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# PSU Libraries Pulse

## Major Remodeling Project Underway

Leonard H. Axe library was opened for business in 1979. Much has changed since then. The way students study, and the resources they expect to be available have also changed. Because of this, Axe was due for a renovation. In the projected 6-year plan, every floor will be remodeled.

Last summer the periodicals (west) side of the basement was remodeled and 5 rooms were created that students can use by checking out the keys. Two are traditional study rooms, one is an audio recording studio, one is a video recording studio (complete with green screen), and one is an editing studio. In addition to the two media rooms on the second floor this gives students at total of seven rooms to use. During midterms, dead week, and finals those rooms are very busy.

The basement remodel also included two offices, a workroom, and nearly doubled the space for Special Collections and University Archives.

The 3rd floor is the next phase of the Library remodel and will begin May 12th with an anticipated completion by start of Fall 2017 semester. The 3rd floor remodel will add 8 small group study rooms that can be reserved. We expect to add 150 seats to the third floor, in addition to the study rooms.



Study rooms and media studios for student use in the remodeled section of the basement.

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### AXE LIBRARY LATE NIGHTS

Axe Library has extended hours during dead week and finals! Sunday night through Thursday night we are open until 1:00 am with full services available. In addition, at around 10:00 pm each night, free coffee, tea, lemonade, and snacks are made available.



## University Authors Reception

Axe Library has sponsored a Faculty Authors Reception for 33 years. For the first 12 years, only book authors and editors were recognized, but that was broadened out to include faculty who had authored articles, poems, reviews, musical scores, book chapters, and more, in 1995.

In 2016, Library Services continued to broaden the scope to include all PSU employees, not just faculty, and made a slight name change to University Authors Reception.

About 120 people showed up at the reception for the 9 book authors and approximately 50 article-type authors who had a total of 120 works on display. A bibliography is published and available for anyone. The Reception is well known across campus for its wonderful refreshments.

### GRAPHICS AND IMAGING TECH CLASS PHOTO EXHIBITS

Each semester students from the GIT Portrait Photography class display images in the KTC Library (S221). People are invited to view the images and vote on a favorite from each student. After the votes are tallied the "winner" from each student will be displayed in the Axe Library.

## Axe Digital Collections

The Digital Initiatives and Resource Center has been busy this year digitizing material from Special Collections and University Archives. Some of our projects include photographs showing the early days of Frontenac, Kansas, Southeast Kansas Socialist newspaperman J.A. Wayland, historical postcards of Pittsburg, Kansas, and then manuscripts and photographs from the collections of Eva Jessye and Carson Robison. All of these collections and other may be found at Axe Digital.

Collections added to University Archives include the Kanza Yearbooks starting from 1911 to 1995. We are constantly adding new yearbooks to the collection. We also have digitized a number of Student Handbooks from Kansas State Teachers College during the 1920s to the 1960s. Currently we are digitizing PSU Football Programs ranging from the 1940s to present.

Finally, other collections produced by the Digital Initiatives and Resource Center includes PSU historical Theses Collection and Finding Aids for Special Collections. New items and collections are being added monthly.

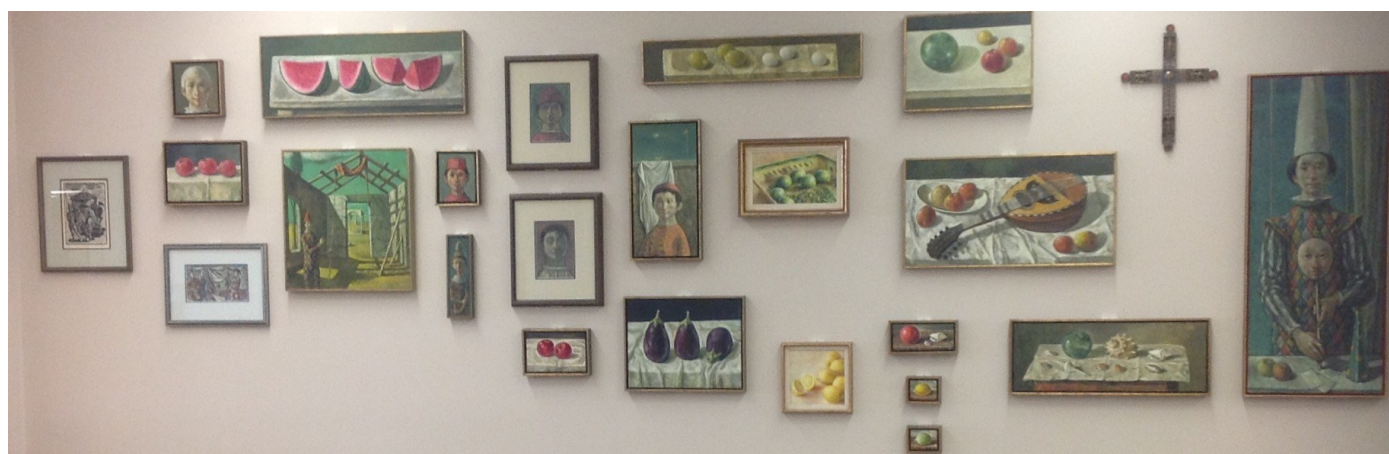
You may view these and other collections at either Axe Digital <http://axedigital.pittstate.edu> or Digital Commons <http://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu>.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Deborah White at [620-235-4889](tel:620-235-4889) or [dlwhite@pittstate.edu](mailto:dlwhite@pittstate.edu).

## Kansas Artist Lester Raymer Art Display On First Floor

Lester Raymer, born in Oklahoma in 1907, was an artist living in Lindsborg, KS from 1945 until his death in 1991. He studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in the 1930s, winning every student award available. A multifaceted artist, he was proficient in painting, prints, ceramics, metalwork, woodcarving, and more. His Red Barn Studio in Lindsborg is now a museum.

A significant number of Raymer's works were collected by Dr. William and Norma Reals. Dr. Reals was the dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita and a well-known and respected pathologist who traveled widely investigating plane crashes to determine the cause through autopsies. Mrs. Reals was born in Pittsburg. The Reals family has previously donated land to the University, the 10-acre plot used for the KRPS tower and the 156-acre Francis A. Monahan Outdoor Education Center. The display in Axe Library duplicates the layout of the display in the Reals' living room.



### APPLE DAY DISPLAY IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Special Collections & University Archives presents photos and artifacts from its diverse collections with an exhibit, "Founding Mentors & Apple Bites." The exhibit features early faculty members and past Apple Day celebrations. Curated by Janette Mauk and Lauren Geiger, Senior, the exhibit will be on display through late summer 2017.

## New Books List Now Available Online

Want to see what new books have been added to the collection? The list is always available at <http://libguides.pittstate.edu/new> so bookmark it and check back each month!

Axe Library Annual Book sale  
Wednesday, April 12th  
10am - 2pm  
Books are donations in diverse subjects such as: Romance, Art, Literature, History, and many more!  
Sale is open to all PSU students and public