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# LIBRARY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

## RENOVATIONS AT AXE LIBRARY

Library Services continues the multi-year project of renovating the Leonard H. Axe Library. Steadily, the library is transforming spaces and services to meet the changing student and campus needs. The Library has added new multi-use spaces, dynamic classrooms, presentation spaces, and reserve-able study rooms.

The 2018 phase III renovation saw construction delays, putting us beyond the anticipated completion date. We are pleased to announce the renovated west side of the basement is open for users. The space is temporarily furnished. New furniture pieces are coming this spring semester!

The basement has the following resources:

- Nine study rooms. Five rooms are reserve-able spaces with computers and media. The other four are first come first serve spaces.
- There is one large classroom with projection and flexible seating configurations, capable of seating 50. This space will be reserve-able by professors. <https://pittstate.libcal.com/>
- The mid-section of the floor is configurable into a presentation space capable of accommodating larger groups. Projection and speaker equipment are available.

Conversations are underway for our next phase of the remodel slated for this summer 2019. This next phase will impact the first floor and services. Please be on the lookout for more information throughout the semester.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As you read this newsletter, the third remodeling phase of the Leonard H. Axe Library is nearing completion. And the final planning is nearly completed for remodeling most of the first floor in summer 2019. Library faculty and staff are excited about our new spaces and about the new opportunities we have to serve our students, faculty, and community in traditional and in new ways. It is an interesting and challenging time in academic libraries as we navigate constant change in technologies, financial realities, and pedagogies. The same could be said for all of higher education as together we respond to rapidly changing landscapes. Many thanks to the University administration for their support of Library Services during these times as we work together to ensure Axe Library remains an excellent resource. I also want to mention my appreciation for our valued partners in Axe Library, including the Student Success Center, the Writing Center, Honors College, Sodexo's Axe Grind, and the Women's and Gender Resource Center. Many of you across the campus have noticed the changes we are affecting in Library Services facilities, services, and programming. I want to thank you, sincerely, for your words of encouragement and your insightful suggestions for future improvements. Have a great semester and come visit Axe Library whenever you have the opportunity.



Randy Roberts  
Dean of Library Services



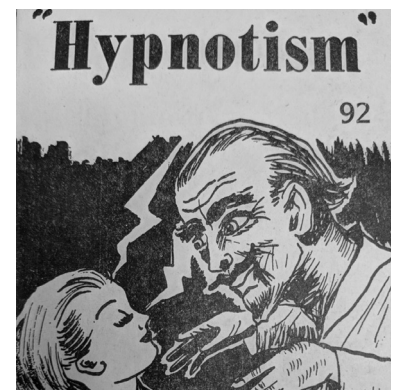
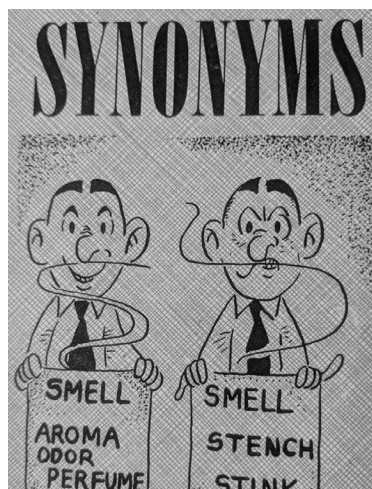
## UPDATED FACULTY SENATE PLAQUE

On December 5th 2018 members of the administration and faculty came together to honor the Past Presidents and Current President of Faculty Senate for their service to Pittsburg State University. A newly updated plaque now proudly hangs in Leonard H. Axe Library.

## #COLOROURCOLLECTIONS

Leonard H. Axe Library is participating in the #ColorOurCollections campaign from Feb. 4 - 8. Coloring pages from Special Collections highlighting Little Blue Books will be available at Axe Library. Color them and share the hash-tag on social media!

<http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/>





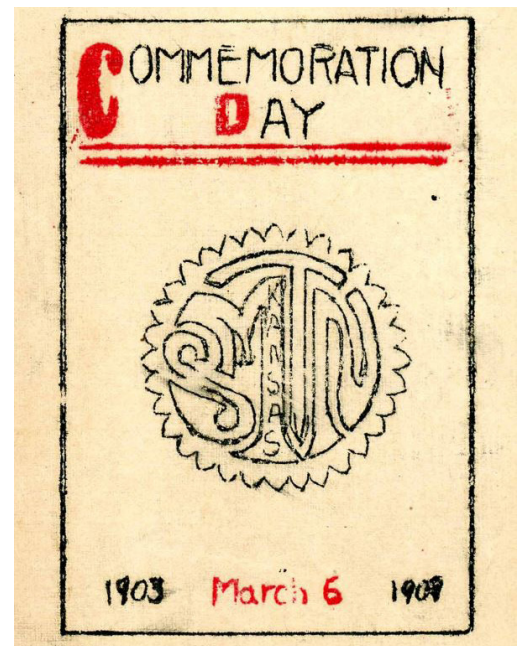
## LATE NIGHTS AT AXE

In 2015 Library Services committed to extending building hours during exam times to provide students a place to study, work on papers, practice presentations, and more. Since then the Axe Library Outreach department has provided light snacks and hot beverages at 10 pm to students during the late nights. This programming provides a much needed physical break for students and an excuse to snack on cookies, granola, chips, and more. Hundreds of students during the exam weeks take advantage of the nine nights Axe Library stays open till 1am and provides free snacks! We are looking forward to continuing programming and hours this spring semester!

## Digital Commons Collection

The Apple Day Programs digital collection presents a historical account commemorating the long standing tradition at Pittsburgh State University. The collection can be found in Digital Commons under University Archives. The collection ranges from 1908, when PSU was then named State Manual Training Normal School, to 2016. You can view the collection at <https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/apple-day/>

For questions please contact Deborah White, Digital Initiatives & Resource manager at 620-235-4889 or [dlwhite@pittstate.edu](mailto:dlwhite@pittstate.edu).



## SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

### Leonard H. Axe Library

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am to 11:00 pm  
Friday: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm

### KTC Library

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

# LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Axe Library at Pittsburg State University is holding a symposium titled: **The Little Blue Books at 100: Haldeman-Julius's Revolutionary Printing Venture** on March 29-30, 2019. This event will feature papers and presentations on the various aspects of the 32-year run of the Little Blue Books, from 1919 until the death of Emanuel Haldeman-Julius in 1951. These pocket-sized booklets, published in Girard, Kansas, revolutionized printing and were the earliest paperback books mass-marketed. The symposium is free and open to the public.

For more information, including registering, please visit: <https://axe.pittstate.edu> or call Steve Cox at (620) 235-4883.

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## THE LITTLE BLUE BOOKS AT 100

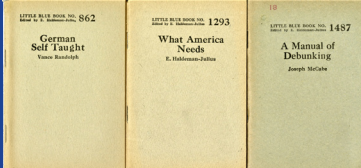
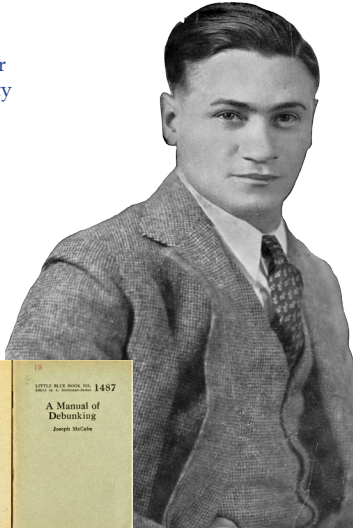
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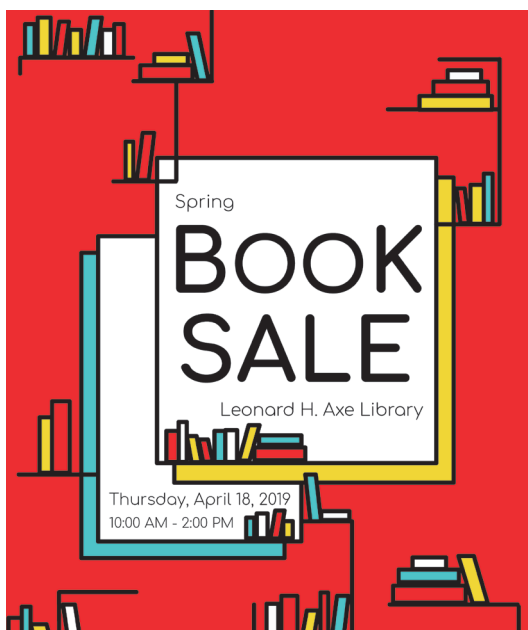
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## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UNIVERSITY AUTHORS RECEPTION

<https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/far/>

This past Nov. 2018, Leonard H. Axe Library celebrated the 35th year of hosting the University Authors Reception. This year marked another milestone in this long Library Services tradition of honoring PSU publishers and content creators. This year was the first time to include Open Education Resource books into the reception. We are thrilled to represent all the fantastic content creators on campus. And we look forward to the 2019 reception. Please keep an eye out for the call for submissions in early fall.



## ANNUAL SPRING BOOKSALE

This year's Spring Semester Book Sale will be held on Thursday, April 18th from 10 am to 2 pm outside of Axe Library. Donations received throughout the year help provide materials for the annual book sale. So look out this spring semester for information on book drives and opportunities to donate materials. Book Sale revenue helps fund library programming.



## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

Each February the library puts on a “Blind Date With A Book” in honor of Valentine’s day. Books are selected from throughout the library and packaged for the perfect blind date. Each novel will have two or three hints about the story and an icon indicating the type of “blind date”. The six types include graphic novels, poetry, mystery, literary-fiction, sci-fi/ fantasy, and romance. Every year dozens of dates are found, find yours this February at the front desk on first floor of Axe Library.

## ART DAY & ENGLISH DAY

On April 3, 2019, Axe Library will help host High School English Day and participate in the High School Art Day. Keep an eye out for more info from the departments.



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## NEW DATABASES & JOURNALS

### Bloomberg Law: Tax

Bloomberg Tax is a new database for PSU Libraries in 2019. The database is a complete, comprehensive tax research solution that allows you to access tax expertise, news and analysis, and practitioner-developed tools. The database has an easy-to-use interface and improved search delivery of the fastest and easiest access to expert analysis, news, and primary source material, and a range of practitioner-developed tools only available from Bloomberg BNA. The database is available for use on and off campus. Off-campus use requires GUS id and pin.

### Thomson Reuters Checkpoint

Thompson Reuters Checkpoint is the second new database for PSU Libraries in 2019. The database is a comprehensive tax and accounting research database covering laws and news on the federal, state and local levels. The database provides access to a variety of primary sources, analysis, journals, news, cases, and rulings and is available for use on and off-campus. Off-campus use requires GUS id and pin. A maximum of 35 simultaneous users can access the database by licensing restriction.

### Learning Express

Learning Express is a resource that allows you to access a variety of sample tests, such as the MCAT, GRE, ASVAB, and TEAS among others. Users may access Learning Express without a login while in the State of Kansas. However, if you want to download ebooks, take tests and keep track of your tests and progress, you must create a free personal account on the Learning Express website.