Did You Know...

- Milne Library is named after Dr. William J. Milne, who was the first Principal of the Geneseo Normal School from 1871 to 1889, and his brother, Dr. John M. Milne, who was Principal from 1889 to 1903.
- The original Milne Library was built in the mid-1950s in Fraser Hall.
- The statue of Minerva which has graced the library main floor since 2005 is a reproduction of the statue that resided in the library of the College’s original building, “Old Main,” from 1906 to 1951.
- The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) named Milne Library the best in the country with its 2018 Excellence in Academic Libraries award in the college category. Milne Library was recognized for its programming and outreach efforts that deliver outstanding services and resources to advance students’ academic success.
- In the Academic Year of 2018-19 the library received around 312,000 visits, loaned 26,402 physical items from our collections and had 7,053 physical items borrowed through interlibrary loan on behalf of SUNY Geneseo faculty, staff, and students.

Research Instruction Services

We strive to educate and assist library users with their research needs. We accomplish this by offering services focused on Library Instruction, Research Help Services, and Outreach to Faculty and Community.

**LIBRARY INSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

The goals for which we assess the instruction program are:
- Locate information using library resources.
- Evaluate information for credibility and authority.
- Integrate information into projects.

Librarians will work with you to develop specialized library sessions for your courses that address research skills & information literacy concepts.

**RESEARCH HELP SERVICES**

- We offer students, faculty, and staff drop-in times for research help.
- Students, faculty, and staff may schedule one-on-one research consultations with their subject liaison: [https://www.geneseo.edu/library/researchconsultations](https://www.geneseo.edu/library/researchconsultations)

**OUTREACH TO FACULTY & COMMUNITY**

- We consult with faculty on course and assignment design, specifically, embedding and assessing information literacy into courses.
- We offer professional development opportunities sometimes in collaboration with other campus stakeholders, including CIT & the Teaching Learning Center.
- We develop community programs, such as Celebrating Geneseo’s Authors and Makerfest.

**STATS:**

- We offered 416 general and subject-specific classes to 6,614 students in the most recent academic year.
- 46 of 47 sections of ITND 105 received research skills instruction.
- We welcomed 10 classes of 317 high school students from six different area schools.

**FACT:** KnightScholar

- KnightScholar is a curated repository for scholarly, creative, educational, and research works created by SUNY Geneseo faculty, staff, and students, and for digitized materials from Milne Library’s Special Collections.

Visit the repository here: [https://knightscholar.geneseo.edu/](https://knightscholar.geneseo.edu/)

**STATS:**

- HEDS Research Practices Survey
- We assessed first-year students’ information literacy using the HEDS Research Practices Survey. The data indicates that students demonstrate growth in their knowledge and practice of research and information literacy topics. For example:
  - By the end of their first year, students demonstrate increased confidence in: Database use Boolean operators Evaluating the credibility of sources, including understanding that web content has bias Understanding peer review
  - 85% of students demonstrated knowledge of using sophisticated search strategies and databases
  - Data showed that students understood that information needs to be cited and have an increased understanding about when to cite information.

IDS Project

Founded in 2004, the Information Delivery Services (IDS) Project was created to share materials among members’ libraries that no longer had the funding to purchase all of the materials their students needed.

- The IDS Project won the Rethinking Resource Sharing Innovation Award for innovative contributions to resource sharing at the American Library Association’s 2018 Annual Conference in New Orleans.
- IDS’ borrowing and lending services are utilized by 121 members across the US.

**SUNY OER Services**

The mission is to support the creation and use of open content at SUNY Geneseo and member campuses across SUNY

**FACT:**

- Geneseo offered 35 OER-supported courses
- Approximately 1,136 students were enrolled in OER-supported courses and they saved $193,159.24 in textbook prices in one year

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