

# Pennsylvania Libraries: *Research & Practice*

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### *News Briefs from PA Libraries*

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## Penn State Libraries Receives IMLS Grant to Acquire International Industry Standards

University Park, PA – The Penn State University Libraries received an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to purchase international and industry standards in support of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) in core Pennsylvania industries. These items are now available for loan to Pennsylvania residents and businesses.

“The purpose of this project was to increase access to and awareness of industry and international standards for the benefit of Pennsylvania businesses and entrepreneurs,” said Linda Musser, Distinguished Librarian and head of the Fletcher L. Byrom Earth and Mineral Sciences Library, who spearheaded the project. “Standards developed by experts are consensus publications that document best practices. In a global economy, use of international standards is increasingly required to do business, however standards are expensive.”

The \$48,644 IMLS grant was used to gather information from statewide stakeholders about specific needs for standards in eight key industries identified by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development that could benefit from improved access to standards: advanced manufacturing, food processing and manufacturing, energy production and transition, life sciences and medical technology, corporate headquarters, distribution and logistics, plastics and chemicals, and robotics and artificial intelligence. The project also identified standards that promulgate DEIA and further the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on standards not widely available in Pennsylvania libraries.

Ultimately, about 164 standards were acquired, including standards from the American Welding Society, the American Petroleum Institute, the American National Standards Institute, the International Electrotechnical Commission, and the International Organization for Standardization. The Libraries’ Standards Guide (<https://guides.libraries.psu.edu/standards>) provides further information about obtaining standards from Penn State. As Pennsylvania’s land-grant university, Penn State makes its library collections and other materials available to the public.

Submitted by Linda Musser, Penn State University Libraries

## Carnegie Mellon University Libraries Podcast Investigates Avant-Garde Arts in Oakland

Pittsburgh, PA – The Carnegie Mellon University Libraries is thrilled to announce the third season of “Cut Pathways,” a podcast developed by the Carnegie Mellon University Oral History Program. This season takes a closer look at the history of avant-garde arts organizations and communities in Pittsburgh’s Oakland neighborhood in and around the 1970s.

The seven-episode series, titled “Steel City Outsiders and the Institutional Avant-Garde,” is hosted by Oral History Program Director Katherine Barbera and Oral History Production Assistant David Bernabo. Together, they introduce listeners to the revolutionary film, punk music, and electronic art that pushed mainstream boundaries — and explore how computers changed art and music, and entire arts communities around that time.

Listen to the season - <https://www.library.cmu.edu/cut-pathways-podcast/season-3>

Full episodes are also available on all major podcasting platforms.

Submitted by Shannon Riffe, Carnegie Mellon University Libraries



*Sally Dixon and Storm De Hirsch in conversation, 1971, Photographs, Photographs of Storm De Hirsch with others, Departments of Film and Video Archive, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA*

## Penn State University Libraries Expands Open Access Support via 3 New BTAA Agreements

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — [Penn State University Libraries](https://www.library.psu.edu/), through the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), recently finalized three-year, 2023-25 agreements with three scholarly publishers. The agreements with Wiley, Institute of Physics and Microbiology Society will help to expand access to scholarly content, promote open access (OA) publishing and increase visibility of Penn State research.

“We are excited about these new OA agreements with three key publishing partners,” said Mihoko Hosoi, associate dean for collections, research and scholarly communications, University Libraries. “With these agreements facilitated through BTAA, Penn State corresponding authors’ work can be published in both hybrid and pure gold OA journals and can be immediately open and visible without incurring additional cost for authors, libraries or readers. We are thrilled that we were able to increase access to Penn State research.”

These agreements join a growing list of University Libraries' support for open access publishing, including similar agreements with [Cambridge University Press](#), [Public Library of Science](#) and [SAGE](#). They also support open access through the implementation of [Penn State’s open access policy](#) by funding open access monograph publishing by university presses through the [TOME Initiative](#) and the [Libraries Open Publishing Program](#).

The agreements with Wiley, Institute of Physics (IOP) and Microbiology Society cover OA publishing charges for Penn State corresponding authors publishing in these publishers’ journals. Those qualified articles will be immediately open access on the publisher’s platform. These publishers will offer a choice of open access licenses to Penn State authors publishing in their journals. Authors retain copyright in their articles.

The agreements run for three years from Jan. 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2025. In general, articles will need to be accepted during the agreements’ timeframe. The agreements also cover subscriptions and read access to Wiley, Institute of Physics (IOP) and Microbiology Society journals. Unlimited open access publishing is included with no additional cost to individual Penn State authors.

The following provides guidance for Penn State authors:

#### Wiley

Penn State corresponding authors can publish open access in Wiley hybrid and gold/fully OA journals, including those from Hindawi, at no additional charge. To take advantage of this opportunity, authors should list their Penn State affiliation and Penn State email address when they submit their articles. There is no code to enter. Penn State corresponding authors whose articles are accepted in a Wiley hybrid journal or submitted to a Wiley Gold or Hindawi journal between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025, will automatically be offered free OA publishing.

#### Institute of Physics (IOP)

Penn State corresponding authors can publish open access in eligible IOP journals, including most gold and hybrid OA journals, with no additional charge. Excluded journals are American Astronomical Society (AAS) journals, some society titles that do not allow OA publishing, fully OA journals that do not charge OA fees, and translated and conference titles. To take advantage of this opportunity, authors should list their Penn State affiliation and Penn State email address when they submit their articles. There is no code to enter. Penn State corresponding authors publishing in eligible journals will automatically be offered free OA publishing for primary research articles accepted between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025.

#### Microbiology Society

Penn State corresponding authors can publish open access in all hybrid and fully/gold open access Microbiology Society journals at no additional charge. To take advantage of this opportunity, authors should list their Penn State affiliation and Penn State email address when they submit their articles. There is no code to enter. Penn State corresponding authors whose articles are accepted in a Microbiology Society journal between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025, will automatically be offered free OA publishing.

For additional details, see the BTAA announcements for [Wiley, IOP](#) and [Microbiology Society](#). Penn State faculty authors seeking more information about OA publishing and discounts for author publishing charges are encouraged to visit the Libraries' [Open Access LibGuide](#) under the section "[APC Discounts for PSU Authors](#)."

For more information about open access initiatives supported by the University Libraries, users and researchers should send inquiries to [openaccess@psu.edu](mailto:openaccess@psu.edu).

*Courtesy of Penn State University Libraries*

## Seeber Joins Penn State as University Libraries' Head of Abington Library

ABINGTON, Pa. — Kevin Seeber has joined Penn State University Libraries as head of the [Abington Campus Library](#) at Penn State Abington, effective March 1.

"Kevin comes to us with extensive experience in working with undergraduates, most notably first-year and transfer students," University Libraries Associate Dean for Commonwealth Campus Libraries Jennie Knies said. "He is an empathetic leader who is committed to serving students, partnering with faculty and supporting library employees."

As head librarian, Seeber oversees operations and supervision of faculty librarians and staff; manages the library's budget, facilities, collections and public services; and collaborates with colleagues across the University Libraries and Penn State Abington in planning, developing, and evaluating library services, policies and procedures. He also partners with campus administrators to meet strategic goals and works alongside Development and Alumni Relations officers to coordinate gifts.

"I'm thrilled to be at Penn State Abington," Seeber said. "This campus is clearly focused on student success while still having the incredible resources of a research university. It's a great place to be."

Prior to arriving to Penn State, Seeber served for nearly eight years at University of Colorado Denver's Auraria Library, which serves the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Community College of Denver. While there he served as a senior instructor, head of its Education and Outreach Services Department and initially as a first-year teaching and learning librarian.

Seeber earned a master's degree in library and information studies and an undergraduate degree in history, both from Florida State University. He began his academic library career at Florida State University's Strozier Library, where he served as a library operations supervisor and collection development specialist, among other roles. From



*Kevin Seeber is Penn State University Libraries' head librarian at the Abington Campus Library, effective March 1, 2023. Credit: photo provided / Penn State University Libraries photo illustration. All Rights Reserved.*

there he served at Colorado State University-Pueblo's University Library as assistant professor, library instruction coordinator and government documents librarian.

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