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OU Libraries Honored by Oklahoma Museums Association

NORMAN – The University of Oklahoma Libraries earned top honors from the Oklahoma Museums Association for “Galileo’s World,” a yearlong exhibition in celebration of the university’s 125th anniversary with 20 exhibits in seven locations across all three OU campuses. Awards were given for best exhibit design, education and outreach, and best technology media.

“The OU Library system is one of the best in the nation, and it seeks to serve all of the people of Oklahoma,” said OU President David L. Boren.

Oklahoma Museums Association awards honor the excellence and quality of projects accomplished by institutional members throughout the state. The awards will be presented Sept. 22 during the association’s annual conference.

“With this unique and multidimensional exhibition, we were able to highlight our special collections to engage the community and build relationships to strengthen our role as the intellectual commons of the university,” said OU Libraries Dean Rick Luce. “We are honored by this recognition by the Oklahoma Museums Association and are looking forward to the next libraries’ exhibition.”

Though the cross-campus endeavor ended in July, a “Galileo’s World” reprise is on display in the Bizzell Memorial Library through 2018, where a selection of the satellite exhibits will be displayed in a two-month rotation.

“The theme of ‘Galileo’s World’ was bringing worlds together,” said OU Libraries History of Science Collections curator Kerry Magruder. “It served to unite the campus by exploring the connections between academic disciplines, and it allowed us to introduce a little-known yet spectacular collection of works to new audiences. We hope this reprise version will continue to engage and inspire visitors.”

Events and programming will accompany each rotation. Members of the public are invited to color their favorite constellations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, on the 5th floor of the Bizzell Memorial Library. Constellation coloring pages adapted from star atlases, colored pencils and refreshments will be provided.

The University of Oklahoma Libraries is headquartered in the Bizzell Memorial Library, located in the center of the Norman campus, east of the iconic clock tower. University Libraries represents the collective knowledge of the university and provides research and study assistance to facilitate knowledge creation. For accommodations, please contact University Libraries at (405) 325-2611 or visit Libraries.ou.edu

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