



Librarians launch startup and license tutorial software

Associate Librarians **Jason Dewland** and **Yvonne Mery** worked with **Tech Launch Arizona** and the **McGuire Program for Entrepreneurship** to launch their startup company **Sidecar Learning** and license UA Libraries tutorial software. Also, they already have their first customer.

[Find out more about the launch](#)



UA Libraries and the Grateful Dead as innovators



Carol Howe receives 2018 Lois

Dean **Shan Sutton**, a Grateful Dead scholar, shared his vision for the **Student Success District** with **Arizona Alumni Magazine**: "We want to up our game so the libraries can be a central hub, where our students are becoming these creative, innovative problem solvers outside the formal classroom using creative technologies to build on what they are learning in the classroom."

[Read the interview ▶▶▶](#)



#WeAreUAZLibraries: Michelle Halla

Michelle Halla is the Manager of Reference for the Access and Information Services department, and her favorite library resource is our chat service.

[Get to know Michelle ▶▶▶](#)

Olsrud Award

The 2018 **Lois Olsrud Faculty Excellence Award** was presented to Librarian **Carol Howe**, liaison to the College of Medicine (COM). Her nominators described her work as "elevating the Health Sciences Library's relationship with the COM to new levels of excellence."

[Learn more about Carol ▶▶▶](#)



Why do we need libraries?

During National Library Week (April 7-13), the **Arizona Daily Star** published an op-ed on the importance of libraries by UA Libraries Director of Development **Hilary Van Alsburg**. She said, "Libraries are at the forefront of innovation and entrepreneurship, often serving as the 'first office' for student researchers."

[View the op-ed ▶▶▶](#)

