



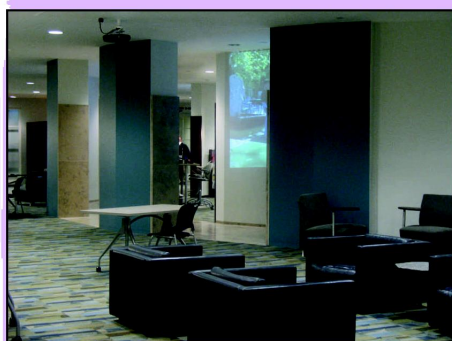
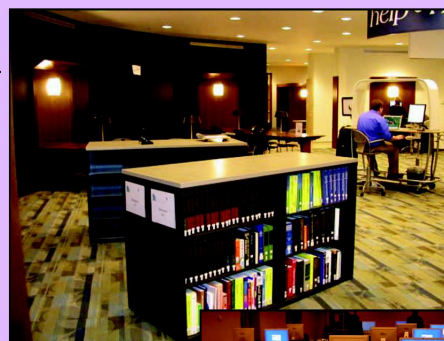
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The Hub Has Officially Opened

Dr. Todd, Dean Diedrichs and Penny Cox from Information Technology were among the speakers as the Hub @ WT's officially opened on March 27. After the opening remarks, visitors took tours of the facility and munched on refreshments, while Doreen Maloney's video of Turkey was projected onto the walls outside the help desk. Such artwork is just another aspect of this unique academic space.

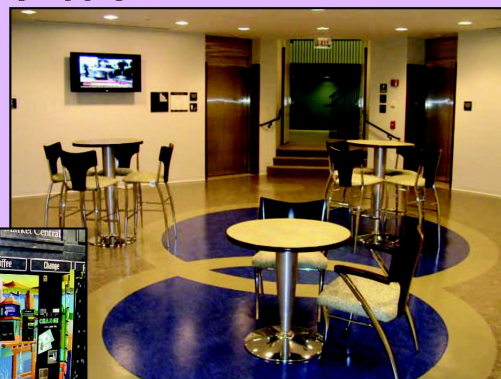
Though the grand opening was March 27, the help desks opened on March 5. Even before then, the students have been availing themselves to the whiteboards and furniture as they have been installed. The student reaction has been very positive. Stacey Greenwell, interim director of the Hub, reports that the students she has talked to appreciate that the University has invested in something that is purely for the students.

During the first thirteen days, the help desks answered 241 questions—not bad for a time period that included Spring Break! The Hub staff have also given tours to dozens of people, including the Kentucky Government Documents Roundtable, Eastern Kentucky University librarians, and librarians from Florida State University. The FSU librarians, who are touring information commons throughout the southeast, were very impressed and thought the Hub was one of the best info commons they had seen.



For those who have not yet visited the Hub, Stacey invites you to stop by and to send students their way. She also encourages you to take advantage of the IT Customer Support staff for any vexing technology questions.

For additional pictures of the Hub, search flickr.com and the Hub's Facebook group page



Spot Bonus Award Winner

Genia Kempster, Library Technician for the Medical Center Library Collection and Technical Services Division, was recently awarded a Spot Bonus Award. By overcoming serious obstacles to meet a deadline, Genia demonstrated her exceptional dedication to the Medical Center Library. She played a key role in getting the EBSCO renewal invoices processed for payment by the December deadline. Following their payment in Voyager, Genia photocopied the necessary paperwork (which was no small task), checked it for accuracy, and put it in order before sending it to Young for further processing. Congratulations on a job well done.



News To Use

Movin', Movin', Movin'...

About 250 cartons filled with books and journals moved from the former International Documents and Research Collections (IDRC) in King Library into the William T. Young Library over Spring Break! The contents of the Scott and Greenslade (Russian military history) Collections were transferred to new permanent locations within Young Library. The monograph collection will be housed in the 2nd floor rotunda and the unbound journals will be bound and then interfiled into the 3rd floor bound periodicals collection. Remaining uncataloged volumes were sent to the Cataloging Department for processing and future shelving in the rotunda. This move results in an additional, and exciting, dimension to Young Library's holdings!



Young Library Displays International Flags

As one way of participating in the University's 2007 Cultural Diversity Festival, the library's Diversity Committee arranged for a month-long display of international flags in the foyer of the W. T. Young Library. Suspended from the 2nd floor balcony railings were the national flags of 23 countries, including the United States of America. The flags that represented a sample of the home countries of University students, faculty, and staff were on loan from the UK Office of International Affairs (OIA). Additional flags from the OIA were displayed elsewhere on campus and in the community during the Cultural Diversity month of March. As an aid to visitors viewing the exhibit, a flier that identified each flag with its country was made available at the Circulation Desk and the Security station.



Historical Look at UK Libraries

A new exhibit has been installed in the Young Gallery. "A Historical Look at the University of Kentucky Libraries" was compiled from resources in the Archives, Special Collections and Digital Programs. The exhibit is not a comprehensive history but meant to provide a glimpse of the Libraries' past. It includes historic photographs, Board of Trustees minutes, a letter to Thomas Clark from Margaret I. King, and other items related to the library. The exhibit was curated by Deirdre Scaggs and Matt Harris.



News To Use (Cont)



ARL Director Retiring

Duane Webster, Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries, has announced his retirement effective in May 2008. The Board of ARL has appointed a search committee to assist the Board in identifying ARL's next Executive Director. Brian Schottlaender (California, San Diego) has agreed to chair a search committee. Joining Brian on the Search Committee are: Shirley Baker (Washington in St. Louis), Carol Diedrichs (Kentucky), Mark Haslett (Waterloo), Wendy Lougee (Minnesota), Jim Mullins (Purdue), and Jim Neal (Columbia).



UK Librarians Assist Lexington Public Library

Becky Ryder and Bill Marshall, in their positions of preservation librarian and archivist, respectively, are expected to help save UK's valuable materials, but a few weeks ago they assisted in saving Lexington's treasures. A leak in a cooling pipe caused a catastrophic flood at the Central Branch of the Lexington Public Library. There was extensive damage to several floors of the library, but most troubling was the significant damage to the closed stacks area of the Kentucky Room—the LPL equivalent of our Special Collections. Bill and Becky responded immediately to the public library's request for their assistance.

Categorizing this as the second worst disaster she had seen (the worst being the Administration Building fire several years ago), Becky helped triage the damaged collections. She and Bill gave instructions on treating materials, advised the facilities manager on environmental control, made recommendations regarding restoration companies, and offered moral support. Becky also was able to provide blotter board that helped in wicking away the water in some of the affected materials. Their expertise coupled with the quick action of the LPL staff resulted in all the closed stacks material being salvaged.

WOW!!!



Jeff Suchanek has assumed the position of Public Policy Archivist in the Archives Department of Special Collections and Digital Programs. The Public Policy Archives preserves the history of Kentucky politics and government. For over fifty years the University of Kentucky Libraries have sought to build one of the finest and most thorough bipartisan collections for public policy research in the United States. Use of the collection in publications by scholars nationally and internationally testifies to its research value. Jeff's experience and national recognition in this area will assure that the success of the Public Policy Archives continues.



Toni Greider has been selected to receive the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Service Award. This award is given by the UK Chapter of this national agricultural organization. The award recognizes a non-alumnus for significant contributions and service to Kentucky agriculture. Congratulations!



Jim Birchfield's has recently published the book, *Clay Lancaster's Kentucky: Architectural Photographs of a Preservation Pioneer*. Articles reviewing the book have already appeared in both the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. Mike Courtney, proprietor of Black Swan Books, thinks this is "the best photographic book The University Press of Kentucky has produced in terms of picture quality and consistency."



Spotlight Series

This Spotlight features Mary Vass who will retire after 23 years of employment at the University of Kentucky Libraries.

Mary Vass, Director, Interdisciplinary Information Literacy

Mary Vass will be retiring on May 25 after almost twenty-three years of work at the UK Libraries. She started her career as a bibliographer in the Collection Development department at the King Library and has been at the Young Library since 2000, first as Team Leader for Reference and Information Services and then as Director of the Interdisciplinary Information Literacy unit. However, most of her time at UK was spent as Head of the Education Library, befitting of someone who highly values books and learning.

A native of Gate City, Virginia, in the southwestern part of the state, Mary received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English at Virginia Tech. While in graduate school, she managed a bookstore and served as a teaching assistant. After receiving her master's she continued at Virginia Tech as an instructor. Mary considered going on for her doctorate but instead opted to attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she received her MLS.



Mary has fond memories of working in the Education Library and being part of the branch system. "The people who work in the branches are so supportive of each other," she explained. "We would help each other out if a branch was short-staffed because someone was sick." She has had numerous student assistants over the years, some of whom she is still in contact with and two of whom went on to become librarians.

Many things have changed in the Libraries during Mary's tenure here. She had one of the first desktop computers for mediated searching. She has stories about how one had to use the receiver of a phone in order to do the first online searches. In those days she also had to be her own desktop support person, and she became skilled at installing hardware, software, and troubleshooting problems. The one constant throughout the years has been how much she has enjoyed working and socializing with her colleagues, both within and outside of UK. Mary has been very active in professional associations and just completed her term as president of the Kentucky chapter of the Special Libraries Association. She has also participated in the Kentucky Library Association and looks forward to becoming involved with the North Carolina Library Association.

Mary keeps busy when she is not at the library. She loves gardening and her workspace is often decorated with fresh cut flowers she has grown. Hiking is another favorite pastime. She is very active in her church and also does volunteer work with a local elementary school.

Family is very important to Mary; one of her reasons for accepting a job at UK was that it enabled her to be within driving distance of her family. She is one of five siblings and has two daughters, Sarah and Katie, three nephews and one niece. Mary will be adding to her family in April when she marries her fiancé, George.

After her retirement in May, Mary will be moving to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to live with her new husband. While she will miss Lexington, especially since her daughters live here, she is excited about living in North Carolina. Winston-Salem is interesting historically and is close to the mountains, where trail opportunities abound. She will also be much closer to the beach.

She may be retiring from UK, but Mary is not going to stop working entirely. While she is entertaining the notion of working in a bookstore or going to back to school, she concedes that most likely she will stay in the library world. "I've been doing this too long to switch," she said.

Farewell, Mary, and best of luck in the next chapter of your life!



Tech Talk

By Kelly Vickery

Web Two Point Oh!

You may have heard people refer to Web 2.0, and wondered, what exactly is this brave new world, this second generation World Wide Web, this web two point oh? Is it a new technology? Are there faster better computers running a new world of high speed connections based on new communications protocols that run from more complex, better engineered integrated circuits? The answer is No; it is none of these. Web 2.0 is certainly technology based; however, it is using much of the same technology that already exists on the Web.

Web 2.0 is more of a social movement than it is a technology. The phrase was first coined by O'Reilly Media for a series of seminars they held in 2004, and it was an attempt to describe a new acceptance of Web-based content created through collaboration amongst communities of users. It is a social phenomenon in that the content, the information and the presentation, is owned by the user and molded by democratic participation of users in social-networks—networks which require a high level of participation and communication by members. The technology is built on an architecture that runs applications almost exclusively through web-browsers (not separate software), but this is only a means or a platform on which the social-networks can be formed. The technology provides both the means of communication within the social-network and the presentation of information to viewers. Much like the English language—or any language—is formed by common usage, so too in Web 2.0, the content is provided by the community and is formed through participation by the users: by you. Web 2.0 is the reason Time Magazine made You its 2006 person-of-the-year (the picture was a very good likeness of You, don't you think?)

Needless to say, there can be problems with information founded on sites built by real-time community entry—veracity not being the least of these problems. I will not try to defend Web 2.0 practice in this column—such a defense would take a book, nor would I ever defend some of the information that can be found in Web 2.0 services—some of it is indefensible. The key is the same when presented with any information and that is to use critical thinking when reading.

Examples of Web 2.0 sites have been shared from this column in the past—Blogs, MySpace, FaceBook, and Second Life—but I would like to share two examples that you might find particularly useful.

del.icio.us: For Bookmarks or Favorites <<http://del.icio.us>>

Have you ever been away from your work or home computer and wanted to get to that perfect website that you saved in your favorites last week, but you simply cannot remember, nor find the site now. Then consider using Del.icio.us. Del.icio.us allows you to keep, import, and export your browser favorites on their website. You can organize, describe and tag your bookmarks in depth, and you can share them with others or keep them private. Also you may search bookmarks shared by others.

Flickr. For Photographs <<http://www.flickr.com>>

Have a sudden need to see a variety of pictures of beautiful world locations -- the Queen Victoria Hoodoo in Bryce Canyon, or St. Basils in the Kremlin, or the Sha Tin Race Track in Hong Kong -- then search my friend Flickr. Do you have pictures of unusual places like Waverly Hills Sanatorium, the Sewers of Paris, or Chernobyl? Then share them with others on Flickr. Yahoo's Flickr is a Web 2.0 platform on which users may collect and share their photographs, and view and comment on the photographs of others.

What's Coming Up?

April 2 ISI Lazerow Lecture presented by Dr. Carol Kuhlthau of Rutgers University, Noon to 1 p.m. in the Niles Gallery at the Little Fine Arts Library.

April 3 KLA Webinar: Kentucky Libraries and Google, 11 a.m., contact Christian DiCarlo at dicarlo@google.com for more information.

April 10 UK Records Program Webinars on basic records operations including what to file, how to file it, and how to remove files no longer needed for current business. Seminars will be 9:50 to 11:30 at the W. T. Young Library Auditorium. Contact Nancy Demarcus at nancyd@uky.edu if you are able to attend.

April 11 Library Associates Annual Dinner Meeting, featuring guest speaker Erik Reece author of *Lost Mountain* at the Lafayette Club, Downtown, Lexington. For ticket information contact Bill Marshall at 859-257-8371 or e-mail wjmars01@email.uky.edu

April 13 The Best of the Web Teleconference, Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the William T. Young B108-C.

April 15-21 National Library Week

April 18-20 2007 Joint Spring Conference KLA Academic and Special Sections and the Kentucky Chapter of SLA, Kentucky Libraries: Connecting with Colleagues & Customers, Hilton Cincinnati Airport, Florence, Kentucky.

Did You Know...

The 15th anniversary of Staff Appreciation Day will be located in the Student Center on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 from 10:30 AM-1:30PM. UK staff will be treated to their choice of lunch provided by UK Dining. There will also be free candy, live music, T-shirts and fabulous door prizes.

Lunch options include: hamburger/cheeseburger/chicken fingers and fries from Champions' Grill, salad from Greens-n-Things, burrito and chips and salsa from Burritos Azul Grande, Chinese option from Sichuan Grill or pizza from UK Catering, plus unlimited fountain drinks and bottled water.



For additional information or to Volunteer you may go to the website www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/UKWoman/staffapprec.html.



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