



October/November 2007

Engineering Library Renovated



New Circulation Desk

Major renovations were completed in the Engineering Library this past Spring and Summer. Since the first day of Fall Semester, one of our favorite pastimes in the library is to see the astonished faces of our regular users as they come in the bright new entrance. One morning, at the beginning of the semester, a young man with a messenger bag in one hand and a motorcycle helmet in the other walked through the door and raised his hands from his sides in a gesture of ecstatic astonishment. Because of the drastic change, many people wonder if they are in the right place.

Before this summer, the library was a dark and confusing place. It was furnished with ancient dark laminates and rickety chairs, and the cramped spaces were filled with “vintage” blinds, threadbare carpet, and overcrowded shelves that could of have been mistaken for the dungeons of Hogwarts.

The initial design concept began with Dr. Hancher’s Civil Engineering classes, who were assigned to come up with improvement ideas and floor plans. These students, along with the student staff of the Engineering Library had input on most of the renovation plans. Sue Smith, the head of the Engineering Library, began to meet with a planning group to hammer out construction details and costs.

Under Jenn Esqew’s supervision and planning, the students were responsible for most of the physical labor, which included sending materials off to storage, which included the boxing, un-boxing, re-boxing, and tracking of hundreds of books and serials while keeping the library in a usable condition as users continued to come in despite the chaos. Every day furnishings for the new library arrived. As they were put into place the previous furniture was sent to surplus or passed on. The work continued in relative darkness for several weeks while construction crews wired in new lighting, sprinklers, and electrical systems. Next came new carpet and paint, and lastly the furniture was assembled.



New reference study area.

Engineering Library (Cont.)

Over a few months the library was transformed. A dark back hallway is now a bright corridor. A once junk-filled storage room is now a private team study and meeting room. The dark laminates have been replaced with solid maple materials. The old office will soon be a small computer room for library instruction and engineering projects. There is a new circulation desk which is large and open to accommodate all of our reserves and supplies as well as provide plenty of room for student worker tasks. We've even installed a social area for people who want to study in a comfortable chair or use one of the new laptop-friendly chairs or benches.



L to R: Old office space, new office/meeting room.



Above: The old unbound periodicals section. Right: The new unbound periodicals section known as "The Hall of Deans."

The overcrowded unbound periodicals section has been modified into a more accessible area with low shelving and now includes portraits of past College of Engineering deans, commonly referred to as the "Hall of Deans." Lastly, the standards, which once occupied a large bathroom in the back, are now neatly arranged in magazine boxes in reference. And the infamous bathroom? It was divided into two smaller ones: a women's and a men's. Even better, they have (gasp) toilets and sinks--and even soap and towels! Hooray!!!



There are still a few things to be done, but the improvements made so far have increased our number of regular users. We are very proud to offer this space to our students as a social, educational, and comfortable space to use.

News To Use

UK Libraries Shares Knowledge and Expertise

meta | morphosis [the University of Kentucky Film-to-Digital Institute], an intensive two-day workshop, was held September 12th and 13th by the UK Libraries' Preservation and Digital Programs, to share with other institutions interested in transforming content from microfilm into digital objects. The Institute included a vendor showcase and tour of the Libraries' Digital Lab and the Preservation Reformatting Center.



News To Use (Cont.)

Sixth Annual Kentucky Archives Week Observed, October 7-14, 2007

Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth celebrated their rich archival heritage during the sixth annual Kentucky Archives Week, October 7-13, 2007. This year's theme was "Leisure." There are almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky that hold archival records that document Kentucky history and leisure activities, such as personal papers, photographs, bibles, diaries, letters, and government records. These facilities and their collections are quite varied, but together, they hold a rich documentary legacy which shapes our understanding of the state's past and our assessment of its future. Many of these institutions hosted open houses, exhibits, special programs and speakers to highlight historical materials available for research in Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories.

UK Libraries represented at KLA/KSMA 2007 Conference



L to R: Mary McLaren, Eeva Hoch, Reinette Jones, Terri Brown and Judy Sackett.

Several UK Libraries faculty and staff contributed to the 2007 KLA/KSMA Conference recently held in Louisville, Kentucky. Beth Kraemer participated in two presentations on social networking. Laura Hall gave a presentation describing a GPO seminar that helps libraries provide government information to patrons. Pat Wilson presented information on providing a secure environment in Young Library and the development of the patron code of conduct.

Poster session presenters included Kopana Terry and Kathryn Lybarger on the digitization of historic newspapers. Terri

Brown, Benita Clarke, Eeva Hoch, Reinette Jones, Mary McLaren, Judy Sackett, Jo Staggs-Neel, (UK Libraries Diversity Committee) were on hand to share about diversity activities and ideas.

Comings and Goings



Jennifer Bartlett is the new Head, Circulation Department, Access and Delivery. She comes to UK from after being an Interim Assistant Dean of University Libraries, Coordinator of Public Services, and Head of Reference at Murray State. Previously, she was employed by the Free Library of Philadelphia for 6 years. Jennifer holds a BA in English and an MLS from Indiana University. She has also completed the coursework for a second masters' degree in English.



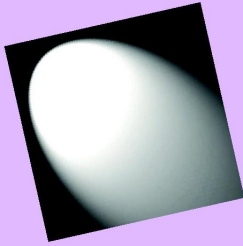
David Powell has been hired to replace Betsy Hughes working in Electronic Resources, Collections and Technical Services Division, in a Library Technician Sr. position. David comes to UK from BWI where he was working as a cataloger. He has a Master's degree in Music and is a freelance musician and music teacher, specializing in oboe.



Sandy Rodriguez, LT Senior in the Collections and Technical Services Division resigned her position. She completed her MLS degree while working for the UK Libraries and has accepted the Cataloging and Metadata Librarian position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. We thank Sandy for all of her excellent work with the Libraries and wish her well in her professional career



Michelle Cosby began work on November 1. She was recently employed as a Reference/Information Services Librarian at the University of Miami School of Law Library, where she has also co-taught Legal Research and presented workshops to Law students on such topics as Non-Law databases and Online Job Searching. She has a B.A. in Sociology from Butler University, and in May 2006 she was awarded both her J.D. and her MLS from Indiana University -- Bloomington.



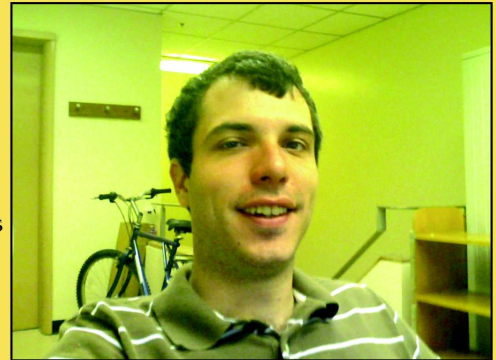
Spotlight Series

This Spotlight Series features an employee from a different campus library each month. Hopefully, this series will enable you to match a name to a face, along with some interesting facts too!

Zachary Young, Medical Center Library

Zachary Young is a technician in the Access and Delivery Department at the Medical Center Library. Zachary began his career at the MCL in 2001 as a student in the Circulation Department.

His mother also works for UK in the College of Health Sciences. His father is self employed and lives in Georgetown. He has two brothers, Tyler and Tanner. Tyler is 20 and attends KCTCS. Tanner is 3 and just happens to be the cutest kid in the world.



Zach was born in Lexington, but grew up in Georgetown, Ky. He played a lot of sports growing up, mostly baseball and soccer. In middle school, he quit baseball and concentrated on soccer. He also developed an interest in music in middle school and picked up his first guitar. He played varsity soccer and tennis at Scott Country High School. He was captain of the Varsity Soccer Team in 2001 and made the REGION MVP TEAM in 2001. "I've always enjoyed competition and those sports provided a good outlet," says Zach.

Zach received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UK in 2006 and is presently pursuing a master's degree in Library Science at UK.

Before working for the UK libraries Zach worked at a toy store in Georgetown after school and refereed soccer games on the weekends. It was while working at the toy store that he found out that he enjoyed customer service. Many of the aspects of customer service learned at the toy store apply to library patrons as well.

Zach says that working with the staff at MCL is great and he's come to know many of the patrons as well. There is a good variety of people who use the MCL and he feels like he learns something new from them every day.

Outside of work he likes to spend time with his friends and family. He's a huge fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. He also follows European Soccer (COME ON FULHAM!!!). He also enjoys reading and has been reading graphic novels lately. Nostalgia no doubt plays a part in reading this genre, since he had a large comic book collection as a kid.

Zach still enjoys playing the guitar and has been collecting a variety of different instruments, most of them hand-me-downs, from various musical family members. Currently he has 2 guitars, (one electric and one acoustic) a bass, a banjo, and a mandolin. He hopes to learn to play all of them one day, but for now, he can only play the guitar.

What's Coming Up?

Nov 3 Book Lover's Road Show with Jack Walsdorf, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Niles Gallery, Little Fine Arts Library.

Nov 5 The Access Records Management Department is sponsoring an Open Forum/Brown Bag lunch . Join us for a discussion on the Future of Knowledge Organization and Access to Information, 11:30-1:00 p.m. in Young Library Gallery.

Nov 6 Shaver Engineering Library Open House, 2:00-6:00 p.m. All UK Libraries faculty and staff are invited to participate.

Nov 9 100 Year Celebration: Serving the Commonwealth as a Federal Depository, 2:00-5:00p.m., Young Library Auditorium.

Nov 10 Kentucky Book Fair, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Frankfort Convention Center. <<http://www.kybookfair.org/>>

Nov 12 Hands-on Sharepoint, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Room 1-78 Young Library.

Nov 20 "Scholarly Publishing and Open Access: Straight Talk," Medical Library Association Webcast, 2:00-4:00p.m. in the Young Library Auditorium. If you plan to attend, please respond to Susan Foster-Harper <smfost1@email.uky.edu> by November 19th

Did you know...

Surplus items have been collected from various UK departments and are available for redistribution to other UK departments. The Equipment is for University use only. The items may be viewed at the Reynolds #1 warehouse at 670 South Broadway, Tuesday afternoons from 1pm until 4 pm. Equipment is also available via the Web through their [Swap Site](http://www.uky.edu/AuxServ/surplus/surpex.html) <www.uky.edu/AuxServ/surplus/surpex.html>. A department can also buy equipment for University use from State Surplus in Frankfort.

Equipment is also available for sale to the general public. These items have been reviewed by the campus departments and have been determined to be surplus to the needs of campus. After this review they become available to be disposed of externally. These items are available via Public Auction, eBay, Sealed Bid, & Negotiated Sale. For information on upcoming Public Auctions visit <www.uky.edu/AuxServ/surplus/auctions.html>.

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