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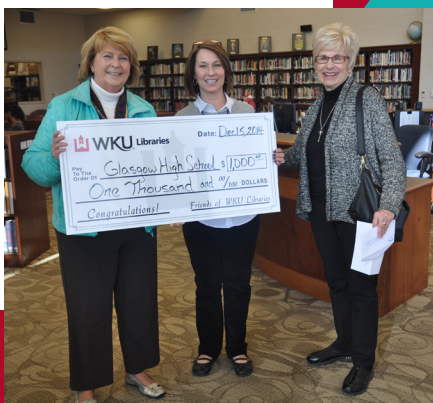
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FRIENDS PROGRAM OFFERS NEW SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



■ Pat Porter Miller, Joann Jones, and Kelly Van Zant

This past fall the Library Advisory Council endorsed the creation of two new funding opportunities: a library student assistant scholarship and a school library grant for middle and high schools in the region. Both programs are being funded by Friends of WKU Libraries.

“We are so pleased to recognize WKU student workers and regional schools,” said Libraries Dean Connie Foster. “Friends of WKU Libraries do make many more recognitions and events possible.”

On December 15, Library Advisory Council members Pat Porter Miller and Joann Jones hand delivered Kelly Van Zant, Media Specialist at Glasgow High School, the winning check of \$1,000 awarded to her high school. Van Zant was pleasantly surprised and thrilled to be the inaugural winner of the grant.

Jones, a member of the grant selection committee, feels these opportunities are important. “(The library grant) encourages local librarians to seek funds for special projects not included in their annual budgets,” said Jones. “We were impressed with the scope of the proposal which will affect so many students for countless years.”

The first student assistant scholarship was awarded to Katherine “Katie” DeCoursey, a senior Communication Sciences and Disorders major from Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Library Security Coordinator Doug Wiles supervises Katie and said Katie “has embraced a professional demeanor and work ethic, maintained exemplary academic performance in a rigorous program while working, and has engaged in numerous extracurricular and professional activities.”

DeCoursey was honored at the graduating senior reception in December and will receive \$500 credit to her final semester at WKU for the scholarship.



■ Connie Foster and Katherine DeCoursey

LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN FEATURES STUDENTS ACROSS CAMPUS

WKU Libraries kicked off a campaign during the fall semester featuring WKU students from various fields of study across the university. The first ad spotlights Sam White, a chemistry and physics double major, who will be graduating this May, and is shown working in the laser lab of Snell Hall.

According to Jennifer Wilson, marketing coordinator for WKU Libraries, the purpose of the campus campaign is to generate a general awareness about the Libraries using the best asset possible—the students. “It’s been a lot of fun working with students from all over campus. The campaign will not only promote WKU Libraries but will also highlight many of the wonderful programs across campus. It’s a win-win for the Libraries and the colleges.”



Advertising is targeted to the campus community and has been displayed on digital screens, in the college newspaper, on the website, on posters, and through social media. To view the latest promotion, you can go to wku.edu/library.

Jilli, That's Silly!

Author Christa Carpenter and illustrator Mark Wayne Adams were the recipients of the Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award for their book *Jilli, That's Silly!* at a luncheon in November honoring the winners. Library Advisory Council members, staff, faculty, and family attended the luncheon which is given annually to recognize an author and illustrator for their work in children's literature with a Kentucky connection. More than forty people attended the luncheon with a special



RECEIVES EVELYN THURMAN YOUNG READERS BOOK AWARD

program featuring WKU Libraries faculty Lisa Miller who recently did extensive research on Evelyn Thurman, former librarian and donor for the program, and Galen Currington, the man who purchased Evelyn's Volkswagen beetle which was on display at the entrance to the building. In the days leading up to the luncheon, Adams and Carpenter went to several schools to talk to students about books and writing.



THE RETURNED FEATURED AS THIS YEAR'S SOKY READS! BOOK

his program. He also attended a creative writing class on WKU's main campus and talked with three different book clubs over lunch visits. This year SOKY Book Fest partners gave out 500 copies of *The Returned* and offered book discussions at various locations in town. The program was made possible with contributions from the WKU English Department, Friends of WKU Libraries, and the SOKY Book Fest partners.

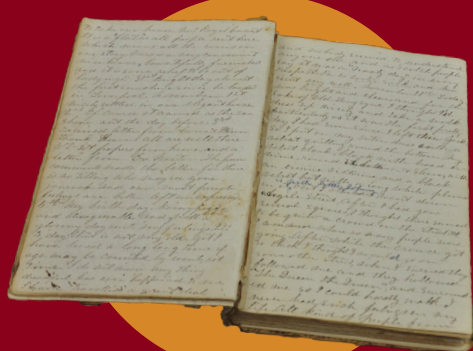
Numerous community members and students visited with Jason Mott, author of *The Returned*, this year's SOKY Reads! community book read. Mott addressed a large crowd at the Bob Kirby Library and signed books following



JOSIE UNDERWOOD

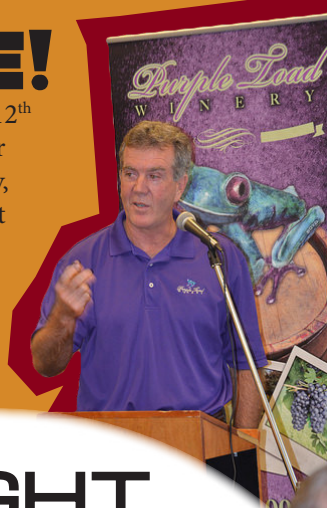
Civil War Diary, Part 2

Special Collections acquired a second diary of Josie Underwood that was discovered after the first diary was published. WKU Libraries hosted a reception and book signing in the Kentucky Building for author and retired library professor Nancy Disher Baird. Housed in WKU's Manuscripts & Folklife Archives, the second of Underwood's diaries was recently published in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (vol. 112, no. 3).



KENTUCKY LIVE!

WKU Libraries kicked off the 12th season of the Kentucky Live! speaker series with WKU alum Allen Dossey, owner of one of the newest and most acclaimed vineyards and wineries in Kentucky. The early fall event was the first of eight speaking events held in Bowling Green, Glasgow, and Owensboro.



in the SPOTLIGHT

- **Jonathan Jeffrey**, WKU Professor and Department Head for Library Special Collections, was awarded the 2014 Kentucky History Award by the Kentucky Historical Society for his leadership on The JFK Memory Project.
- **Nancy Richey**, WKU Associate Professor of Library Special Collections, received the Innovation Award from the Special Libraries section of the Kentucky Library Association (KLA) at their annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.
- **Charles Smith**, Professor of Library Public Services, edited *Dear Sir: Sixty-Nine Years of Alfred Russel Wallace Letters to the Editor* which was released by Siri Scientific Press in 2014.
- **Haiwang Yuan**, Professor of Library Public Services, has a new book, *Tibetan Folktales*, published in November 2014 by Libraries Unlimited.
- **Crystal Bowling**, Student Personnel Office Coordinator, was featured in the *WKU Spirit Magazine* as one of the inspiring writers on campus.
- **Joseph Shankweiler**, Assistant Professor, is the new Special Collections Catalog Librarian, and **Laura Bohuski**, Assistant Professor, is the new Special Formats Catalog Librarian. Welcome!

Remembering Linda Allan



In December 2014, WKU Libraries lost good friend and former colleague Linda Allan. Hired in August 1973, Allan served in various positions in Library Technical Services including head of the cataloging unit and in 1991 as Acting Head of the Department of Library Technical Services until her retirement in July 2002.

CALENDAR OF *Events*

**Every Leaf a Mirror:
A Jim Wayne Miller Reader**
Mary Ellen Miller, WKU English Professor
February 12 • Kentucky Building • 7pm

**Kinky, Curly or Straight:
Perspectives on Black Hair**
February 17 • Kentucky Building • 7pm

**Architecture by Moonlight: Rebuilding
Haiti, Redrafting A Life**
Paul E. Fallon, Architect, Cambridge, MA
February 19 • Barnes & Noble • 7pm

SOKY Book Fest Used Book Sale
Warren County Public Library, Bob Kirby Branch
March 6 • 7am-7pm; March 7 • 8am-5pm
March 8 • 1pm-5pm

**Still Running: The Autobiography of
Kentucky's Nate Northington, The First
African American Football Player in the
Southeastern Conference**
Nate Northington
March 19 • Barnes & Noble • 7pm

Political Cartoonist
Xavier Bonilla (Bonil)
EL Universo, Quito, Ecuador
March 26 • Barnes & Noble • 7pm

**Fruit of the Loom:
Building an Iconic Brand in
Southcentral Kentucky**
Scott Greene, S.V.P., Fruit of the Loom
April 9 • Barnes & Noble • 7pm

Tibetan Folktales
Haiwang Yuan, Professor, WKU Libraries
April 16 • Barnes & Noble • 7pm

SOKY Book Fest Children's Day
April 17 • Knically Center • 9am-3:30pm

Kentucky Writer's Conference
April 17 • Knically Center • 9am-2pm

Meet the Authors Reception (ticket event)
April 17 • Knically Center • Call 270-745-4502

SOKY Book Fest
April 18 • Knically Center • 9am-3pm

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sokybookfest.org

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENTUCKY BUILDING

Faculty, staff, students and community members joined together Friday, November 14, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Kentucky Building. President Ransdell spoke of the significance of the Kentucky Building over the years and Library Special Collections Department Head Jonathan Jeffrey gave a brief history of the building that covered original intentions in design, funding sources, and time frame to completion as well as Dr. Cherry's sentiments. Professor Jeffrey concluded with naming several recent acquisitions that were donated to the Special Collections. Cake, punch, and tours of the building followed the program.



HOMECOMING EVENTS

WKU Libraries employees and friends participated in the Homecoming parade, dressing as famous book characters.

WKU Libraries partnered with the Confucius Institute for a culturally blended reception the morning of Homecoming in Helm Library, Room 100.

Participants enjoyed Tai Chi demonstrations with library faculty Haiwang Yuan, a tea ceremony, traditional calligraphy, and sounds from the Chinese Music Club, as well as tours of the buildings.

SLEDGE HONORED AT SUMMIT AWARDS BANQUET



William Sledge received the 2014 Volunteer Award at the annual Summit Awards banquet held at the Knically Conference Center last fall. The past two years, Sledge has clocked over 400 hours processing collections in the Manuscripts & Folklife Archives unit. Pictured to the far left, Sledge is receiving his award from President Ransdell (center) and Library Special Collections Department Head Jonathan Jeffrey (right).

WKU STUDENTS RECEIVE LIBRARY RESEARCH AWARDS

Pictured left to right, Western Kentucky University students Frances "Currey" McCullough (Nashville, TN), Chris Riehl (Louisville, Kentucky), and Elizabeth Howard (Owensboro, Kentucky) received undergraduate research awards at a recognition ceremony in Helm Library on Tuesday, December 2.



Giving **THAT LASTS**



■ Anne Haycraft-McKee

Students at WKU today as well as in the future will benefit from the generosity of friends and former employees of WKU Libraries. Anne Haycraft-McKee ('83), former staff member in the Serials Unit, and Elaine Moore, former Electronic Resources faculty, created charitable gift annuities for the Libraries.

Moore recounted her time, along with her husband Conrad (retired WKU geology/geography professor), saying, "Conrad and I wanted to give back to the WKU Libraries -- me for the rewarding career and great people I had to work with; Conrad for all the help he got from our exceptional reference librarians over the years with his historical climate research. Conrad said one librarian in particular, Fina Simpson, was invaluable for referring him to a treasure trove of documents on microfiche he had not known about."

According to Kristen Peterson, Director of Development for WKU Libraries, there are several ways to support. "Annuities are

a great vehicle to leave a planned gift and can offer tax benefits," said Peterson. "The best part of supporting our libraries is directing your funds to support the areas that appeal to you. For some it's student scholarships and for others it is enhancing and maintaining our collections. There are endless possibilities."

"We were so thrilled to receive their gifts," said WKU Libraries Dean Connie Foster. "These individuals realize the importance of giving back and of supporting future students who are employed by WKU Libraries."

If you are interested in supporting our libraries please contact Kristen at Kristen.Peterson@wku.edu or 270-745-2542.



■ Elaine and Conrad Moore

Welcome **new Library Advisory Council members and officers!**

- Jennifer Brinkley
- Dr. Jerry Martin
- Jeanne Patterson
- Pat Porter Miller, Chair
- Nancy Disher Baird, Vice-Chair
- Joann Jones, Secretary