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ANNUAL REPORT FY 2006-2007





"Libraries are not made, they grow."

Augustine Birrell (1850–1933)

from the dean



Dear Alumni and Friends,

It was in 1906 that a vote from the Kentucky General Assembly approved the establishment of Western Kentucky State Normal School, a teacher training college. Henry Hardin Cherry, who had been an advocate for the establishment of this school, was named Western's first president. At that time, enrollment was 762, there were 19 full-time faculty and staff, and the library was limited to a small area within Recitation Hall, the building where classes were held.

Much has changed since then. Today there are 2,163 full-time faculty and staff serving more than 19,000 students. WKU Libraries include Helm-Cravens, Kentucky Library & Museum, Educational Resources Center, and the Glasgow Campus Library. The role of WKU Libraries has changed as well. Today, we strive to provide increased services in the areas of teaching, research and community outreach. We do this through database services, enhanced interlibrary loan and electronic research instruction. We also provide unique opportunities for cultural enhancement through museum exhibits, guest speakers, musicians and literacy programs.

We take pride in the progress that WKU Libraries have made today and the progress which we will make tomorrow. Our vision is to provide more valuable, high quality information to more people in more ways by serving as the gateway to an ever-expanding universe of information. This vision is realized through the generosity of donors, the commitment of WKU Libraries faculty and staff, and through the support of the university.

In the report that follows, you will find highlights of our resources and services. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Binder".

Mike Binder
Dean of Libraries

Within **Helm-Cravens**, the main library, more than:

155,672 Items loaned from the collection

444,517 Patrons served

Total circulation up **12.5%**; Laptop circulation up **11.5%**

Library Technical Services

Received grant to load **20,000** microform records into TopCAT for the Early American Imprint series, the definitive source for researching 17th and 18th century America

Increased total technical services processing (cataloging information, receiving orders, maintaining quality database) by **57%**

WKU Libraries offered 695 research instruction sessions, with 16,135 attending those sessions and provided more than 843 hours of instruction.

mission and vision of wku libraries



WKU Libraries, which include Helm-Cravens Library, the Kentucky Library & Museum, the Educational Resources Center, and extended campus locations in Glasgow, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox and Owensboro, support the University's roles of teaching, research and public service by serving as a comprehensive source of information access and education. Students, faculty, staff and the community are all influenced by the services and programs presented by University Libraries. For 100 years, University Libraries have taken seriously the responsibility of reaching every person on campus and beyond to provide lifelong learning opportunities and experiences through its extensive book collections, electronic databases, community outreach and literacy projects, museum exhibits and educational programs.

As a gateway to an ever-expanding universe of information, WKU Libraries envision providing more valuable, high quality information to more people in more ways. Expansion of collections and services helps guarantee a bright future for the University and enhances its ability to attract the best of the best.

extended campus library services

4,493 Calls answered

3,307 Citations retrieved

1,183 Students borrowed materials from the collection through
extended campus library services

In the **government documents** collection, there are more than:

385,438 Print documents

3,537 CD-ROMs and DVDs and **84** Videocassettes

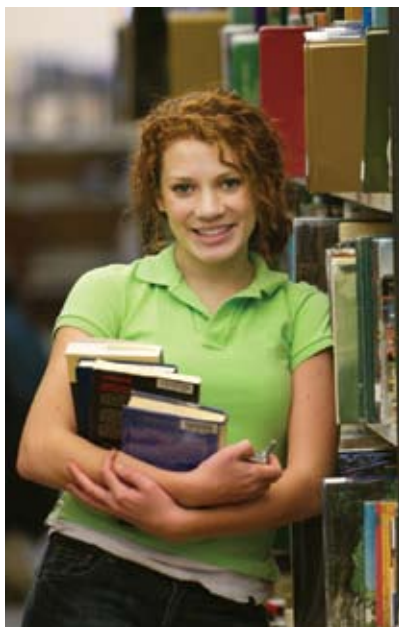
522,115 Pieces of Microfiche and **153** Reels of Microfilm

4,295 Maps

915,622 Total documents in all formats

The government documents and law collections are located on the ground floor of Helm Library and are accessible any time the main library is open. This area houses information produced by the United States and Kentucky governments.

extended campus library services



Extended Campus Library Services (ECLS) are provided through extended campus centers located in Elizabethtown, Fort Knox and Owensboro and an extended campus library in Glasgow. ECLS provides timely and effective access to library materials and electronic databases for students enrolled in extended campus and distance education courses. Each year ECLS locations serve more than 3,000 students.

Students enrolled in an off-campus or online course may call 800-922-9585, fax, or e-mail ECLS staff to request that copies of journal articles and/or books be sent to them from the University Libraries' circulating collection, or gain remote access to databases by using their assigned WKU ID.

The **Kentucky Library & Museum** had more than:

70,000 Visitors

918 Hours of support to museum programming generously
provided by volunteers

Within the **Kentucky Library & Museum** Education unit, more than:

2,400 Children visited the museum with their schools

1,200 Traveling Trunks were taken out to area schools

1,200 Warren County fourth graders made ornaments for
Christmas exhibit

*The Civil War and Southern History Research Center,
housed in the Kentucky Library, holds the largest collection
of resource materials on the Civil War in the South.*

the kentucky library & museum



The Kentucky Library & Museum (KYLM) houses the history of Kentucky. Collections include furniture, paintings, decorative arts, diaries, letters, photos and more. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about the Civil War, Kentucky folk life, local genealogy, agriculture, politics and 19th century life.

KYLM is also the home of Western Kentucky University Archives, documenting the history and milestones of the University.

Ongoing Exhibits, both in the Kentucky Building and online, include:

- 1815 Log House; restored and furnished as a pioneer home
- Roads, Rivers and Rails, a look at local history
- Western 100 Centennial Exhibit
- Joe Dudley Downing 2000
- Remembering the Hilltoppers

manuscripts and folklife archives

- 232** Faculty, staff, students, alumni, other professionals and members of the public received research or reference assistance
- 756** Patrons used collection materials (Presidents' papers, College Heights Herald, yearbooks, photographs, audio and videotapes, vertical and biography files, etc.)
- 52** Donors gave papers or artifacts to the Archives
- 70** Oral histories were added to collection
- 52** Records management questions were handled

Served approximately 720 patrons with over 2,100 collections and answered more than 410 electronic requests related to the collection. Added 41 bibliographic records to Past Perfect, the in-house collections management system.

manuscripts and folklife archives



During the past year Manuscripts and Folklife Archives have accessioned some exciting new collections, including:

- 1840 letter related to silk production in Mason County
- 1869 letter from Emily Read of Rich Pond discussing local matters
- The Brown/Mulligan Collection from Scottsville dates from the 1840s – 1930s
- The Donald and Janice Porter Collection, which includes many letters written during the Korean War and also documents activities at Western during the early 1950s
- The Harold S. McCombs Collection of poetry dating from the 1910s through the 1950s
- The Twentieth Century Club collection, which includes almost 100 years of minutes, yearbooks and photos, from this Bowling Green literary club
- The Eugene and Alma (Blanchett) Wheeler Collection, which includes World War II letters from this Union County family
- The John Morgan Collection, which includes materials about ghost stories and black fire tobacco barns in western Kentucky

The **Educational Resources Center** houses:

More than **33,000** children's and young adult books

More than **9,000** professional teacher education titles

New American Sign Language collection

More than **1,000** K-12 textbooks and related materials

A Reference collection

Several hundred education and family leisure videos and DVDs

Within the **Educational Resources Center**, more than:

24,000 Books circulated

4,000 Questions answered

15,700 Patrons served

The Educational Resources Center (ERC) is located in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (CEBS), 366 Tate C. Page Hall, and is a campus branch of University Libraries.

gifts and pledges



- \$2,525 in support of the awards for the U.S. Bank Celebration of the Arts exhibition
- \$5,200 toward the creation of the Jayne Pelaski Community Outreach Endowment
- \$10,000 pledge to create the Jonathan D. Jeffrey Endowed Fund for Architecture Collections
- \$21,000 pledge from U.S. Bank for sponsorship of the U. S. Bank Celebration of the Arts through 2010
- \$75,765 in cash and in-kind support of the 2007 Southern Kentucky Book Fest and its ancillary programs

In support of Recommended by Duncan Hines exhibition:

- \$10,000 Gift from Robert and Phyllis Wright
- \$20,000 Sponsorship from Pinnacle Foods Corporation
- \$25,000 Gift from the Duncan Hines Family
- \$35,000 Sponsorship from Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, plus a donation of collectable items
- \$50,000 Sponsorship from The Park Foundation

awards – accomplishments

- Southern Kentucky Book Fest named Top Ten Festival by the Kentucky Tourism Council
- TopSCHOLAR™ launched May 1, 2007 – Kentucky's first university-wide digital research repository
- Rosemary Meszaros, Government Information and Law Coordinator, was named Academic Librarian of the Year by the Kentucky Library Association
- Department of Library Technical Services (DLTS) received **\$2,500** award for exemplary achievement for their internal and external service philosophy (DLTS FISHosophy)
- The Kentucky Library & Museum is **1** of **25** museums located in 15 states that was featured in the November 2006 edition of Quilts Japan, a directory of U.S. and English institutions with quilt collections and/or exhibits

events and community outreach



- The Southern Kentucky Book Fest, a partnership of WKU Libraries, Bowling Green Public Library and Barnes & Noble, hosted more than 180 authors in 2007. More than 10,000 people attended.
- Christmas in Kentucky, a family event hosted by the Kentucky Library & Museum, was held December 2, 2006. More than 400 people attended.
- Books & Baskets, a cooperative effort between Book Fest Partners and the WKU Athletics Department, collected nearly 700 books that were distributed to the Boys and Girls Club, and the Housing Authority of Bowling Green.
- One Campus-One Community-One Book, a community-wide reading project, had more than 500 participants in 2007. *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards was the selected work. Edwards visited different venues on campus and in the community to discuss the book with participants.
- Black History Month author Sheila Williams spoke at three venues and conducted a workshop for young girls at Girls, Inc. More than 300 attended.
- The Kentucky Writers Conference offered writing workshops to more than 300 participants.
- Kentucky Live! and Far Away Places lecture series, presented at Barnes & Noble, serve more than 900 people per year.



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