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*Al Baker, center, is pictured with family members at the reception.*

## Al and Jeanne Baker honored

A reception was held in honor of Al and Jeanne Baker, former owners of Shutterbug Photography, for their in-kind gift “WKU Libraries-A Century of Excellence.” The 14-foot-long mural was created to commemorate a century of library service on the hill.

## Derby author receives award

Dr. James Nicholson was the featured speaker for the Kentucky Live! program in April. Dr. Nicholson is also the winner of this year’s Kentucky Literary Award for his book, *The Kentucky Derby: How the Run for the Roses Became American’s Premier Sporting Event*. For more information, go to [sokybookfest.org](http://sokybookfest.org).



Congratulations and best wishes to our 2013 student worker graduates!

# Collections & Connections

Spring/Summer 2013

## Avid readers delight in Southern Kentucky Book Fest

Well-known actor, director, author, and producer Henry Winkler spoke to a standing room only crowd at the Southern Kentucky Book Fest on Saturday, April 20 in the Knicely Conference Center.

“Turnout for this year’s Book Fest was fantastic, and I believe we offered something for everyone,” said Kristie Lowry, Literary Outreach Coordinator for WKU Libraries and Book Fest organizer. “We love giving readers an opportunity to meet their favorite authors and discover new ones.”

Winkler was not the only TV celebrity in attendance. Mary McDonough, former child star from the TV classic “The Waltons,” also participated in the event. McDonough, who played Erin on the familiar TV series, wrote a book about her experiences on “the Mountain” and presented a workshop about body image and self-confidence at this year’s event.

More than 130 authors and illustrators participated, including the Dark Hunter vampire series author Sherrilyn Kenyon and former NPR radio voice Bob Edwards. Authors



to make the workshop for kids a permanent part of Book Fest.

The Kentucky Writers Conference, held at the Knicely Center on Friday, had record numbers for attendance. A dozen

published authors, including Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Martin, led workshops for writers of all levels.

When asked about her impression of the event, WKU student and first-time attendee Krystin Avakian happily responded: “I was extremely impressed with the variety of authors that participated. Meeting my favorite childhood author Debbie Dadey was great.”

Book Fest was made possible from the generous support of Dollar General, Jim Johnson, Fruit of the Loom, Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and several others. Proceeds from the book sales go toward promoting literacy in the region, and organizers are already making plans for next year’s event. To see highlights of the weekend, go to [sokybookfest.org](http://sokybookfest.org).



Obert Skye, Debbie Dadey, Jared Lee, and several others packed the Conference Center full of students for Friday’s Children’s Day. More than sixty families attended Saturday’s Writers Workshop for Kids, led by author and illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka. Organizers have decided

# Recently renovated Commons at Cravens patron numbers soar

Since the opening of the newly renovated Commons area in January, patron numbers have skyrocketed. Research transactions from the past three months are the highest on a ten-year comparison chart and dramatically increased 88% from the previous year. Patron count into the building has increased 9% overall and total number of computer logins is up 22% for this year. The Writing Center has also seen an



increase in usage. For March, there was a 53% increase from the previous year.

“The response to The Commons at Cravens has been tremendous,” said Connie Foster, Dean of WKU Libraries. “The new space was designed specifically to fit the needs of our students—it’s very rewarding to see the space is accommodating them so well.”



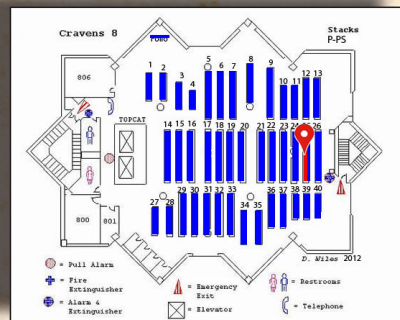
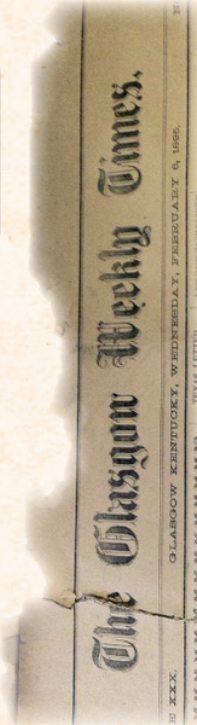
**WKU Libraries and the University Experience program presented awards to Jordan D. Dobbs and Tyler Sigman, winners of the Spring 2013 WKU Libraries and University Experience Undergraduate Research Award.**

## Glasgow papers acquired

Our Special Collections Department recently acquired Glasgow newspapers from the family of *The Glasgow Weekly Times* Publisher James Richardson. Faculty and staff are preserving thousands of yellowed, torn stacks of papers dating from 1850 to 1930.

According to Nancy Richey, Visual Images Librarian for Special Collections, these newspapers are significant. “*The Park City News* traces its roots to the *Bowling Green Democrat*, originally the *Gazette*, which was founded in 1854. But, as with many papers, they were discarded. Additionally, very few issues remain of the *Times Journal*, another Bowling Green newspaper, since the plant burned in 1911,” said Richey. “Families seeking information, genealogy, news, or obituary notices will be able to check the Glasgow papers.”

**If you have a treasure for our Special Collections, give us a call at 745-6261.**



## Can't find it? Map it!

**WKU Libraries is now offering StackMap, a software mapping program that provides patrons with a detailed map and written directions to an item with one click. Maps are printable and also compatible with mobile browsers.**

# WKU Libraries hosts “America’s Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music”

WKU Libraries hosted “America’s Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway” series to enlighten audiences about uniquely American musical genres including blues and gospel, Broadway, jazz, bluegrass and country, rock n’ roll, mambo, and hip hop. This six-week series featured documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions of twentieth century American popular music. Dr. Bryan Carson, WKU Libraries Grants Coordinator, wrote a grant allowing WKU to be one of fifty locations in the United States to participate in the program. Dr. Wayne Pope, Associate Professor from the Music Department, served as Project Scholar.

“These programs were designed to explain the historical and cultural context behind popular 20th-century musical genres,” said Carson. “There was a lot of excellent discussion between

the participants and the scholars.” This is a project of Tribeca Film Institute in collaboration with the American Library Association, Tribeca Flashpoint, and the Society for American Music. As part of the grant agreement, all films will be added to the permanent collection at WKU Libraries, and will be available to borrow in the Visual & Performing Arts Library, Cravens Second Floor.



**Legendary John Edmonds performs as part of the Blues and Gospel night.**

## Faraway Flix

WKU Libraries and the International Student and Scholar Services present a new monthly international film series.

### A Simple Life (2011) China

Dr. Jun Yan  
Geology & Geography  
Friday, September 20

### The Lives of Others (2006) Germany

Dr. Roger Murphy  
Political Science  
Friday, October 18

### Kahaani (2012) India

Jack Montgomery  
Library Technical Services  
Friday, November 15

### Whale Rider (2002) New Zealand

Jerod Ra'Del Hollyfield  
English  
Friday, February 21

### A Separation (2011) Iran

Dr. Soleiman Kiasatpour  
Political Science  
Friday, March 21

### First Grader (2010) Kenya

Dr. Emmanuel Iyiegboniwe  
Public Health  
Friday, April 11

All films will be shown at the Faculty House at 6:30 pm. Scholars will be leading a discussion after each film.

[wku.edu/library](http://wku.edu/library)

## In Memoriam

### Therese "Terri" Baker

Visual & Performing Arts Librarian



1948 - 2012

"... See who you've lost  
In the faces beside you.  
They are the stars hidden  
behind sunlight..."

Excerpt from *Remembrance*  
by Brent Fisk

### Robert Harbison

Owensboro Campus Librarian



1969 - 2013

## Groves named Department Head for Tech Services

WKU Associate Professor and Coordinator of Bibliographic Access Deana Groves recently was named Department Head for Library Technical Services. Groves joined the faculty of WKU Libraries in 2003



and holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLISc) degree from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from Western Kentucky University. Congratulations Deana!

## Honors and Awards

•The Southern Kentucky Book Fest was selected as one of the Kentucky Travel Industry Association's Top 10 Festivals for Spring 2013.

•Dr. Bryan Carson received the Faculty Research/Creativity Award for University Libraries.

• Sean Kinder received the Faculty Public Service Award for University Libraries.

•Dr. Charles H. Smith received the prestigious 2013 U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award for the "President's Call to Service."

## Dr. Coutts honored at Louisiana State University



Coutts accepting his award with Paskoff.

Dr. Brian Coutts, Head of the Department of Library Public Services at Western Kentucky University, received the 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award from Louisiana State University School

of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at their Annual Awards Banquet held March 25, at the LSU Faculty Club.

Coutts earned his PhD and MLS from LSU. SLIS Director Beth Paskoff noted that Brian had twice appeared on the front cover of *Library Journal*, the nation's leading library trade journal, where his award-winning feature "Best Reference Sources of the Year" has appeared since 1986.

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