Collections and Connections (Winter 2016-17)

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Bones in the Libraries? It may sound a little out of the ordinary, but thanks to Dr. Kerrie McDaniel, assistant professor of Biology, Human Anatomy and Physiology students are studying human bone replicas on reserve in Cravens Library.

According to McDaniel, students in her class are required to learn all of the bones along with the bone markings, such as grooves, holes, ridges and knobs. “Learning the bone markings on a figure in a text is not the same as learning them on a 3-dimensional bone,” said McDaniel. “We do hold open lab opportunities for students; however, we run 16-19 sections of this lab per semester so the lab is occupied most of the time with classes. I was looking for additional ways for students to review the bones so I decided to pilot the idea of putting a set of bones in the library on reserve.”

Course Reserve Supervisor Michael Franklin said students are using the bones in droves. “I’ve been course supervisor since 1996 and I’ve never seen anything quite like this,” said Franklin. “They are constantly being used throughout the day, often by entire classes of students.”

All parties involved – professors, students, and library personnel—have been thrilled with the response and success of this study option. “We haven’t run the data yet to see if there is an increase in grades on the bone quizzes or if students who used the library bones performed better than those who did not; anecdotally, the teaching assistants have reported that they think there are more students succeeding on the quizzes than past semesters,” said McDaniel.

According to Anatomy 131 student Sydney Willingham, the bones on reserve have helped tremendously. “It was so much easier to reserve the bones in the library…having a 3D bone was easier to study than just a picture on Google. We used real bones during the test so having the option to reserve bones helped me prepare for the test,” said Willingham.
The winter edition of Collections & Connections highlights diverse happenings within WKU Libraries. From bones to tiny book treasures, awards for people and projects, our resources, services, and staffing encompass local and global communities. Our “big 3” projects this fall, thanks to the generosity of the provost, covered laptops for Special Collections research instruction, a high-tech digital scanner that handles oversized documents and supports accessibility services, and new furniture on Cravens 5 to enhance student learning spaces. Read on to discover much more about our physical and virtual spaces.
Honors & Awards

Hughey and Basham
honored for 2016 WKU Libraries
Open Access Hall of Fame

Dr. Aaron Hughey and Cortney Basham are the 2016 inductees into the WKU Libraries Open Access Hall of Fame. “We want to acknowledge both faculty and students who have enhanced the works in TopSCHOLAR®, the Research and Creative Activity Database of WKU,” said Deana Groves, Department Head of Library Technical Services at WKU. “Dr. Hughey’s and Cort Basham’s scholarly achievements have drawn thousands of researchers from around the world with downloads through this quality open access platform.”

In conjunction with the International Open Access Week, this is the second year WKU Libraries has honored faculty and student work housed in its open access platform TopSCHOLAR®. Hughey’s works have been downloaded more than 27,000 times from 143 different countries and Basham’s thesis has been downloaded more than 9,000 times since 2012.

The Hall of Fame inductees were honored at a reception on Wednesday, October 26 in Helm Library. For more information about TopSCHOLAR® go to digitalcommons.wku.edu/ or contact Todd Seguin, scholarly communication specialist, at 270-745-6160.

WKU students benefit
from awards and scholarships

Thanks to dollars donated by Friends of WKU Libraries, students both on and off campus are benefiting from scholarships and grants. For several years, WKU Libraries has partnered with faculty from University Experience (UE), an orientation class for incoming students, to offer awards to undergraduate students for their hard work in library research. This past fall WKU students Elizabeth Hurm from Philpot, Kentucky, Susannah Roy from Russell Springs, Kentucky, and Mahdi Alawami from Qatif, Saudi Arabia, were recognized. Every UE class requires each student to submit a research project, and the top three were selected from a large pool of applicants from numerous UE classes.

A Library Student Assistant Scholarship is also available each semester in the amount of $500 for a student who has worked at least one semester in WKU Libraries. Alexa Anderson, sophomore from Bowling Green, Kentucky, was the scholarship winner this past fall. “She is one of the most determined students I have seen in my seven years here,” said her supervisor Kathy Foushee, Senior Circulation Assistant. According to Foushee, Anderson works two jobs while having a full class schedule.

In addition to campus scholarships, middle and high schools from the Barren River area have the opportunity to apply for a School Library Grant. Each year a selection committee from the WKU Library Advisory Council chooses a noteworthy school to receive the $1,000 grant. This past fall, Warren East Middle School’s Library and Media Specialist Lee Ann Shearon wrote the winning application. Shearon says the funds will go to purchase Chromebooks for research and other educational purposes in the library at her school. “Many students do not have access to technology at home,” said Shearon. “We have to expose them at school and give as much access as possible to make them college and career ready.”

For more information on how to support student scholarship and grants, contact Ryan Dearbone, assistant director of College Advancement, at 270-745-4317 or go to wku.edu/library and click on “Support Us.”

Ryan Dearbone, Assistant Director of College Advancement, recently joined WKU Libraries with fundraising efforts. Dearbone received his bachelor and master degrees from WKU and is an active member of the Bowling Green-Warren County area; we welcome Ryan!
New audience for SOKY Reads proves to be a big hit

For the past few years, the SOKY Reads community one-book reading program has featured fiction titles geared towards an adult audience. This year the SOKY Book Fest partners decided to mix it up, choosing a middle grade title, *Serafina and the Black Cloak*, as the book of choice. Book one in a trilogy, *Serafina* (Disney/Hyperion), was written by Asheville author Robert Beatty. The book and its successor, *Serafina and the Twisted Staff*, have seen huge success across the U.S. Beatty’s titles have spent months on the New York Times bestseller lists, and their popularity has continued to rise, with book three in the series slated for a July release.

As part of the SOKY Reads program, and with thanks to a generous grant from Graves Gilbert Clinic, we were able to give away over 500 books to community members and students throughout Bowling Green and surrounding areas between August and October. Beatty visited Bowling Green the week of October 17, speaking to over to 600 students at various schools, attending a luncheon with Society for Lifelong Learners, and doing a reading and book signing at the WCPL Bob Kirby Branch, where we saw the largest crowd yet for such an event with nearly 250 people in attendance. Next year we’ll shift focus again to a young adult title, *Thirteen Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher. The author will be visiting Bowling Green in October 2017, wrapping SOKY Reads into our first ever Young Adult Southern (YAS) Book Con, sponsored by Jim Johnson Automotive and Graves Gilbert Clinic. The two-day event will feature 25-30 middle grade and young adult authors and will be free and open to the public. More details are forthcoming.

Evelyn Thurman book award recipient visits schools, inspires young readers to write and draw

This year’s Evelyn Thurman Young Reader Book Award was given to Amanda Driscoll for her book *Duncan the Story Dragon*. Amanda, a Louisville native, visited numerous elementary schools in Bowling Green this past November to discuss the joys of reading and drawing with eager students. She even left each classroom with a few larger-than-life illustrations to color!
This spring the legendary R.L. Stine will headline Friday activities. He will also sign books Saturday morning, so bring Goosebumps fans one and all! Lauren Tarshis of the I Survived… book series will attend as well, along with Obert Skye (Leven Thumps series), Charles Ghigna, Debbie Dadey, and young adult authors like C.J. Redwine, Cinda Chima, Aprilynne Pike, Carey Corp, Lorie Langdon, and more. British illustrator, introvert, and pug-lover Gemma Correll will attend too! On Saturday, April 22, bestselling authors Ann Patchett (Commonwealth; Bel Canto), Tim Crothers (The Queen of Katwe), David Grann (The Lost City of Z), and local talent like David Bell, Tom Hunley, and Crystal Wilkinson will be in attendance, along with over 170 authors for readers of all ages. The Kentucky Writers Conference will feature sessions by Sallie Bingham, Jesse Donaldson, Dave Harrity, Virginia Smith, and more (16 workshops total). SOKY Book Fest programming is free and open to the public. For schedules and other information, go to sokybookfest.org.
WKU Libraries Spring Semester 2017

Calendar of Events

2/1 Milling Around: Flour in our Cupboard exhibition opens
Jackson Gallery in the Kentucky Building, continues until 5/12/17

2/16 Kentucky Live! “Wineing Your Way Across Kentucky Recipes, History, and Scenery”
Becky Kelley, Author, & Kathy Woodhouse, Photographer

2/23 Far Away Places “Arctic Songbirds in Alaska”
Noah Ashley, Asst. Professor, Biology, WKU

2/27 A Tree Without Roots Cannot Grow: Beginning Steps in African Genealogy
Nancy Richey, Assoc. Professor, WKU Libraries, Kentucky Building, 6-8 pm

3/9 Kentucky Live! “Kentucky and the Great War: World War I on the Home Front”
David J. Bettez, Historian & Author

3/9 The St8 of English 2day? Gr8! The English Language is Healthier Than Ever
Martha Barnette, Historian & Author, Augenstein Alumni Center, 7:30 pm

3/23 Far Away Places “The Dominican Republic: The Land Columbus Loved, or The Land That Loathes Columbus”
Eric Roorda, Professor, History, Bellarmine Univ., Louisville, KY

Ronald Fritze, Dean of Arts & Sciences, Athens State Univ., Athens, AL

Fenton Johnson, Assoc. Prof. of Creative Writing, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, & Spalding University, Louisville, KY

4/21 SOKY Book Fest Children’s Day
Knicely Center, 9AM-2PM

4/21 Kentucky Writer’s Conference
WKU South Campus, 9AM-3:30PM

4/22 SOKY Book Fest
Knicely Center, 9AM-3PM

WKU Libraries recently acquired a new KIC scanner—a high-tech digital scanner that handles oversized documents. The new scanner is housed in the Visual and Performing Arts Library (Cravens second floor) and is accessible to all students, faculty, and staff with large scanning needs.
Last October, Associate Professor and Visual Resources Librarian Nancy Richey spoke in Bowling Green and Owensboro about the man behind her latest book, *Mose Rager: Kentucky’s Incomparable Guitar Master*. Richey co-authored the book with the late Carlton Jackson, distinguished professor at WKU. The crowd enjoyed remembering the unique musician through discussion and with special guest guitarist Robbie Jones who offered a hint of Rager’s famous thumb-picking style.

The Library Special Collections featured “Tiny Treasures Miniature Books” exhibition in the Jackson Gallery of the Kentucky Building throughout the fall semester. According to Joe Shankweiler, curator of the exhibition, books dated back to the 1600s. Numerous visitors enjoyed the exhibit which began in June and was on display until the first week of December.

In recognition of National Archives Month, faculty and staff gave a talk on “I’ll Fly Away: The History of BG/WC Airport” at the Bowling Green/Warren County Regional Airport on October 18. Library Special Collections Department Head Jonathan Jeffrey, Associate Professor Sue Lynn McDaniel, and Manuscripts Assistant Lynn Niedermeier discussed the airport’s history through the decades to a full room of interested community members.

**Fall Highlights**

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