



February 2007

## Information Commons Set to Open Feb. 5

The finishing touches are being put on the new Information Commons, now to be called the Hub at W.T.'s. Staff members may remember that originally it was to be called Willie T.'s Basement, the name chosen by a student focus group held this past summer. While Mr. Young's family initially approved of this, after additional thought the name The Hub at W.T.'s was born. Stacey Greenwell, interim director, finds the new name very fitting. "If you look at drawings of the building, the location of the Information Commons is in the very center of the building—the hub. The name evokes everything we want the Info Commons to be: the center of activity, a bustling, vibrant environment where the center of the wheel is the help desk."

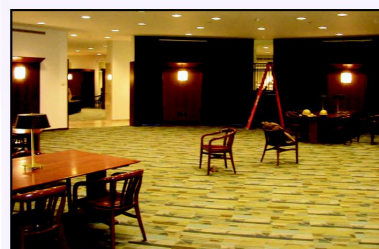
The Hub is scheduled to open on February 5, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held February 28. Greenwell is more excited about next fall, when there will be a grand opening geared directly to the students. She envisions a festive atmosphere, with decorations, games, maybe even pizza, to welcome students and acquaint them with the services and resources available to them.

This semester, the Hub service desk will be open the following hours:

Monday-Wednesday, noon-10:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, noon-8:00 p.m.  
 Friday, noon-5:00 p.m.

Greenwell hopes to expand these hours in the fall, but it is unlikely the Hub will open before noon. The noon opening coincides with the opening of the Information Technology Customer Service Center (i.e. help desk), which will be providing computer and wireless assistance. Also, undergrads, who most likely will be the biggest users, don't seem to get going before then.

What makes the Hub unique is the merger of reference and IT services, enabling students to get help with both in one place. In the Hub students will find an IT person at one of the help desks and a librarian at the other. According to Greenwell, the Hub is "the perfect place for students to work on group presentations. They can get reference assistance and help with graphics and PowerPoint. Then they can go over their completed presentations in one of our practice rooms." The two practice rooms, converted from AV Services viewing rooms, will be equipped with a wall-mounted flat screen TV, a video camera, a computer, and a place to plug in a laptop.



*Top to Bottom: The removal of the old carpeting; boxes of new furniture and flooring; freshly painted walls and new carpeting.*

## The Hub @ WT's

The Hub will dominate the basement of the Young Library. At the very center will be the two help desks along with three stand-up computer stations for quick use. These computers (along with two others that will be installed in front of the AV Services desk) will be the only ones in the basement that will not require a UK log in to use. There will also be a small ready reference collection, complete with computer manuals for Macintosh OS, Microsoft Office, and Windows OS for detailed questions. In Core 2 there will be an attractive vending area with soft drink, coffee, snack, and sandwich machines. In Core 4 and around the perimeter there will be additional soft seating. Walls have been painted, and new colorful carpeting has been laid in addition to the installation of contemporary furniture. Aesthetic considerations aside, the goal in renovating the space is to promote an atmosphere where students feel comfortable spending a long period of time. In the Hub, students will find a more laid-back environment where rules about noise, cell phone use, and eating are more relaxed than they are elsewhere in the library. This area will foster the collaborative environment in which more and more students are working.

The computers and study areas will also be greatly enhanced. Along the perimeter will be group study pods outfitted with a computer, four rolling chairs, and a white board. Those who want an alternative to Windows OS computers will be thrilled to find 20 Macs in the AV Services lab. Four viewing rooms in AV Services will house editing bays that have Macs and multimedia-editing software. Both the Macs and the Windows computers will have software that will not be available in the rest of Young Library.

The Hub has an operations group comprised of Greenwell, Peggy Akridge (Student Computing Services), Clay Gaunce (AV Services), Andrew Gamble (Information Technology Service Center) and Wayne Beech (Academic Technology). The library service desk will be staffed primarily by Greenwell and Alice Wasielewski along with volunteers. A couple of the volunteers are from the UK Libraries' IT department and the rest are from the Reference department. The Hub service desk will be complementing the reference desk in Young and the reference librarians who work the desk will be offering their subject expertise.

One challenge for the Hub may be visibility—how do students become aware of it when it is in the basement? The official entrance is in Core 4 and there will be signs to direct people downstairs. Greenwell will also be papering the campus with flyers. However, as befitting a technology-driven area, she will also avail herself to more modern marketing methods. The Hub already has a web page <[www.uky.edu/Libraries/hub](http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/hub)> and AIM and Yahoo chat IDs (TheHubatWT's), and there are plans for the Hub to have a presence on Facebook and MySpace. Greenwell is considering launching a blog (the HubBub), and the Hub may also make a debut on Second Life--her avatar, Buffy Alcott, is looking into it. The best marketing tool of all may be word of mouth as students rave about the coolest new place to study on campus.

Greenwell is eagerly awaiting the February 5 opening. "We are looking forward to providing an excellent service, meeting both the information and technology needs of students."

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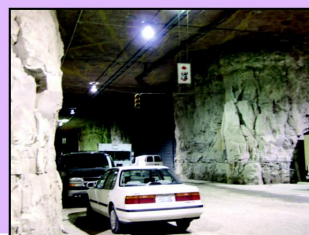
## News To Use



### EDC's Van Trip to KUSI (Highbridge Cave)

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Employee Development Committee (EDC) hosted an adventurous trip to the Kentucky Underground Storage Inc.(KUSI). This underground storage facility was established after the discovery of a large cave system in 1912 just below Wilmore in Jessamine County. Encompassing 32 acres of storage space, this facility also houses the Highbridge Springs bottled water company due to the natural spring that flows from the cave. The University of Kentucky Libraries uses the storage portion of KUSI to store approximately 29,000 boxes of material, affectionately referred to as "Remote Storage" in Infokat. Due to our arrangement with KUSI, UK Libraries receives daily deliveries of material to meet patron needs. The awesome sights of full size houses and semi-trucks co-existing in this enormous cave system (complete with traffic lights), mummified bats, an underground water reservoir, and a lovely park on top of the hill to view the "high bridge" that spans the convergence of the Kentucky and Dix Rivers are truly remarkable gems of Kentucky. For those of you who have not experienced this wonder, the EDC will be hosting another visit in the spring. Space is always limited for these trips so be sure to watch for a future announcement from the EDC!

*Above: View of bridge from KUSI.  
Right: Inside of the cave. Far right:  
Shane Brothers provides campus delivery  
services.*



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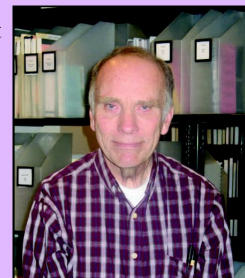
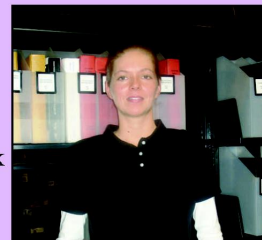
### Spot Bonus Award Winners

Bob Turner and Amy Watson were recently awarded a Spot Bonus.

In the Spring of 2006, book trucks were requested by several of the subject libraries. After much thought, it was decided that the book trucks in Young, which originally came from King, should be replaced with new trucks. Subsequently, the current book trucks would be sent to the subject libraries. The first undertaking was to determine how many book trucks needed to be replaced in Young. Bob Turner took inventory and provided the necessary numbers. When the book trucks arrived, Bob switched out the trucks and found storage space for the trucks that were replaced. He then went through and picked out the very best trucks to distribute out to other libraries. He was very thorough in his assessment.

Amy Watson mobilized a crew of students and other staff to clean and refurbish the used book trucks before they were sent to the subject libraries. This crew made suggestions on what products they needed and had them ordered so they could send the very best truck they could out to the subject libraries. They cleaned and polished the 13 trucks before they were distributed.

Both individuals took time out of their daily routine to do something that would benefit the subject libraries. The book trucks that were sent out were the very best that they could be thanks to Bob and Amy.



Top to Bottom: Amy  
Watson and Bob  
Turner.

**Congratulations on a job well done!**



### The University Archives Has Two New Online Resources

The *General Print Collection* includes photographs predominately transferred to university archives from the public relations department. A minimal amount of prints were transferred from accessions. The dates of the images range from circa 1850 - 2002. The subject matter includes University of Kentucky related photographs depicting campus activities from academia, administration, sports, and organizations. There are also exterior and interior images of university buildings and also general campus views. Over 8,000 images have been added to this online resource that will tremendously increase patron access to this rich visual resource and make reference easier in SCDP as well!

Another exciting processed collection that has a new online finding aid is the *Students to Save Robinson Forest records*. Students to Save Robinson Forest was organized in January/February of 1982 with Ann Phillippi and Rich Zimmerman acting as co-presidents. The group's constitution states that it will "call attention to the legal, financial, ethical and moral conflicts associated with the proposed mining of Robinson Forest." The group held its first public meeting on February 25, 1982 and soon became the largest student group on campus. They achieved a measure of success in 1983, when the Board of Trustees decided against the mining project in Robinson Forest. However, the language of their decision left the door open for other mining projects to be discussed in the future. On February 15, 1984, a permanent Robinson Forest display was dedicated on UK's campus with the purpose of informing future generations about the value of the forest and the struggles to preserve it. The collection includes newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, membership and financial records, and publicity materials related to the group's activities during the early 1980s.

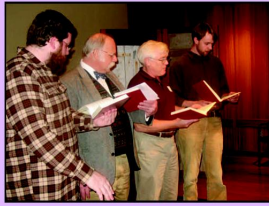
Both resources are available from the Kentuckiana Digital Library (KDL) at this site: <<http://kdl.kyvl.org/cgi/findaid/findaid-idx?tpl=kukuacad.tpl>> These are just two of the many new and exciting collections to soon be added to the KDL and the University Archives would like to express our thanks to the Digital Lab for making this happen.

## News To Use (continued)



### Holiday Tea for Library Associates

On the afternoon on December 15, we held the Libraries' annual holiday for donors and friends in the Little Library. We had about 50 attend the invite and they were entertained with music, exhibits and an opportunity to tour the Little Library. The event was a great success due to the hard work of a number of individuals – Esther Edwards, Paula Hickner, Gail Kennedy, Bill Marshall, and Meg Shaw. Last year we highlighted the Digital Programs in the King Library and we hope to continue to use the tea as an opportunity to highlight our many wonderful services and facilities.



## Comings and Goings



**Deborah "Shell" Dunn** has been hired into the Image Management Specialist in Preservation Reformatting Center where she previously worked as a Temporary Employee. Shell holds a B.A. in Fine Arts from Wright State University, and she came to Lexington to take a second B.A. in UK's College of Design. Recently, Shell has created a new and lively form of recycling called, "Reel Art." Samples of Reel Art adorn the walls of the PRC in King and the IT offices in the Young Basement.



**Brenda Depp** has been hired as the new Circulation Department Night Supervisor in Young Library. She will be working in the Library Technician Senior position. Brenda retired this Fall after twenty years of work as a Middle School Art Teacher in Winchester. Since September 2006, she has also worked as a security guard at Young Library.



**Hongyan Zhang** joined the Database Integrity Unit on January 8th as a Library Technician. Hongyan completed her MLS at UK in May 2006. She worked in cataloging at Bluegrass Community & Technical College as a graduate student, as well as in IDRC. Hongyan also holds a BE in Early Childhood Education from East China Normal University in Shanghai and taught elementary school for several years. We are delighted to have her join our department.



**Wendel Cox**, Library Manager with our NEH-funded National Digital Newspaper Program grant, has resigned his position to return to Memphis. We thank him for his fine work with the newspaper grant since September 2005, and wish him every success for the future. Wendel's last day was January 12, 2007.



**Jill Buckland**, Head, Education Library, has announced her plans to retire at the end of the Spring semester. Her last day of employment at UK will be May 12. Jill was employed in a grant-funded position in Special Collections as a Graduate Assistant in the King Library Reference Department before she joined the library faculty in 1991. She served as a reference librarian in King until her appointment to head the Education Library in September 2000. After retirement, Jill and her husband

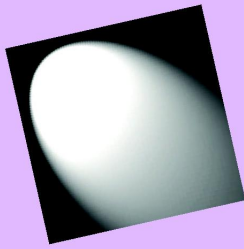
Bill will divide their time between the United Kingdom and Lexington. We wish Jill all the best as she enters a phase in her life. A retirement celebration for Jill will be announced at a later date.



**Mary Vass**, Director of Interdisciplinary Information Literacy in the Research and Education Division, has submitted notice that she is going to take early retirement from the UK Libraries. Her last day of work will be May 25, 2007. She will be getting married in the spring and relocating to the Winston-Salem, North Carolina area. Mary joined the UK Libraries in 1984 as Humanities Bibliographer. In 1985, she became Education Librarian, a position she held until July 2000 when she was named Team Leader for Reference and Information Services. She moved into her current position in January 2005. While Mary is retiring from UK, she intends to remain active in the library profession. We thank Mary for her years of excellent service to the Libraries, and wish her much happiness and success for the future.



**Colleen Harris**, Library Technician Senior, Reference and Education, Interdisciplinary Information Literacy, has resigned from the Libraries in order to accept a position at Stony Brook University, a part of the State University of New York. Her last day of work was Thursday, January 18. Colleen joined the Libraries in August 2004 as night supervisor in Young Circulation and transferred to Reference and Instruction in late July 2006. While employed by the Libraries, Colleen earned her Master's in Library and Information Science from UK. We thank Colleen for her hard work, congratulate her on her new position, and wish her great success as she returns to the Northeast.



## *Spotlight Series*

**The 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!**

### **Antoinette Fiske, Senior Technician, Law Library, Technical Services**

With a soft spoken demeanor and welcoming smile, Antoinette Fiske informed me that besides collecting bears, there really wasn't anything interesting to say about her job or background, but I think our readers will disagree, especially if you enjoy reading about Ballroom Dancing, the Jitterbug and the current conflict in Iraq. All of these things have played very important roles in Antoinette's life.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Antoinette graduated from the Perth Amboy High School in 1955. Her family had a wonderful tradition that she and all her siblings enjoyed participating in: Ballroom Dancing! The family tradition sadly faded away when the children in her family all married spouses who could not dance! Antoinette said dancing was one of her greatest enjoyments and during High School she even joined in the Jitterbug craze.



One of Antoinette's first positions out of high school was with a government office that introduced her to the wonders of cataloging and publishing manuscripts. After seven years, her position was eliminated and she took off time to start a family. She didn't stay away from library work for long as she naturally gravitated toward a job in the library housed by her children's elementary school. After moving to Kentucky, she continued her elementary school library work, but as a volunteer with the Lansdowne Elementary School here in Lexington. Before she left, it was noted that her work was highly valued by the librarian and the teachers of Lansdowne, yet most did not realize her level of dedication was actually done without pay! Needless to say, she was missed by many when she decided to take a paying job at the UK Law Library in 1980. She has been a Senior Technician, processing the many incoming law materials these past 25+ years. She has also been a two-time recipient of the Nancy Lewis award for excellence.

Antoinette's other passions are traveling and her family. She has two children: One daughter, Cynthia in New Mexico, whom she loves to visit, and a son, Edwin Jr. who is one of America's bravest; a major in the army presently serving in Baghdad, Iraq. She noted that the conditions there are hard and frightening for the men serving, but Edwin has always loved and still enjoys serving in the Armed Forces. Antoinette is looking forward to his brief homecoming in February for R&R before he goes back to finish up his tour. Edwin's four children, two boys and two girls, provide Antoinette with frequent babysitting opportunities, which she also greatly enjoys. Of course, this grandma doesn't stay in one place for long. In her latest traveling escapade to New Mexico, she enjoyed a balloon fest and the Grand Canyon! Sounds like keeping up with Antoinette isn't easy!



## Tech Talk

By Alice Burgess, Guest Columnist

While Stacey takes time off to focus on the Information Commons, the “Tech Talk” column will be handled by guest columnists. Today’s column (by Alice Burgess, a new Second Life librarian with Kentucky ties) will introduce you to Second Life and explain some of the library-related activities going on there.



### Get a (Second) Life!

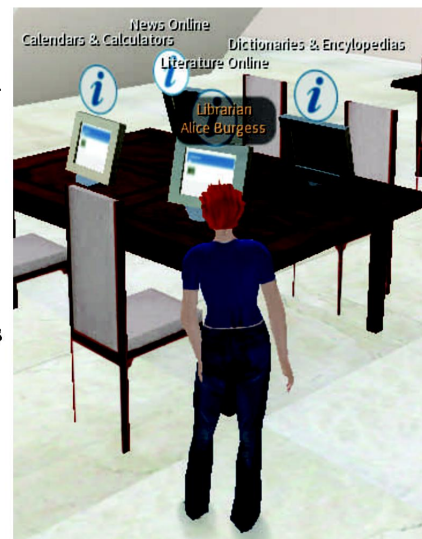


Alice: an avatar in Second Life

Second Life <<http://secondlife.com/>> is a virtual world created in 2003. Participants use Second Life (SL) for social interaction, communication, education and creative expression. Creating a basic account in SL is free. The first step is to create an avatar, which is your representation in SL. The most important part of this process is choosing your name (e.g., “Alice Burgess”). You can change your appearance later (and often!) but you can not change your name. You also need to download and install software to interact with Second Life. When you log in for the first time, your avatar will arrive on “Orientation Island”, where you can learn how to customize your avatar, how to move around SL, and how to get help. But there is much

more to SL than what you learn in the initial orientation. Everything in the world is user-built. SL has a powerful 3D modeling tool and scripting language, which allow users to create objects and manipulate them. “Land” can be purchased in SL so users can construct buildings and populate the landscape with objects that others can use or interact with. The SL economy is based on “Linden Dollars” which is based on the US dollar. SL residents can buy Linden dollars for use in SL, and can be paid in Linden dollars which can then be exchanged for US dollars.

The educational opportunities in SL are incredible. Classes are already being conducted in virtual class settings, and many more “islands” have constructed meeting, class or conference spaces. The distance learning experience is enhanced by the “togetherness” of the virtual world. Avatars can see each other and “talk” using instant message chat. Librarians are also very active in this new world. There are several SL libraries, most in or near “Info Island” and the adjoining islands. The libraries offer reference service, have collections, provide access to databases, offer continuing education classes and host events. There are subject libraries (e.g., the “Second Life Medical Library” on “Healthinfo Island”) and location- or institution-based libraries, like the “Michigan Library Consortium” in “Cybrary City”. Even when the libraries are not actively staffed by an avatar, there are information kiosks where you can pick up a “notecard” that will give you information about a library or service or event. You can keep these notes in your personal inventory or discard them. Some libraries, like the “Alliance Second Life Library” have computer stations where you can sit and search databases and websites. Others have digital books and other objects you can use on site.



Checking out the online resources



## Tech Talk (cont.)

I am a fairly new avatar in Second Life, and I just got my first volunteer job with a Second Life library. I'm working with the Caledon branch. Caledon is an island devoted to the nineteenth century. Buildings and clothing are appropriate to the period, so I have to change my clothes when I'm there. (Avatars change clothes – and anything else about their appearance – all the time. You can even change gender or become a “furry”. The only way to know someone is by name, not appearance.) I have also volunteered to work in a library in SL's “teen grid”, an isolated section of SL where only teens from 13-17 have access. Adults who want to work in that part of SL have to go through a background check.



*In the Caledon Library*

Even then, they are only allowed in specific areas of the teen world, and teens who enter that area are notified that adults are present. There are bars, sex shops, and other adult content in the main SL grid, so teens are also restricted from entering the main grid. The two worlds are kept separate. When teens turn 18, they are moved to the main grid.

### How to get involved:

If you want to learn more about libraries in Second Life, visit the Info Island web page at [www.infoisland.org](http://www.infoisland.org). (If you already have an avatar, use the SLURL on that page to teleport in.) Another good source of information is the Google Group for Second Life Librarians: [groups.google.com/group/alliancesecsecondlife](http://groups.google.com/group/alliancesecsecondlife). If you are interested in scripting and building in Second Life, the Ivory Tower of Primatives is a great resource. Search for them in SL, or visit the website <http://ivorytowerlibrary.com>. Classes, lectures and other events held in SL are another great way to learn. See <http://secondlife.com/events> for a listing of all events (not just library events). For a taste of Second Life before you actually take the plunge and create your own avatar, search for “Second Life” in both Flickr and YouTube to find screen shots and videos.

*Want more information?* Feel free to contact any of the following Second Life avatars who represent some of your colleagues in the UK Libraries:



*Avatars Aluicious Alonzo, Portishead Ginsberg, Alice Burgess, and Buffy Alcott  
(Shown in Cybrary City, SL)*

## *Just for Fun!*

### **So You Think You Know Everything?**

Do you know...

1. Which words in the English language are unable to rhyme with anything?
2. What is the only English word that ends in “mt?”
3. What’s the longest word you can type with only your left hand? Your right?
4. What’s the longest word that can be made by using only the letters on one row of the keyboard?
5. Our eyes are always the same size from birth. Which two features never stop growing?
6. What are the only four words in the English language that end in “dous?”
7. How long a snail can sleep?
8. The lifespan of a dragonfly?
9. How many ways are there to make change for a dollar?
10. How many ridges does a dime have?

### **Answers**

1. Month, orange, silver or purple 2. Dreamt 3. “Stewardesses” with the left and ‘lollipop’ with the right 4. Typewriter 5. Our nose & ears 6. Tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous 7. Three years 8. 24-hours 9. 293 10. 118

## *Did You Know...*

The University has a well publicized Art Museum that shows material by talented artists from around the world. The UK Art Museum also owns a private collection of well known art. In addition to their art showings, the museum occasionally hosts concerts and other activities, some of which are free to faculty and staff. For further details contact the Museum at (859) 257-5716 or visit [www.uky.edu/ArtMuseum/visit.html](http://www.uky.edu/ArtMuseum/visit.html)





## What's Coming Up?

**Feb. 2 Reception for State Librarian and Commissioner Wayne Onkst** The State Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky (SAALCK) and the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) invite you to a special welcome reception at 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

**Feb. 5 Web Seminar: Preserving Electronic Resources, 2-3:30pm,** W. T. Young Library Gallery. RSVP: [lisac@uky.edu](mailto:lisac@uky.edu)

**Feb. 9-11 Central Kentucky Radio Eye (CKRE) 4th Annual Bookfair** will be held at Barnes & Noble in Hamburg Pavilion. The Bookfair is a great way to support CKRE's Radio Reading Service and its 24-hour-a-day programs for blind and disabled people. Buy books (or other merchandise) at Barnes & Noble during the Bookfair, hand in a voucher when you pay for your purchases, and Barnes & Noble will donate up to 25% of your purchases to CKRE. Vouchers are available on the CKRE website <[www.RadioEye.org](http://www.RadioEye.org)>

**Feb. 27 SOLINET workshop on Digitizing Library Materials, 9 am to 4 pm,** W.T. Young Library (Room B108a). Register with SOLINET! <<http://tinyurl.com/vy9s3>>

**March 30 Spring KLA GODORT Program and Meeting, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m** at the William T. Young Library.

## Wow!!!



**Mary Congleton** has been elected to be Section Council Representative-Elect for the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association. Of the 23 sections in MLA, the Hospital Libraries Section is the largest and oldest. The Section Council serves in an advisory capacity to the MLA Board of Directors and also promotes interchange among sections and chapters.



**Stacey Greenwell** has been invited to be one of seven librarians from around the country to be on the SLA Centennial Planning Commission. SLA will be 100 years old in 2009 and a celebration is planned at the 2009 Washington DC Summer Conference. Stacey is on the main group planning this event. Quite an honor for all of us.

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