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Medical Center Library Gets Long Overdue "Makeover"

By Jane Bryant (Photos by James Burgett)

The University of Kentucky Medical Center Library (MCL) has undergone a facelift along with a concomitant weight loss, i.e., space loss. The results are stunning! And, the best news is that the Libraries didn't have to pay for it.

According to Janet Stith, Medical Center Library Director, "This is the first major renovation for the Medical Center Library since it opened over 45 years ago. Through funding from the College of Medicine Dean's



New multi-level user services desk offers space for both Circulation and Reference transactions. Dual monitors offer simultaneous screen displays to patrons and staff alike.

Office we were able to secure a new book theft security system, modern user services desk, and a new entry to the library."

The impact is immediate as you enter the MCL. A classy new entryway with handsome tiles and a "barless" security system has helped bring the look of the Library into the 21st century. The sleek, multilevel user services counter provides patrons with a single place to obtain assistance – from checking out books to inquiring about a medical conundrum. During peak hours, the desk is staffed by both circulation staff and a reference librarian. When business is slower, one person handles both sets of duties.

"The Medical Center Library acquired automatic doors which are an added convenience for our patrons. We

also gained a few extra study carrels on the first floor of the library," says Renee Dorn, Senior Library Technician in Circulation.

The remainder of the renovation involved the loss of much of the previously existing office area on the first floor including the Director's old office and much of the other "behind-the-scenes" space that used to be Circulation and administrative areas. This was taken over by the College of Medicine. A small work area was retained by Circulation and new administrative offices were constructed in the area of the "old reference office" and where some of the unbound journals had been shelved.

The renovation is still ongoing as new journal shelving is put up, journals are shifted – both upstairs and downstairs, and staff and users alike adapt to the new look and feel of the venerable old Medical Center Library. One thing hasn't changed – our commitment to providing our users with excellent, personalized, one-on-one service!



Photo of new MCL entrance shows floor detail that carries design into building hallway.

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Strategic Planning Focus Groups

Throughout the month of April, UK Libraries employees considered the future of the Libraries. In 11 separate focus groups, participants mulled over previously formulated thought-provoking statements designed to stimulate discussions. During the meetings, many thoughts, concerns, and innovative ideas were expressed that could influence the direction of the University Libraries. During the coming months this information will be used to formulate the 2007-2009 Strategic Plan which is expected to be completed in October of this year.



UK Board of Trustees Establishes the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History

On March 7, 2006, the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees named the Libraries' Oral History Program the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb_id=11&llib_id=13 in honor of the former Kentucky Governor.

The Nunn Center's Oral History Collection includes extensive interviews with former government officials, politicians, and others who have impacted higher education and public policy in the Commonwealth. The collection consists of over 100 different topical projects totaling over 6,500 interviews encompassing over 12,000 actual interview hours. In addition to over 80 hours of interviews with Governor Nunn, the collection includes oral history projects featuring former Kentucky governors and other prominent individuals such as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Lady Bird Johnson, U.S. Vice President Alben W. Barkley, U.S. Senator and United States Ambassador John Sherman Cooper, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and Kentucky author Robert Penn Warren.

In addition to allocating the funds for UK's first two oral history projects, Governor Nunn was heavily involved in securing an endowment for the UK Oral History Program. He served as Chair of the Endowment Committee at the time of his death. State Representative Steve Nunn and Jennie Nunn Penn were both active in soliciting major gifts to the endowment. During the 2005 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, Steve Nunn successfully sought \$500,000 in state funding that was matched by funds from the Research Challenge Trust Fund. The Nunn Center's Endowment currently totals \$1.3 million.



Lewis Warden

Lewis Warden Receives Spot Bonus Award

Off the Shelf is pleased to announce that Lewis Warden, Public Policy Archives Assistant in Special Collections and Digital Programs (SCDP), has received a UK Libraries' Spot Bonus Award. This award is given in recognition of Lewis's "on-the-spot" and "outside the box" contributions which have improved service and collection management in SCDP. After the water disaster in November, Lewis assisted with the clean-up as well as extensive relocation and updating the location guide to the collections in the King basement. Most recently, Lewis's concern for the students who arrive in SCDP looking for their class meeting space prompted him to suggest how information can be provided more effectively, which resulted in a call to the registrar's office, where they will add more descriptive information about entering from the south door for classrooms in the King Addition to the class schedule. Lewis embraces tasks that come up at a moment's notice for which no one else is available and gives thoughtful input that results in more effective solutions. He has become the go-to guy for out of the ordinary tasks that come up every so often, but which are integral to the operations in SCDP.

Lewis's Spot Bonus Award of \$100 recognizes and rewards his interest and can-do approach to tasks that come his way.

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Library Resources Available Online

Here are some great online resources you might want to look at: The *UK Board of Trustees Minutes, 1862-2005* are available online at <<http://pax.uky.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ukbot&tpl=home.tpl>>. Over 5,500 photographs in the *UK Portrait Print Collection* which represents administrators, alumni, students, Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and visitors at the University from 1867 - 2002 have been added to the *Kentuckiana Digital Library* <<http://kdl.kyvl.org>>.



Nominations Sought for Staff Advisory Council Positions

Two three-year Staff Advisory Council (SAC) positions are now open. Persons elected to fill the vacant positions will officially start their term on July 1, 2006 and serve until June 30, 2009. Anyone interested in serving on this Council should send their self-nomination to Lauren Keller lenowv0@email.uky.edu by Friday, May 5th. Questions about the SAC and its functions should be directed toward any of the current SAC members: Lauren Keller [Interim Chair] lenowv0@email.uky.edu, Kathyne LeFevre [Interim Vice-Chair] kalefe0@uky.edu, Sharon McGuire [Ex-Officio] Sharon.McGuire@uky.edu, Rita Tobin rtobin@email.uky.edu, or Mary Geyer msgeye00@uky.edu.



Library Specialist Staff Position , Grade 42, Created

This spring, University Human Resources created a new Grade 42 staff position called Library Specialist. This position falls between the Library Technician Senior (grade 41) and the Library Manager (grade 43) levels.

Requirements for positions:

Minimum educational requirements for each library staff levels is as follows:

Library Technician	Grade 38	Associates degree plus 1 year experience
Library Tech Senior	Grade 41	Bachelors degree plus 2 years of experience
Library Specialist	Grade 42	Bachelors degree plus 2 years of experience
Library Manager	Grade 43	Masters degree; Exempt position

Work requirements: Compensation (a unit with University HR) does not provide work requirements for each grade level. When new jobs are created or upgrades requested, they evaluate each position based on a large number of factors – those found in Part D of the Job Analysis Questionnaire. Level of responsibility is a major factor.

Nancy DeMarcus is the first person to be placed in the new category as Records Manager in Special Collections and Digital Programs.



Quick Fact brochures tell about the William T. Young Library.

Library Quick Facts Launched

Andrea Brofft, UK Libraries' graduate assistant in marketing, created a series of brochures on the William T. Young Library building. These "Quick Facts" brochures are designed to be given out on general tours and highlight various features of the building. Four brochures have been developed in this series: *William T. Young Library* (interesting facts about the building); *Fossils at the William T. Young Library* (a guide to the fossils in the marble); *Wade Hall Quilt Collection*; and *The Overbrook Tapestry*. We have a limited supply printed. The electronic files are in MS Publisher and can be downloaded from the server at [\\Libstaffsrv\Data\AllLibrary\MarketingMaterials](http://Libstaffsrv/Data/AllLibrary/MarketingMaterials).

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Many thanks to Staff Advisory Council Members Lauren Keller, Mary Geyer, Kathyne LeFevre, Rita Tobin, and Sharon McGuire for planning and delivering a great program!



Dean's Award for Outstanding Performance
Sharon McGuire, Geological Sciences Library & Math Library
Cindy Parker, Interlibrary Loan / Document Delivery

Pictured left to right: Cindy Parker, Dean Carol Diedrichs.



5 Year Service Award

Left to right: Marsha Seamans, Kerri Scannell, Sharon Ross, Susan Herbert, Ann Fath, Mary Congleton, Craig Amos. Not shown: Timothy Baker, Cheri Daniels, Emma Mills, Lesley Wolfgang-Jackson.



10 Year Service Award

Left to right: Matthew Harris, Lisa Carter, Nancy DeMarcus. Not shown: Kathie Farmer, Miranda Hines.

15 Year Service Award

Not shown: James Crowden, Carole Stevens, Sarah Vaughn.



20 Year Service Award

Left to right: Teresa Burgett, Cindy Parker. Not shown: Amelie Charron, Mary Van Huss.

25 Year Service Award
Antoinette Fiske



30 Year Service Award

Left to right: Patricia Hornback, Mary Spencer. Not shown: Terry Birdwhistell.

35 Year Service Award
Not shown: Gail Kennedy

Spot Bonus Award Recipients

Not shown: Martha David, Carole Stevens, Rick Garrett, Mike Howard, Curt Miller, Joe Phillips, Scott Swift, Lewis Warden.

What's Coming Up?

May 4-6 LOEX (Library Orientation Exchange) Annual Conference. University of Maryland, College Park. Theme: Moving Targets: Understanding Our Changing Landscape. <http://www.lib.umd.edu/loex2006/>

May 5 Deadline for Staff Advisory Council Nominations (see *News to Use* article)

May 8 10:00 - 11:30 All Library Staff Meeting. Auditorium, W. T. Young Library.

May 11 Describing Archives: A Content Standard. Society of American Archivists workshop hosted by UK Libraries. Gallery, W. T. Young Library.

May 12 Kentucky Council on Archives Spring Meeting. Hosted by Kentucky Educational Television in Lexington.

May 15 9:00 - 4:00 Reference Redesign Workshop: "Future Reference, NExT GENERation and Beyond." Auditorium, W. T. Young Library.

May 19 - 24 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. Theme: Transformations A - Z < <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2006/index.html> >

Did You Know... ???

Did you know... that as a University of Kentucky faculty or staff member, you are entitled to discounts at participating businesses?

These discounts are available in not only the Lexington area, but also in other areas across the country like Kings Island in Ohio, Dollywood in Tennessee and BeautiWorks in Missouri. The discounts apply to a wide range of products that include amusement parks and entertainment, apartments and mortgages, hotels, jewelry, and much, much more.

To use the University of Kentucky Employee Discount Program, you must identify yourself when making a purchase by showing a valid UK picture ID or valid UK Faculty/Staff Card and a valid driver's license or other picture ID.



A visit to Dollywood might also be fun!

A complete list of businesses that offer these discounts is located at :
<<http://www.uky.edu/HR/edp>>

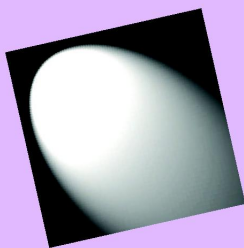
- The University does not warrant any goods or services provided by any business participating in the Employee Discount Program.

Questions regarding the program may be addressed to:

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369 Peterson Service Building
Lexington, KY 40506-0005
Phone: (859) 257-5570



Discounts to Kings Island are available on this program.



Spotlight Series

The Spotlight Series features Mary Van Huss who will retire after 20 years of employment at the UK Libraries.

Mary Van Huss - Library Technician Senior, Chemistry/Physics Library



After 20 years of service, Mary Van Huss, one of the UK Libraries' most experienced branch technicians, will retire on May 4, 2006. In October 1985, Mary began employment at the M. I. King Library in Special Collections where she processed manuscripts. Her first project was working on Dr. Thomas Clark's papers with Bill Marshall as her supervisor. She then transferred to the Biological Sciences Library in 1987 and worked with Mildred Moore and then Brad Grissom. In 1996 Mary transferred to the Chemistry/Physics Library where she worked with Maggie Johnson and currently works with Jan Carver.

Mary and her husband, James, who retired from UK Libraries in 2003, moved from Campbellsville, KY, to Lexington in 1985. It was in Campbellsville that Mary got her jump start in libraries. There she worked in a Campbellsville public library for ten years. Prior to that, she had no library experience. Mary had previously worked for an insurance company and was a pre-school teacher. It was THIS positive library experience in Campbellsville that was the biggest influence in her remaining in the library field.

Mary was born in Glenarm, IL (south of Springfield) and lived there most of her young life. She has memories of working on a farm as her dad was a tenant farmer, her mom, a housewife. Mary's other memories include being a good student, high school sophomore class president, and high school junior year Sweetheart candidate. She always liked to read. When her parents went into town to run errands, Mary visited the public library and remained there until they were done.

Mary has two younger siblings who still live in Illinois – brother, Gene, and sister, Georgia. She admits to “mothering” them as they were all growing up.

Mary and James met at a church youth group gathering in Virden, IL. After marrying, they eventually moved to Springfield, IL, where they raised their family. They have two children, five grandchildren and one great grand-daughter, who is 10 months old and a bundle of fun!

Mary still loves to read. She also likes to do jigsaw puzzles, cross stitching, gardening and one other activity. Have you guessed yet? Mary is a piano player! (Our UK Libraries orchestra keeps growing, doesn't it??)

You ask, “What are Mary's future plans?” Mary's response is, “Traveling, enjoying family and growing a BIGGER vegetable garden.” Mary's new philosophy is, “Relax, relax, and enjoy life!”

Happy retirement, Mary! We wish you good health and many years of traveling to come! Come on back and visit us on the way.



Tech Talk

By Stacey Greenwell, Head, Desktop Support

Blogs

I've done a few presentations on blogs and could talk on and on about them (some of you know that already), but I thought it might be good to include the topic as a newsletter item. Here's a definition partially derived from Wikipedia:

Blog: A blog (or weblog) is a website in which items are posted on a regular basis and displayed in reverse chronological order. Like other media, blogs often focus on a particular subject, such as food, politics, or local news. Some blogs function as online diaries. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic.

Blogger <<http://www.blogger.com>> is one of many services that will host a blog for you for free.

Bloglines <<http://www.bloglines.com>> is one of many free aggregators that allow you to easily read blog and other web content in one place (more on this next month).

To learn more about blogs, check out the HigherEdBlogCon2006, a free, online conference devoted to the use of blogs and other social software tools in higher education: <<http://www.higheredblogcon.com/>>

Blog of the Month

I'm not sure how long I'll keep this going, but I do read a lot of blogs and get many ideas from them. So I thought I'd share a favorite each month. This month I'd like to suggest Steven Bell's "The Kept-Up Academic Librarian." This blog provides news and commentary to help us "keep up with news and developments in higher education." <<http://keptup.typepad.com/academic/>>

Sorting Photos

I've had many photos to sort after returning from teaching library workshops in Ecuador. Here are a few photo tips I'd like to share:

You can sort your photos by the date they were taken. If you don't see the column header "Date Picture Taken" (you should see Name, Type, Size, Date Modified by default), right click on the column header to see other file details. If you choose "More" from this list, you can choose "Date Picture Taken" among other things.

Use the Slide Show view to watch all of your photos in a neat slide show ("View as Slide Show" will appear on the left side of the My Pictures window as a Picture Task). The slide show includes controls to pause or go back or forward in the slide show.

Wow!



Lisa Carter's article, "Saving Our Legacy: Archiving Television at the Crossroads" ~ was published in the Winter 2006 issue of the *National Academy of Television Arts and Science's (Daytime Emmy's) Television Quarterly*.
<<http://www.tvquarterly.net/index2.html>>

KLA Joint Spring Conference Presentations:



Valerie Perry, Debbie Sharp and Mary Vass ~ presented a program entitled, "Reaching 1700 Freshmen in 4 Weeks."

Nancy Lewis and Mary McLaren ~ presented a program entitled, "Treasure, Double-Crossing and Intrigue at MOSS."

Valerie Perry and Debbie Sharp ~ presented a program entitled, "What Are Your Students Learning?"



Tari Keller ~ presented a session entitled "EDI - Raw Data Files for the Layperson" at the Endeavor EndUser Conference in Chicago.

Nancy Lewis and Mary McLaren ~ displayed a poster session, "Storage May Be Over the Hill, but It Is Not the End of the Road" at the EndUser Conference.

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Newsletter submissions are due
by the 15th of the month.

Just for Fun!

Who knows how to do "The Bunny Hop"?

Looks like Sherree, Dawn, Mary, Sharon, Kathy,
Mary, and Kate do!



Bunny Hoppers at the LSO Easter Hot Dog Lunch!

(Photo by Tari Keller)