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## Conservation Librarian Presents in Japan

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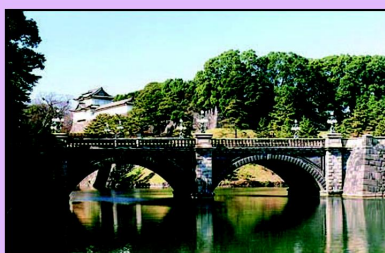
In November 2006, I traveled to Japan to give talks on preservation and to visit several preservation programs at the research libraries and archives. Here is a little about this trip.

I gave a talk entitled, "Preservation Program at the University of Kentucky Libraries: Environmental Control Project and Disaster Planning" for the employees at the National Diet Library (NDL) in Tokyo (comparable to the Library of Congress). The NDL has the biggest preservation program with 21 full time staff and in-house conservation labs in Japan, while only a couple of libraries and archives have preservation departments. (More than 58 research libraries have preservation programs with full time preservation staff in the U.S. ) Although the preservation activities at the NDL have been focused on conservation treatment of damaged items, its focus is expanding to preventive measures. The NDL was particularly interested in the environmental monitoring project and disaster planning at the University of Kentucky Libraries. One of the participants from the facility maintenance department said that he was encouraged by the development of the close collaboration between the UK libraries' preservation department and physical plant staff, and he hoped to see similar improvement at the NDL. In addition to 57 participants from the NDL in Tokyo, the staff at the Kansai branch in Kyoto shared this talk via distance network.



*Presentation at the National Diet Library in Tokyo.*

When I first learned that even the prestigious Kyoto University Libraries (KUL) did not have a preservation department with full time staff, I was stunned. (Kyoto University is comparable to Harvard or Yale. The Harvard Libraries have 88 preservation staff!) A librarian of the KUL asked me to join their book repair workshop. Eight to ten librarians and staff meet voluntarily every Tuesday after work at 6 pm to learn book repair and other preservation issues. None of them have formal preservation trainings, so they learn by themselves from internet resources and printed manuals. This small group of people has to take care of damaged library books and moldy storage books, although no library employees are officially charged with any kind of preservation responsibilities. The only noticeable preservation activities at the KUL are to send some special collections items to the private conservation studios for treatment. The libraries do not have a budget or system to use a library binding service to repair damaged general collections. The KUL's situation is not uncommon to the Japanese libraries.



*Moat, Castle wall, and Nijyu Bridge to Imperial Palace.*

The highlight of this trip was a visit to the Archives of the Imperial House Agency. These Archives are originally established in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, that collects, preserves, and researches the Emperor's official and historical documents. They are located in the Imperial Palace, the residence of the Emperor of Japan, which is on the ground of Edo Castle built in 1457, but most of the buildings were lost to fires and earthquakes.

## Japan (Continued)



*Inside of the Archive storage.*

Built in 1992, the current Archive storage is a four story building with one basement. There is no air-conditioning system, because the environment is controlled by natural ventilation and a sophisticated insulation and multi-levelled vapor barrier system. The walls, ceilings and roof were made with high-tech materials and cypress, one of the best moisture-control materials. The windows and doors are carefully designed to create good ventilation. Sophisticated dust-proof filters are installed in the windows and doors and, in addition, shoes are prohibited on the inside to achieve a cleaner environment. Every artifact is stored in the individual wooden boxes to create a stable micro environment. Preventing the high levels of humidity and a stuffy indoors resulting in mold infection is a major concern (Japan is a monsoon climate), and it is achieved with careful manual control. The Archives staff check the outside temperature and relative humidity several times a day and open and close the windows based on those observations. They also continue the traditional custom called *bakusho*; they take every item out of the boxes for airing to inspect and prevent mold once a year before the rainy season in June.

I also visited the conservation lab of the Archives of the Imperial House Agency. The conservators practice traditional Japanese paper conservation. For instance, one of the treatments for 12<sup>th</sup> century documents involved ordering special paper from the hand-made Japanese paper craftsman, dyeing the paper using traditional natural dye from plants, soot, and dirt, and repairing damages using the dyed paper and cooked Japanese paste.



*Conservation Lab*



*Neighborhood of Matsumoto City Archives.*

A group of archive students of the Tokyo Gakugei University and I visited one of the municipal archives, the Matsumoto City Archives in the Nagano prefecture where the 1998 Winter Olympics were held. It was a three-hour trip by express train from Tokyo. The area is famous for the mountainous landscape (Japanese Alpine) and soba noodle cuisine. So, I tried a soba noodle bowl at the noodle stand on Matsumoto train station platform while I was waiting for the train. It was cheap, quick



(7minutes to order and finish), and delicious.

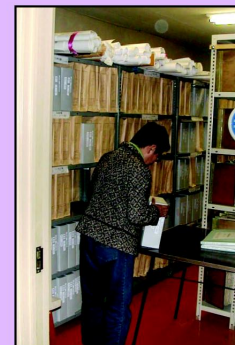
Archives of the local municipal entity are relatively new in Japan. Only 29 prefectures out of 47 and 7 major cities out of 13, including Matsumoto city have established official archives. The Matsumoto City Archives were established in 1998. In the late 1980s the city had been conducting the historiographic project, and the officers and citizens found that official and historical documents that were kept in local village offices were neglected or at risk of loss. Local governments worked with researchers to establish the Archives to save the documents and make them accessible. The Archives house over 27,000 historical documents and 74,000 administrative city documents.



*Kazuko at the Matsumoto City Archives building.*



*Matsumoto City Archives building.*



*Collection Storage.*

## News To Use



### Spot Bonus Award Winner

Kathie Farmer of the Database Integrity Unit was recently awarded a spot bonus award.

Before Kathie became a library employee in technical services she maintained the microform reader/printers in Young Library. When the reader/printers on the second floor were replaced, Kathie was asked to evaluate the old equipment to see what needed to be kept. Kathie spent time evaluating the equipment and advised on parts that should be retained. Kathie's willingness to lend a hand saved the staff in R & E a great deal of time in determining the disposition of the equipment. Congratulations on a job well done!

### EDC Tour of the King Library Press

In celebration of the King Library Press' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Employee Development Committee (EDC) sponsored a fascinating tour of the King Library Press on October 26<sup>th</sup>. With our gracious and multi-talented host, Paul Holbrook, staff was afforded a rare glimpse into the workings of the printing presses and the complex history of the King Library Press' printing accomplishments. The tour was not only very informative, but also interactive and hands-on as the participants were allowed to handle and experience the different formats and textures involved in the various printing techniques. Each printing is truly a work of art, and for those of you looking for a really unique and special holiday gift, pay a visit to the King Library Press located in the basement of King. They have a wide selection of beautiful numbered pieces that are both affordable and exceptional pieces of art.



### New Engineering Library Blog

Watch for updates and current information about Shaver Engineering Library at [www.engr.uky.edu/library](http://www.engr.uky.edu/library).

Check their blog for the latest information on the library renovation, new databases, journals and books. They will also be posting a reserves ready list for Spring 2007. As reserves are processed and available for check-out, the blog will be updated. There is also a history of the engineering library and many pictures.

### UK Libraries, School of Library and Information Sciences Alumni Receive Torch of Excellence Awards

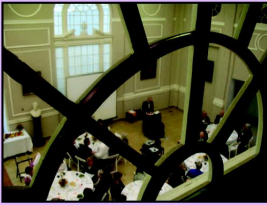


*From L to R: Helen Frye, guest speaker Frank X Walker, and Ruth Gaylord.*

The University of Kentucky Libraries and the School of Library and Information Sciences (SLIS) in the College of Communications and Information Studies is proud to announce their two recipients of the 2006 Torch of Excellence Awards presented at the Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Constituent Group's 16th annual Homecoming Awards Banquet held Nov. 3 at Lexington's Radisson Plaza Hotel. The Libraries and SLIS' award recipients are Helen Frye of Danville, Ky., and Ruth Gaylord of Lexington.

The Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Constituent Group takes nominations from each college annually for both the Torch of Excellence Awards and Torch Bearer Awards. The Torch of Excellence honors alumni who have succeeded nationally, statewide and locally. Those honorees then "pass on" their faith, determination, hard work and academic excellence to current undergraduate students who have shown those same qualities. The undergraduate students then become "torch bearers" for their colleges.

## News To Use (continued)



### The King Library Press Marks its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with November Celebration

On Friday November 17, the Press hosted a dinner featuring Dr. Alice Prochaska, head of the Yale University Libraries, former head of Special Collections at the British Library, London, and former Vice-President of the Royal Historical Society.

The following day the Press held its Fall Book Arts Seminar. Three outstanding figures from the field of graphic arts made presentations in the Niles Gallery. The speakers included Andrew Hoyem, dean of American fine press printers, from the Alion Press in San Francisco; Carol Blinn, long distinguished for her handsome work at Warwick Press in Easthampton, Massachusetts; and Steve Miller, director of the MFA program in the Book Arts at the University of Alabama.

### Bad Weather Bags Now Available

Rain, Snow, Sleet, Howling Winds???

No longer a problem for the Libraries' circulating materials! Thanks to the Libraries' recent purchase of protective plastic bags, available in two sizes, staff at all of the Libraries' circulation desks can now hand out bad-weather bags along with the charged materials. These logo-customized bags are designed to do double duty -- promote the UK Libraries while protecting the Libraries' valuable materials!



## Comings and Goings



**Mary Schleifer** has accepted the position of Library Technician for Acquisitions/Serials. Mary has 16 years of library experience and is currently working on her master degree in library science. Mary recently completed her assignment with Oral History and begin working in Acquisitions on November 27th. We are looking forward to working with Mary.



**Amy Osborne** has accepted the position of Head of Public Services effective December 1. Following a national search, Amy's selection was an obvious choice. We're delighted she will be moving into this new role.



**Sarah Glassmeyer** will start on December 1 as a Law Reference Librarian. Sarah previously held the position of Reference Librarian at the University of Dayton School of Law. She earned her JD from the University of Cincinnati and her MLS from Indiana University.



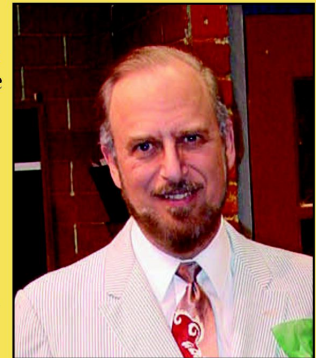
## Spotlight Series

This Spotlight features Lew Bowling who has retired after 18 years of employment at the UK Libraries

### Lew Bowling, Special Formats Unit

Lew Bowling will be retiring from the University of Kentucky Libraries at the end of December after 18 1/2 years. Currently, Lew is a member of the Special Formats Unit (SFU) and has been working with the Rare Book Collection, Cortot Collection and the Sheet Music Collection all housed in the Special Collections Library. Lew began his career at UK as a Music Librarian, and has worked as a cataloger in various areas before moving to SFU.

Lew and his wife Aviva (Vivian) have two children, Danny (26) and Aaron (22). Vivian is an admissions officer in the UK Graduate School. She also teaches violin and Hebrew. Danny is a graduate student at UK in Technical Theatre. He is an assistant production director at the Singletary Center and does freelance lighting and scene design. Aaron is a senior at UK pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre / Acting and a BA in Spanish. He is currently spending the semester in Spain through the UK Study Abroad Program.



Lew was born in Petersburg, WV to Lewis Paul Bowling and Kathryn Stitely Bowling. He lived in Petersburg through the end of WWII. He also lived in Franklin, IN; Camden, NJ; Magnolia, NJ; and Hot Springs, SD while growing up. He has a younger brother, Jim, living in Kearney, NE.

Lew has received several graduate degrees, including a BA (cum laud) in Music Education and History/Political Science from Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS. His graduate degrees include a Masters of Music in Theory and Composition and a Doctor of Arts degree in Music Theory and Composition/Musicology, both from the University of Northern Colorado. He received his Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa. He has additional course work from several other colleges and universities.

Lew had a varied career before joining the UK Libraries. He taught high school music and history in Williamsburg, KS, taught instrumental music in Poplar, MT, taught GED math for Fort Peck Tribes, MT, taught instrumental music for the Kent Music School in Gravesend, England. He also taught ESL for the American Ulpan, Tel Aviv, Israel. He was a part time instructor in music at UNC, taught music, political science and education at Southeast Community College in Fairbury, NE. He was a library assistant at the University of Iowa Music Library.

Lew's activities outside of work are focused in the arts and entertainment field. He has been a semi-pro musician for the last 50 years by playing saxophone, clarinet, and piano in a variety of jazz and dance bands. He has played clarinet in community and semi-pro orchestras in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Kentucky. During the last two years, he and his wife have been playing Israeli pop music at Natasha's Café accompanied by son Danny on the cello and Harold Sherman on the piano. He also plays piano at Natasha's Café on Piano Wednesdays.

Lew is active in the local theatre community. He is currently playing Scrooge in the Lexington Children's Theatre production of *A Christmas Carol*. He began his acting career in grade school and continued through high school. At the age of 37, he became active in community theatre in Nebraska for approximately 10 years. Since 2004, Lew has performed with the Studio Players, the Lexington Shakespeare Festival, Woodford County Theater, the Balagula Theatre, the Fantastical Theatricals, the Lexington Ballet, and the Actors Guild Readers Theatre. His son Danny designs sets for SCAPA musicals, and Lew helps out as a scene painter. He has even had a painting exhibited with the Lexington Art League.

After his retirement from UK, Lew will be doing more theatre and music performance and painting and will probably take some classes at UK. He and Vivian plan to do more traveling as well. Then there are always those fix-up projects on the house he's been putting off.

We wish Lew much happiness and success in his retirement.

\*\*\*Please watch your email for details of Lew's retirement party which will be held in January 2007.



## Tech Talk

By Stacey Greenwell, Head, Desktop Support

### All Bloglines Edition

I have mentioned Bloglines in past columns, but it never hurts to repeat the important things. If you aren't already reading news, library blogs and other feeds in an aggregator, consider Bloglines, a free web-based aggregator: <http://www.bloglines.com>

### Setup

It takes just minutes to get an account. Once you have set up the account, you can subscribe to feeds highlighted by Bloglines (under the Directory tab) or you can search for feeds directly (under the Search tab). Most likely you will want to add the URLs of feeds you discovered elsewhere (under the Feeds tab, click on Add, then paste in the URL and click Subscribe).

### Finding Feeds

Many indexes of library and technology blogs exist if you are looking for feeds in a particular area. Past editions of this column include "Blog of the Month" entries, so consider subscribing to those as well. Two feeds to check out for sure are [UK Libraries News](#) and the [Shaver Engineering Library Blog](#).

In general, keep in mind that a growing number of websites include RSS feeds for news, commentary, and other information. In fact, most of your favorite Bloglines subscriptions will probably originate serendipitously from something you read in email or while web browsing. This is going to be tough, but in anticipation of someone asking me anyway, my personal top 5 blogs/RSS feeds:

Library Related	Technology Focused
<a href="#">Tame the Web</a>	<a href="#">Crabby's Corner</a>
<a href="#">Information Wants to Be Free</a>	<a href="#">New York Times Technology</a>
<a href="#">Librarian In Black</a>	<a href="#">PC Magazine New Product Reviews</a>
<a href="#">ALA Tech Source Blog</a>	<a href="#">Gizmodo</a>
<a href="#">The Kept-Up Academic Librarian</a>	<a href="#">Palm Addicts</a>

### Fun Stuff

Using RSS is a great way to keep up with news headlines as well as in-depth commentary. RSS is an excellent professional development tool (I would not be able to look at a fraction of what I do if I had to visit individual websites on a daily basis!) but it also has a fun side.

As we approach the holiday season, consider using the Package Tracking feature to keep up with all of those online purchases. Under the Feeds tab, click on Add, then choose Package Tracking. If you have a valid UPS, DHL, or FedEx tracking number, you can add a feed for the package to keep track of its status.

Enjoy the library comic strip, [Unshelved?](#) Subscribe via RSS and that's one less email in your Inbox every day. Same goes for [Word a Day](#). And if you like puppies, kittens, and other adorable animals, consider subscribing to one of many blogs featuring [a daily dose of cuteness](#). And that's just the beginning...now if Bloglines could just help you find more time to read all of this stuff.

### Note from the author

As you may know, I will be taking on the position of Interim Director of Willie T's Information Commons. I am very excited about the project and see enormous potential for this merging of traditional library service and technology service. Since I will also be continuing with many of my IT duties until February 1, I will be especially busy for the coming months. As a result, I have made the decision to suspend the writing of this column for some time. I enjoy writing and I've heard that at least some of these 24 columns were useful, but I need to focus on the many, many other tasks at hand. And who knows, maybe this column will come back as a blog one day soon.

DECEMBER - HOLIDAY SEASON

WORDFIND

By Reinette F. Jones

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These words are spelled forward, backward, diagonal, up and down in the puzzle.

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## What's Coming Up?

Dec. 1 Appalachia in the Bluegrass: The Red State Ramblers  
Niles Gallery, 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 Kentucky SOLINET Users Group Fall meeting Thomas & King Leadership and Conference Center, Georgetown College.  
Program and registration information are available on the KSUG website at: <[www.uky.edu/Libraries/ksug.html](http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/ksug.html)>.

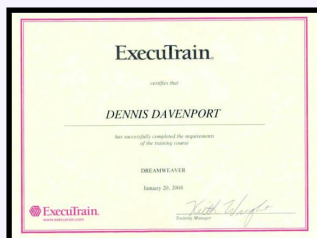
## Wow!!!



Congratulations to Laura Davison of the Medical Center Library in the Research and Education Department for being the 2006/2007 President of the Kentucky Library Association.

## Did You Know?

HR Programs are developed to better educate staff on how to perform their jobs better. One of the perks is through completing specified workshops, staff can earn Certificates in various fields of education. The classes are offered in both workshop form and in an online tutorial format. Schedules and times for the workshops are on the schedule portion of HR's website <<http://hr.uky.edu/TandD/calendar.php>> .



Visit the HR Training & Development's "My Training" page at <<https://hr.uky.edu/TandD/mytraining.php>>. It is a powerful, easy-to-use, integrated training management system where you can view offerings, register for classes, cancel your registration, view and print your own schedule and transcript, and verify your eligibility for certificates. The new system will also provide you with confirmations of all transactions (registrations and cancellations) and even e-mail you with a reminder before your class!



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