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Library Outreach in Ecuador

By Mary Molinaro

In October 2005, Mary Molinaro picked up her phone to find it was a call from Partners of the Americas in Washington asking if she would be able to put together an educational program for Ecuador and receive a block grant of approximately \$10,000.00. She immediately asked if it could be library-related and after receiving an enthusiastic positive response she went to work to create a proposal. Knowing that the librarians in Ecuador had been asking for preservation and computer-related workshops, the next step was to find librarians willing to go to Ecuador to teach.

When approached about this project, Becky Ryder and Stacey Greenwell quickly said yes and the planning went into high gear. The grant entitled, "Strengthening Civil Society through Libraries: A Proposal for Training and Support of Ecuadorian Librarians" outlined a plan to do workshops for librarians in Quito and Guayaquil. Local support was coordinated by the Lincoln Information Resource Center under the auspices of the United States Embassy.

The three librarians arrived in Quito, an equatorial city nestled high in the Andes, on March 22nd and after a day of acclimatization to the 10,000 ft. altitude, proceeded to do workshops on preservation, basic book repair, strategic planning, information literacy, and computer technology in libraries. The three then traveled to Guayaquil, a large port city. Between the two cities there were a total of 185 face-to-face workshop participants and over 200 participants via a distance learning network that was broadcast in nine cities around the country!

The experience was positive for all involved; the participants gave the workshops uniformly high reviews and the three UK librarians brought back a wealth of experiences and ideas. There are few places in the world where you can see a pile of iguanas, witness a mobile library pushed into a park, stand with a foot in the northern and southern hemisphere, view snow capped volcanoes, drink different fruit juice every day, and hear "My Way" as sung by either Frank Sinatra or Julio Iglesias, or... played on Andean panpipes!



Stacey, Becky, and Mary in front of the Biblioteca Nacional. The sculpture is of Eugenio Espejo, a doctor, author and the first librarian in Ecuador (who is also featured on the Ecuadorian 10 centavo coin).

Becky, Stacey, and Mary will be sharing their experiences on June 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the William T. Young Library Auditorium in a program entitled "Altitudes and Attitudes: Library Outreach in Ecuador." Come join these travelers for what will surely be an entertaining and informative program!

News To Use



Display of graduating students' book

Library Student Assistants Honored

Graduating library student assistants and Outstanding Student Award winners were honored on April 26 in the Young Library Gallery. Among this year's honorees were two library staff: Cheri Daniels, who received her Bachelor's degree in History and Colleen Harris, who will receive her Master's degree in Library and Information Science in August. Way to go, Cheri and Colleen!

The Outstanding Student Awards, which included a hand printed certificate from the King Library Press and an extra \$50 on their paychecks, were awarded to LaShonda Hill, Engineering Library; Matt Hughes, Engineering Library; Jeff (Podge) Rion, Information Technology; and Jessica Powell, Audio Visual Archives.

The Graduating Student Celebration is held annually at the end of the spring semester. Students graduating in May, August or December are invited to choose a book that has aided in their studies or has some other special significance. A bookplate is placed in the book honoring the student and the honoree's name is entered in the book's catalog record. This allows a library user to enter the honoree's name in a keyword search in the library's online catalog, InfoKat, to identify the book that honoree has selected. All of the selected books are displayed during the celebration in order to allow attendees to see the wide selection of books chosen by the honorees.



and Dean Carol Diedrichs pose in front of the Overbrook Farm tapestry. Photo by Harriet Giles.

Tapestry Artist Visits Library

Helena Hernmarck, internationally renowned textile artist and creator of the Overbook Farm tapestry that graces the foyer of the William T. Young Library, visited the library in March. Commissioned to design and weave a tapestry appropriate for the library, Ms. Hernmarck chose to feature Mr. Young along with Overbrook Farm's main breeding stallion, Storm Cat, in the photo-realistic tapestry. See < http:// www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb_id=201&llib_id=14> for L to R: Helena Hernmarck more information about the artist and the tapestry. A 17 minute videorecording entitled Helena Hernmarck: Tapestry Artist documents the creation of the tapestry. The film is available for loan from the UK Libraries' audio-visual collection.



Audience at the Seamus Heaney reading.

Library Sponsors Nobel Laureate Reading

A reading by Irish poet Seamus Heaney, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995, drew a crowd of over 375 to the Great Hall in the Margaret I. King Building. Professor Heaney's visit to Special Collections & Digital Programs on May 5 was a prelude to his appearance on the following Sunday where he gave the 2006 University Commencement Address. Seamus Heaney has held the Boylston Chair of Rhetoric at Harvard University, is presently Ralph Waldo Emerson Poet in Residence there, and has also held the post of Professor of Poetry at Oxford University.

To mark Seamus Heaney's visit to campus, Dr. Jim Birchfield, UK Libraries' Curator of Books, mounted an exhibition of the work of four Irish Nobel Laureates - W. B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, and Seamus Heaney. The Heaney titles on view are on loan from Professor Heaney's Lexington host, Dr. Jonathan Allison of the UK Department of English.

Guests enjoyed refreshments in the King lobby as they had the opportunity to talk personally with the Nobel laureate and ask the poet to autograph his writings. The corrected manuscript of this year's commencement address by Seamus Heaney is now on exhibit in the King building lobby.

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Spot Bonus Award Winners

Mike Howard, Joe Phillips, Curt Miller, Rick Garrett, and Scott Swift, all members of the

Libraries' Administrative Services Department, were

recently awarded Spot Bonus Awards.

Working collectively and individually, these staff members have successfully implemented a second daily delivery route to campus-wide libraries in support of the Libraries' new Library Express service. Through good management and dedicated service, their significant undertaking supports the Libraries' objective of providing improved patron services.

From juggling previously scheduled projects, to setting priorities, to making the actual pick-ups and deliveries, these staff members have worked together to "Make it happen!" Congratulations, all!



Mike Howard, Joe Phillips, Curt Miller, Rick Garrett, and Scott Swift, (pictured *left to right) are the* Libraries' most recent Spot Bonus Award winners.

Library Supports Central Kentucky Radio Eye

Central Kentucky Radio Eye (CKRE) teamed up with Barnes & Noble (B&N) in February for its 3rd Annual Book Fair. For five days the Hamburg Pavilion B & N store donated 25% of its profits from eligible purchases to CKRE. In support of the fundraiser, the UK Libraries Acquisitions Department scheduled a large quantity of its regular B&N orders to be placed during this time period. This year's fundraiser was a great success with over \$7,000 raised to provide radio reading services to blind and disabled Kentuckians.



ST200 AM/MOCA Motorized Combo is capable of reading and scanning microfilm, microfiche, and microcard. Photo by Shawn Livingston.

New Microfilm Equipment Enhances Service By Laura Hall

During the month of April, six new microform readers were installed in the Periodicals area of the William T. Young Library. These machines, the ST200s from ST Imaging, are digital readers. Traditional analog readers project an image onto a screen allowing the image to be either read or printed. Digital readers, however, use a camera to actually take a picture of the film, thus resulting in a better image. Three of the new machines are capable of reading microfiche and microcards as well as film. With all of the new machines, users are able to e-mail images, save them to a flash drive, burn them onto a CD, or print them out.

Users can still print the images, but all printing is now done through the Ikon system. What this means to the user is that prints are no longer free and that individual printers are no longer at each reader. Feel free to drop by the Periodicals area -- the staff would love to show you how this equipment works!



InfoKat Location Changed

The location display in the library's online public catalog, InfoKat, has changed from

Architecture Library to Design Library. Library users should be aware of this change when searching InfoKat.

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L to R: Debbie Sharp and Mary Vass staff the Libraries' information table.

College Reality Store

By Mary Vass

Jan Carver, Debbie Sharp, and Mary Vass staffed a library information table for the University of Kentucky College Reality Store held on Saturday, April 22. The program was a one day college awareness program for high school sophomore and juniors interested in careers in science, math, and technology. Students who attended are enrolled in high schools in the Appalachian Math Science partnership service area. The program was held in the Chemistry Physics Building and our booth was right outside the Chemistry/Physics Library. Interest from students and their parents was strong, helped along by a laptop loaded with a "build

your own catapult" interactive program and giveaway items with the UK Libraries logo.



Staff Elects Advisory Council Members

This news is truly hot off the press! The May 31st Staff Advisory Council (SAC) election results show that Sherree Osborne from Young Library and Adrianne Ritter-Phillips from the Law Library have been elected to serve on the Council for 3 year terms.

Returning SAC members include: Mary Geyer, Young Library; Lauren Keller, Young Library; Kathryne LeFevre, Education Library; and Jennifer Matthews, Young Library.

Members who will be rotating off the Council are Sharon McGuire, Geology, Maps, and Mathematics libraries and Rita Tobin, Medical Center Audio Visual Library.

Congratulations to these newly elected members! Many thanks to the retuning and former members for their excellent service!

Wow!!!



Lisa Carter and Helane Davis ~ have been accepted into the 2006-2007 Circles of Power Leadership Program. Circles of Power is an eight-month, three-phase program that expands the knowledge and leadership skills of women faculty. Upon completion of the program, graduates are offered the opportunity to participate in the Today's Leaders Program.



Jen Martin and Jennifer Eskew ~ were recently elected Senators to the UK Staff Senate. They will each represent the interests of the constituents of Precinct 84 for the next three years. Precinct 84 consists of University staff who are employed in the University Libraries, Minority Affairs, and Food Services.



A note of appreciation is given to **Kathy Franklin** ~ who will complete her term as Staff Senator as of the end of June, a position she has most ably held since 2003.



Nancy Lewis and Mary McLaren ~ presented a session entitled, "Model Storage Collection - A Fork in the Road or a Roundabout?" at the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians' annual conference in Bloomington, Indiana.

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Frank Davis and Rick Brewer ~ presented a poster at the Medical Library Association annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The poster is entitled, "Library Liaisons Enhance Researcher Productivity by Use of a Common Bibliographic Management Software Interface to Deliver Current Awareness Information." See http://webdev.mccs.uky.edu/medlibrary/hw/Liaison Productivity EndNote.ppt> for more detailed information.



Eric Weig and Wendel Cox ~ presented a project briefing at the Coalition for Networked Information's Spring 2006 Task Force Meeting in Arlington, Virginia entitled, "In-House Digitization: The National Digital Newspaper Program at the University of Kentucky." Their presentation described the challenges and opportunities afforded by a 'do-it-yourself' newspaper digitization effort.



Wendel Cox ~ presented a live webcast entitled, "Historical Newspapers, Digital Forms: User Needs and the National Digital Newspaper Program" as part of the joint virtual conference, "Innovate and Motivate: Next Generation Libraries," sponsored by ACRL, the Coalition for Networked Information, and EDUCAUSE.

Comings and Goings



Helane Davis ~ has been hired as the new Law Library Director subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. The effective date of her appointment as Law Library Director will be July 1, 2006. She will continue as interim director until that time.



Charles (Andy) Spears ~ has announced that he is retiring after 32 years of service to the University. Andy's last day of work at UK will be August 11, 2006. We thank Andy for his many contributions to the Libraries and the University and wish him a wonderful retirement.



Robert Whelan, Reference Librarian in the U.K. Law Library ~ has also submitted his resignation, which is effective June 30, 2006. Bob joined the Libraries in January 2005.



April Frazier ~ resigned from her position, effective May 15, 2006, in order to return to school full-time to complete her graduate degree. April had been employed in Young Library Serials, in the Collections and Technical Services Division since October 2001.



Brian Helm ~ has been offered and has accepted the Libraries' Server Administrator/Programmer I position in Information Technology. Brian, who is currently a Webmaster in the UK Alumni Association, will move to his IT position in Young Library effective July 1.



Jeffrey Miller ~ has accepted a Library Technician position in Access Services. He will work 60% in ILL and 40% in Circulation, working an afternoon/evening shift. Jeffrey began employment with the Libraries on May 15.

What's Coming Up?

June 2 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Information Literacy for the 21st Century Learner: Reaching At-Risk High School and Community College Students, with John Berry. (Teleconference) College of DuPage. See http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1165 for more information. Sponsored by the Libraries Employee Development Committee. Gallery, W. T. Young Library.

June 6 2:00 p.m. Altitudes and Attitudes: Library Outreach in Ecuador. Mary Molinaro, Becky Ryder, and Stacey Greenwell. Sponsored by the Libraries Employee Development Committee. Auditorium, W. T. Young Library. (See this issue's feature article on page 1!)

June 9 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Confronting the Crisis in Library Education, hosted by ALA President Michael Gorman. (Teleconference) College of DuPage. See http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1164 for more information. Sponsored by the Libraries Employee Development Committee. Gallery, W. T. Young Library.

June 16 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kentucky Solinet Users Group and Virtual Libraries Users Group Meeting. Holiday Inn North, Lexington.

Díd You Know...???

Did you know... that the University of Kentucky's Health & Wellness Program offers a variety of activities and events for free or at low cost to staff, faculty,

retirees, and spouses of employees? The program's overall mission is to improve health through education, empowerment and intervention.

Health & Wellness offers health screenings throughout the year and sponsors an annual wellness conference. Its Healthtrac Rewards Program is designed to help users become more educated about and improve their health. Participants can earn up to \$180 a year if they visit and update their online personal health page every month.



Swimming and diving facilities are available in the Lancaster Aquatic Center Natatorium.

Health and Wellness offers a wide array of group exercise and water aerobics classes such as Abs & Stretch, Cardio Step, Water Jog, Deep Water Workout and Kickfit in its Body Shop Fitness program. These classes

Workout machines located at the Seaton Center Gym.

are located in either Alumni Gym, Seaton Center Gym, Barker Hall Dance Studio, or Lancaster Aquatic Center. The program also offers activities related to massage, meditation, nutrition, cooking, walking, and transportation to the Lexington Farmers' Market.

To find out more information or talk to a representative, link to

http://www.uky.edu/HR/wellness/ or e-mail at HealthandWellness@email.uky.edu or phone (859) 257- WELL (9355).



Spotlight Series

The Spotlight Series features Carole Stevens who retired after 16 years of employment at the UK Libraries.

Carole Stevens – Library Technician, William T. Young Library

On May 9 Carole Stevens retired from the UK Libraries after 16 years of service. Carole states, "I have truly enjoyed working for the library system. I have especially enjoyed the people and the feeling of closeness that you get when working with them – like a family."



In 1989 Carole began working for the University of Kentucky as a STEPS (temporary) employee in the Technical Services Division at the M. I. King Library. In 1990 Carole was hired into a permanent position with the UK Libraries where she worked in Technical Services/Business Services for the next 12 years. She moved into the William T. Young Library (WTYL) when it opened in 1998. Next Carole transferred to the Agriculture Information Center where she helped Toni Grieder with the budget and other matters. She then moved back to WTYL and worked in the Acquisitions Department until she retired.

Carole grew up in Richmond, Indiana. Her mom was a homemaker and her dad was a railroader. Carole started taking dance lessons when she was three years old. From the tender age of seven to her pre-teen years, she performed with Jack's Xylophone Band. She was an acrobat, danced tap and modern jazz, and even sang. When she was asked to do "marimba", she declined. (marimba – a large wooden percussion instrument, resembling a xylophone, with resonators.) (Note -- Our "imaginary" UK Libraries band is broadening its horizons! In addition to instruments and a dancer, we now have a singer/acrobat!) After Carole quit the band, she and her dad started roller skating. Carole also has pleasant memories of her horse, Scotty, and of her 4H Club where she learned how to sew.

Carole eventually moved from Indiana to Florida. This is where she began learning computer skills in her workplace. She says that these skills had the biggest positive impact on her future jobs. Carole moved back to Kentucky, worked at the Justice Cabinet at Eastern Kentucky University and then moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. Carole's brother, Richard, still lives there. Her final move came in 1989 when she moved back to Kentucky. It was in Lexington that Carole met her husband James.

Carole enjoys her Toy Poodle, Jamie. She says he's smart and can do several tricks. Carole also enjoys wallpapering and reupholstering furniture. She can even do major home remodeling (with some help!).

In parting, Carole mentions, "I know I will miss everyone but I will be coming back to visit."

We wish you the best of everything in the future, Carole. Come back to visit any time.



Spotlight Series

This Spotlight features Ron Lloyd who has retired after 40 years of employment at the UK Libraries.

Ron Lloyd – Manager, Media Center, Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center

After forty years of service with the UK Libraries, Ron Lloyd has retired. Ron, a Senior Library Technician, was Manager of the Media Center in the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center since 2001. He remembers vividly that blustery January day in 1966 when he was hired on as a Student Assistant in the Geology Library. He had worked periodically in many of the libraries, but more so in the Fine Arts Library, Art Library, M. I. King Library's Reserve Room, Music Library, Listening Center, and the Media Center. Today Ron leaves behind many lasting memories as well as several colleagues and friends who will miss his dedicated presence.



Ron can claim that he has seen many "firsts" in his day. Check these out:

- 1. The "first" copiers were placed in the King Library's Reserve Room. Prior to that there were no copiers.
- 2. In 1967 he was hired full-time as the "first" branch library technician.
- 3. In 1977 he was appointed the "first" Listening Center manager.
- 4. The "first" piece of modern technology in the Listening Center was a gift from Adelle Daily (former music librarian) -- an electric IBM typewriter!
- 5. The "first" desktop computer (also a gift from Mrs. Daily) was placed in the Listening Center in the early 1980's.
- 6. In 1984 the "first" CD arrived in the Listening Center.
- 7. The "first" computer with a 20 MB hard drive arrived in the late 80's.

Ron was born in Cumberland, KY and remained there for 20 years. Growing up, he remembers being active in Future Farmers of America. He was Secretary of the Chapter and President of the Club. He was also Vice President of his senior class. He went to Southeast Community College for two years and then transferred to UK. It is at this time that he took a job as a UK Libraries' Student Assistant and the rest is history.

Ron is married to Pat (Patricia) Lloyd, Chief Business Officer, Business Services, Office of the Dean, William T. Young Library. Ron and Pat met when Ron was a senior in high school. They married while in college and moved to Lexington. Ron and Pat have one son, Dwayne, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer, who live in Lexington. They have two grandchildren, Emma, 7, and Adam, 5. Emma was recently named "Top Dog" of the month at Picadome Elementary School. Adam will be going to kindergarten in the fall.

Ron's favorite hobby is photography. His favorite subjects are scenic views and flowers. Another interest of his is creative writing. He especially enjoys writing short stories and poems. He also enjoys post civil war history and Appalachian cultural history.

Ron has definite plans for retirement. He plans to: "organize, digitize and enjoy my many shoe boxes of photographs; take as many trips to the beach as possible; and catch up on years of books unread—and, of course, enjoy the simple pleasures of being a grandfather." Sounds right-on! We wish you well, Ron.



Tech Talk

By Stacey Greenwell, Head, Desktop Support

Save Time with Word's Auto Text

Do you find yourself typing a word or phrase repeatedly in Word? For example, I use Auto Text for the phrase "Information Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association." Save yourself some time and keystrokes by taking advantage of Auto Text.

- 1. In Word, highlight the item you want to copy repeatedly (word, phrase, image, etc.)
- 2. Go to Tools -> Auto Correct Options -> Auto Text tab.
- 3. What you've highlighted will appear in the field "Enter Auto Text entries here." Type over that with something brief—perhaps a two-letter or number abbreviation—but something you can remember.
- 4. Click the Add button to the right, and the window will close.
- 5. To use the Auto Text in your Word document, type the abbreviation you chose and then press F3. The Auto Text should then appear in your Word document.

Launch PowerPoint Files as Slide Shows

Save your PowerPoint file to launch automatically as a slideshow. No more flipping through your slides on screen and showing the audience what lies ahead (84 slides—aaagh!) while you switch to the slideshow view.

Simply go to File -> Save As and switch the "save as type" to PowerPoint show (.pps extension) instead of a Presentation (.ppt extension). When you click on your .pps file, it will automatically launch into a PowerPoint show.

Create a Shortcut in Outlook to a Web Page

Creating a folder in Outlook that serves as a shortcut to a web page is especially handy for the Staff Directory on the Libraries website. If you haven't done this before, here's how:

http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/LTS/shortcut.pdf

Some of you may have done this already for the Staff Directory and need to change the URL to the new website. In this case, just right click on your Staff Directory folder in Outlook. Choose Properties. Click on the Home Page tab, and change the address to: http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/staff.php

Blog of the Month: ACRLog http://www.acrlblog.org/

ACRLog is the official blog of the Association of College & Research Libraries. Several well-known ACRL members post to the blog on a regular basis. As I write this, some topics on the blog today include Wikipedia, creating a better OPAC, and "feral professionals" (what's that, you ask—check out the blog!). Read more about ACRLog at: http://acrlblog.org/why-an-acrl-blog/

Ask Libbie (the librarian)

Q. Dear Libbie, A-l-l right! Summer is finally here! Besides providing services that support summer classes, will the Libraries be working on anything special between now and August? Or, can I expect to see lots of library personnel lazing along with me at poolside?

[Illegible signature, due to water smudges]

A. Dear Lazing, The answer is: LOTS of projects and NOT MUCH lazing!

The campus libraries typically plan stacks maintenance projects, like transferring materials and shifting books and journals during the summer months. This will be happening this year, too, but also along with some other BIG projects! Here's the scoop on one of them ...

A new 'Information Commons' will be created on the basement level of the W. T. Young Library during the coming months! Once completed, you'll see lots of computers in open areas, lots of movable furniture that can be rearranged for group work, and lots of c-o-l-o-r! Students using the Information Commons can expect to get assistance there for both their technological and their informational needs! Take my word for it... This will be THE place to be!!!

PS: Look for information on additional projects in future issues of *Off the Shelf!*

Acknowledgments ~~

With this issue of *Off the Shelf (OTS)*, four members of the editorial board cover their beats for the last time.

Terri Brown, Dennis Davenport, Bev Hilton, and Mary McLaren have completed their assigned terms of service as they submitted their columns this month. Knowing , however, what news-hounds these folks have become, their names might still appear from time to time in future bylines... as guest contributors!

Terri, Dennis, Bev, and Mary thank each of the great board members with whom they've worked, all of the guest contributors and others who've offered news story leads, and all the faithful *OTS* readers! It's been fulfilling work and great fun!

Our best wishes go to the remaining board members and the yet-to-be-assigned members as they continue to publish and improve the Libraries' staff newsletter!

~ Terri, Dennis, Bev, and Mary

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