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Greetings
Library Enthusiasts,

Needless to say, I am proud to offer this biennial report to you as a declaration of the outstanding work at EKU Libraries. Whether you are a library user or supporter, I encourage you to read every story, for it is in the story that we find our meaning manifested. To be sure, your affirmation of our work these past two years is heartening. We thank you for this.

While the accomplishments outlined within these pages do make us proud, I urge you to look below the surface. You will find that we have focused on communication, fiscal strength, workflows, and other internal operations—the oil that makes the gears and levers do their job.

Albert Einstein once said, “Information is not knowledge.” While we certainly provide plenty of top quality sources of information, note that EKU Libraries also contribute to making knowledge. Our Libraries offer both sanctuaries where folks acquire information and environments where they can transform that information into knowledge, garnering a practical understanding of subject content and finding the inspiration to create new knowledge. It is our privilege to play this role for our campus community.

Looking back is easier than looking forward. While we cannot predict what will come our way, our Libraries will continue to focus on the experience of our users. It is this story, the story of our users, that will guide and inspire our excellence.

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Vision
Eastern Kentucky University Libraries will be creative, engaging, learning environments and will invest in resources, services, and practices that anticipate the evolving needs of our diverse community of users to ensure their success.

Mission
Eastern Kentucky University Libraries inspire our learners and scholars to achieve academic excellence by creating learning environments built on faculty and staff expertise and curated collections.
EKU Libraries are committed to meeting the academic needs of our users, which has led to the consistently high use of our Libraries.

**Hours of Operation**
As a result of open dialogue with EKU’s Student Government Association (SGA), the John Grant Crabbe Main Library’s hours of operations increased 263 hours during the 2015-16 academic year. In October 2015, we extended our Main Library’s hours to close at 8 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. on Friday nights. This is in addition to our partnership with SGA to provide all-night study space during the weeks prior to final exams.

“...I saw that this week was National [Library] Week, and couldn’t miss out on the opportunity to reach out. I hope you are doing well, and look forward to continue to know people like you that are willing to take us to the future. You are a very appreciated part of this University and I don’t know if people tell you that enough.” - Bailey R. Cox, SGA representative

**Revitalized Spaces**

**First Floor Student Space**
EKU Libraries follow a philosophy of inclusion when making decisions about spaces and services. Whether redesigning our website or renovating our spaces, we regularly poll students when we need to make decisions that directly impact them.

“I love the levels of quietness; that is genius.”
– Student during National Library Week, 2016

Two years ago, over 11,000 square feet of the Main Library’s first floor was dedicated to housing rarely used bound journals, magazines, VHS tapes, and DVDs. Polls revealed that students needed more collaborative study space and study rooms. With help from Friends of EKU Libraries and the Office of the Provost, we transformed this underutilized first floor space into a vibrant, active student destination.

Over the past 2 years, there have been 1,268,000 visits to EKU Libraries. When compared to EKU’s enrollment (approximately 16,500 students and 2,300 faculty and staff), this equates to an average of 33 visits per user per year (2014-16).

Photo: Before and after images of the Main Library’s first floor.
Before After
Noel Reading Porch
Support from Ron and Sherrie Lou Noel and other Friends of EKU Libraries led to the addition of the Noel Reading Porch in fall 2015. Overlooking the Library Plaza, the porch allows our users to experience green space while utilizing our services; visitors are now able to enjoy the outdoors day or night without ever leaving the Library.

Special Collections and Archives Expansion
Room 105, a vacant office near Special Collections and Archives (SCA), was renovated in spring 2016, expanding the space available for collections processing and class meetings. The renovation also provided a location for the work of Neil Kasiak, the University’s new Oral Historian for the William H. Berge Oral History Center.

“The new addition to Special Collections and Archives underscores the continued investment that EKU Libraries has dedicated to preserving the histories of Eastern and its surrounding communities.”
- Neil Kasiak, EKU Oral Historian
EKU Libraries are committed to providing the help students need, when they need it. In the past biennium, our librarians and staff have worked to improve the availability, quality, and customization of this help.

**Reference Appointments**

EKU librarians expanded reference appointment services in 2015 and implemented a new software that makes requesting reference appointments easier for students and faculty. Reference appointments provide one-on-one help with a librarian and are tailored specifically to each researcher’s unique needs.

[@eku_libstart: The most confusing/beneficial building at this University.]

[She] was unimaginably helpful. She showed me where all the different library sources were located. She made me aware of the two search engines the school has to offer to find scholarly resources. [She] even went over and beyond her job description and helped me find over twenty-four sources...

- EKU Homeland Security student, after reference appointment with Nicole Montgomery, EKU Librarian

**LibStart**

In fall 2015, LibStart, first-year students’ introduction to EKU Libraries, was transformed from a lecture-style presentation to an interactive experience. In the redesigned LibStart, student groups are provided with an iPad connected to the @EKU_LibStart Instagram account and asked to complete a scavenger hunt composed of photo prompts. The prompts, such as something you wouldn’t expect to see in the Library, are designed to familiarize students with library services and spaces while alleviating library anxiety. The new format is fun for students and gives us useful feedback about how to better accommodate new students. In 2015-16, EKU Libraries facilitated 82 LibStart sessions, reaching 1,894 students; this is an increase from 24 LibStart sessions and 438 students in 2014-15.

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**LibAnswers FAQ**

EKU Libraries implemented a new Ask Us webpage in January 2016 to provide a wider variety of options for getting help online. Live help is available 58 hours per week through a chat service featuring instant message and text message. Outside these hours, users are directed to search the Libraries’ FAQ knowledge base or e-mail us. Since the new system was implemented, the FAQs have been viewed 2,835 times and Libraries faculty and staff answered 862 questions via instant message, 84 questions via text message, and 183 questions via e-mail.

During the 2015-16 year, a total of **327 reference appointment sessions** took place, including: **79 different courses** and researchers ranging from freshmen to doctoral students and faculty.

From 2014 to 2016 reference appointment requests increased by **75%**
Long Night Against Procrastination

EKU Libraries introduced Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP) in 2015. LNAP is designed to provide students with late night help “after hours” at strategic times during the semester, and includes research, writing and communication, and homework assistance from EKU Librarians, Noel Studio for Academic Creativity Consultants, and EKU GURUs. More than 300 students attended the 2015-16 LNAP events.

Nikki Foster @Ndf___ 06 May 15
#ekulnap really helped me with my paper tonight. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to sit one on one and get help

Photos: (Above) LNAP is scheduled at the times of the semester when students have large projects due for class. (Below) Students study in the Ravine in front of the John Grant Crabbe Main Library.
Although my initial findings did not correlate with what I had predicted, I was successfully able to provide sufficient reasoning thanks to the EKU Libraries. In hindsight, it is clear now that the assistance I received from the library significantly reinforced my research techniques and capabilities. Had it not been for their resources and assistance, I would have never developed the capacity to appropriately identify the criteria I needed for evaluating and selecting my source materials, nor would I have thoroughly understood the surprisingly large amount of information encompassing this topic.

– David Aeh, 2016 Library Research Award for Undergraduates first-place winner
Library Research Award Update
Since receiving the Library Research Award in 2014, first-place winner Kathline Hartch graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Economics and a minor in Business Administration. Kathline recently began working at Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. as an Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) Engineer.

Encompass: New Student Collections
During the 2014-2016 biennium, EKU Libraries added several new student collections in the Encompass Digital Archive:

- Occupational Therapy (OT) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) capstones
  encompass.eku.edu/otdcapstones | encompass.eku.edu/dnpcapstones

- University Presentation Showcase - a gallery featuring 145 student posters
  encompass.eku.edu/swps_gallery

- Kentucky Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship (KJUS) - The first of its kind in Kentucky, KJUS is dedicated to showcasing the research and creative activities of undergraduate students throughout the Commonwealth. Students submitting their work to KJUS participate in a peer-review process, a high-impact learning experience, led by executive editor Dr. Jonathan Gore, Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors at EKU and a faculty member in the Psychology department. The inaugural issue is set to be published in June 2017.
  encompass.eku.edu/kjus

“...a publisher in Chattanooga has picked up Jessie’s paper to include it in a first-year reader–and they’re paying her! None of this success could have been possible without the Honors Program and the Library–cornerstones of the University.”

- Dr. Lisa Day, Director of EKU Women & Gender Studies, regarding student Jessica Jobe’s Encompass submission: “Transgender Representation in the Media”

Investing in Excellence | 8
EKU Libraries’ student employees gain on-the-job experience to support their learning in the classroom and beyond. The graduation rate of students who have worked at EKU Libraries over the past ten years is 75%, compared to the general graduation rate of 42% for EKU.¹

New Training Model
EKU Libraries overhauled the student employee program in 2014 with the goal of growing students from new hires with little experience to career-ready professionals. The new model focuses on universal workplace skills through a series of workshops and team-building activities, producing students who are ready to enter their field after graduating.

Many student employees appreciate their experience so much that they seek opportunities to continue working for EKU Libraries after graduation. Twelve of our current full-time faculty and staff began their career with us as student employees.

Today was my last day working at EKU Libraries! I couldn’t have asked for a better job as a college student. I’ll miss everyone so much, and I’m so thankful for all of the laughs and wonderful time spent together. Glad I ‘grew up’ with y’all over the past 4 years.

–Veronica Seawall, B.S. Animal Studies, ’16, former EKU Libraries Student Employee

My library colleagues are personable, genuine, and driven and we share the same goal of helping others. I am here because the environment is engaging, flexible, and full of new ideas and innovation that force me to look at the world differently today than I did yesterday. I am here because there is always someone new visiting, someone with a wonderful life story who is on some type of great venture. But mostly, I stay because this place and these people still have something to teach me.

–Ashley Thacker, University Records Manager and former EKU Libraries Student Employee

¹ 2015 Factbook: ir.eku.edu/data-dashboards
Student Employee Excellence

Investing in student employee excellence has resulted in an exceptional number of outstanding employees. Dick Mayo Allen awards were presented to Gabrielle Cook and Brandon Isaacs in 2015 and Erica Leach in 2016.

Gabrielle Cook
2015 Dick Mayo Allen Award winner
B.A. History Teaching, ’16

“After working in the Archives for over 3 years, I have built up amazing relationships with the library staff and student workers. I have come to appreciate all that the Library accomplishes and what it does for EKU, the entire community, and beyond. In the years that I worked as a student employee I have experienced the supportive atmosphere that surrounds the Library and I feel increasingly privileged to have been given the opportunity to continue to be a part of our growing community.”

Brandon Isaacs
2015 Dick Mayo Allen Award winner
B.A. Physics Teaching, ’18

“I have learned many skills that I believe will provide me with greater career opportunities once I finish college and begin taking the next steps in my professional life. As the Library’s first-ever student Weekend Supervisor, I’ve had the chance to manage other student workers in their daily tasks, ensure that the security and maintenance needs of the Library facility are met, and gained a great deal of technical knowledge as well. Some of this knowledge I’ve already put to use, as my experiences with the Library’s 3D printer allowed me the chance to lead several presentations about 3D printing, not only on EKU’s campus, but to a statewide audience during a presentation at KLA [the Kentucky Library Association’s annual conference] last year. Since I want to be a teacher, these real-world experiences have given me a glimpse of what to expect in my career field.”

Erica Leach
2016 Dick Mayo Allen Award winner
B.S. Psychology, ’17

“I’ve honestly adored working at the Library; I believe working here is one of the best jobs you can have on campus. I know I just work in the Tech Department, but I’ve made so many friendships with everyone here. I really like that they treat me like family and help me out. Especially with the passing of my mom; everyone here has been able to help me, either by making me laugh or giving advice on what I should do. I couldn’t ask for a better crew.”
Developing meaningful collaborations with faculty and students that contribute to and enhance student success is a primary goal for EKU Libraries’ liaisons, library faculty members who collaborate with campus departments on collection development, accreditation visits, library instruction, and other projects.

Assessment in Action Initiative

EKU Libraries were selected to participate in the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Assessment in Action initiative, a blended learning and peer-to-peer network through which campus teams from dozens of universities develop and implement action learning projects that examine the impact of libraries on student success. EKU’s campus team analyzed data gathered during fall 2014 to confirm what other universities have reported: there is a consistent correlation (typically about .20) between the usage of library resources and higher grade point averages (GPAs) among students.¹

Library Instruction

During library instruction sessions, librarians cover one or more skills goals from the EKU Libraries Information Literacy Core Competencies. The six goals are: construct a question or problem statement, locate and gather information, evaluate sources, manage information, use information ethically, and communicate knowledge.²


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Outreach and Collaboration

EKU librarians taught 1,233 library instruction sessions reaching 22,311 students from 75 different departments.

Photo: Jens Arneson, Online Resources Librarian.

Photo: A student presents in the Business Library and Academic Commons.

1. apply.ala.org/aia/docs/project/10207

2. library.eku.edu/sites/library.eku.edu/files/information_literacy_flyer.pdf
**Encompass Journals**

Through the Encompass Digital Archive, EKU Libraries provide journal publishing tools and hosting services for five journals: The Journal of Military Experience, The Journal of Retracing Africa, The Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching and Learning (KJECTL), and ninepatch: A Creative Journal for Women and Gender Studies. The most downloaded journal article was KJECTL’s “School Culture, Equity, and Student Academic Performance in a Rural Appalachian School” by Dr. Roger Cleveland, et al., with 2,252 downloads.

**Department of Art & Design**

Art & Design professors MaryEllen Thompson and Melissa Vandenberg took 17 EKU Honors 320W students to New York City in January 2016 to participate in Sidewalk University, a unique learning opportunity in which the city served as a classroom while students investigated disability and art. Upon their return, students were required to create a work of art influenced by an artist with a disability or on the topic of disability itself. At the end of the semester, Kelly Smith, Coordinator of Collections and Discovery and library liaison to the Department of Art & Design, collaborated with the class to display the students’ final projects in an art display in the Main Library: Disability, the City, and Aesthetics.

*Most of the students did not consider themselves artists, or even creative, but after seeing famous artworks that were generated by artists despite disability (Monet, O’Keeffe, Pollock…) they were up to the challenge. The resulting exhibition at the Main Library gave them a goal, public accountability, and a creative outlet for their work.*

- Melissa Vandenberg, Associate Professor, Department of Art & Design

**Department of Communication**

**The Essential Eastern**

EKU Special Collections and Archives (SCA) and Noel Studio for Academic Creativity team members assisted Professor Chad Cogdill and Lecturer Michael Randolph with the making of the documentary The Essential Eastern: A History of Eastern Kentucky University in 2014-2015. Trenia Napier, Noel Studio Research Coordinator, and Leslie Valley, former Noel Studio Writing Coordinator, researched and wrote the script for the film, which premiered at the EKU Center for the Arts in November 2015. The SCA team provided facts, photos, and university documents for the 1.5 hour film; Jackie Couture, Team Leader for SCA, served as an interviewee.
**Fade to Black**

EKU SCA collaborated with Lecturer Michael Randolph to write a successful Kentucky Oral History Commission grant to fund Randolph’s project, *Fade to Black: Integration at Eastern Kentucky University*. *Fade to Black* features **two days of interviews** with the original members of the EKU Gospel Ensemble, in which participants discuss their time at Eastern and their lives following graduation.

*The greatest thing about working with the staff of Special Collections and Archives was not only the vast knowledge they had of the materials the University has on hand, but how they were able to make connections and steer me to people and resources to make my project a success!*

Michael Randolph, Lecturer, Department of Communication

**Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work**

University Oral Historian Neil Kasiak and Sociology professor Dr. Stephanie McSpirit submitted a successful grant proposal to the Kentucky Oral History Commission for the Appalachian Horse Oral History Project (AHOHP) in October 2015. The AHOHP is the first of an anticipated multi-phase oral history project that seeks to identify, interview, and capture the cultural heritage and histories of those Kentuckians who are an integral part of the region’s rich Mountain Horse culture. The first phase included a student and alumni interviewer training seminar for six students that took place throughout the spring 2016 semester in the SOC 350 course.

*library.eku.edu/liaison-program*
In 2014, EKU Libraries formed the Emerging Technology Group (ETG) to investigate new and emerging technologies with potential benefits for faculty and students. ETG oversaw the implementation of the Libraries’ Makerbot 3D Printer in the fall of 2014. Students have since printed more than 800 3D objects for classes and leisure and have learned how such devices work, expanding their knowledge in its mechanics and applications.

During the 2015 and 2016 Scholarship Weeks, ETG hosted a Technology Showcase to display and demonstrate more than 20 devices to students, faculty, and other visitors. These devices will be available for faculty to borrow from the Main Library in Spring 2017. In 2015, senior Art & Design undergraduate student Katie Brooks presented her thesis work, “The Aesthetics of Infinity: An Art Exhibition Informed by Fractal Geometry,” as an installation in the Main Library; Katie also demonstrated how she used a 3D pen to create the art during the Technology Showcase.
Course-Embedded Consultants

The Course-Embedded Consultant (CEC) Program (formerly Writing Fellows) is a collaborative effort between the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, First-Year Writing Program, and Department of English & Theatre that intensifies services offered to first-year writers by embedding undergraduate or graduate students as Noel Studio consultants in the classroom. CECs work closely with instructors to support assignment and course outcomes; attend class meetings and serve as peer-leaders for students in the course; and facilitate individual and small-group peer-review sessions, as well as mini-workshops, offering focused feedback exclusively for the students in their assigned courses.

Introduced as a pilot in Spring 2014, the CEC Program was originally designed to provide additional feedback and support for writers in 10 sections of ENG 101. Due to demonstrated success, the CEC Program has expanded each semester; in Fall 2017, the Noel Studio will place CECs in all sections of ENG 095R and ENG 101R in support of the incoming Quality Enhancement Plan. Post-course survey assessments indicate first-year writers appreciate the specialized support, with 90% of students in the 2015-2016 participating courses rating conferences with their CECs as “helpful or very helpful,” and 91% rating overall interactions with their CECs as “helpful or very helpful.” Learn more about the CEC Program at studio.eku.edu/course-embedded-consultants.
Faculty Innovators & Professional Development

Acknowledging that faculty success in teaching and learning directly impacts student success in the classroom and beyond, the Noel Studio and the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) joined together administratively in 2014. In recognition of the TLC’s mission to advance faculty and professional development at EKU, the Noel Studio launched a new program in Fall 2015: the Faculty Innovators (FI) Program. Designed to showcase and encourage the development of innovative pedagogy, the FI Program is comprised of a network of Faculty Innovators and Consulting Scholars: a cohort of faculty members representing each college who demonstrate best practices in teaching and learning, high-impact classroom techniques, and innovative technologies. The Faculty Innovators and Consulting Scholars share their expertise through demonstrations and workshops for faculty and students, faculty professional learning communities, and one-on-one faculty consultations. In the 2015-2016 Academic Year alone, events hosted by the FI Program and TLC resulted in 881 faculty interactions. Learn more about the Faculty Innovators Program at studio.eku.edu/facultyinnovators.

Noel Studio Consultant Awards

Beginning in Spring 2015, the Noel Studio honored individuals whose generosity, vision, and dedication shaped our spaces and services, empowering the Noel Studio to continuously support student success, with the inaugural presentation of three awards. Each award is conferred annually, celebrates the outstanding work of our student staff, and carries a monetary award of $250.

Ron and Sherrie Lou Noel Award for Excellence in Service to Noel Studio Success: awarded for commitment to student success through Noel Studio training, events, and public service, in honor of the continuing support and generosity of Ron and Sherrie Lou Noel:

2015: Emily Hensley (M.A. English, 2016)
2016: Ansley Bredar (M.F.A. Creative Writing, 2016)

Cooper-Robinson Award for Leadership: awarded for commitment to serving as a leader for both peers and visitors in the Noel Studio, in honor of the leadership and vision of Carrie L. Cooper and Dr. Sherry Robinson:

2015: Tori Johnson (B.A. Communication Studies, 2014)
2016: Sarah Ferry (M.A. English, 2016)

LeAnn Stokes Award for Commitment to Student Success through Excellence in Consulting: awarded for exemplary service in consulting students, mentoring junior consultants, and integrating Studio pedagogy into his/her academic work, in honor of the dedication and leadership of former Noel Studio consultant LeAnn Stokes:

2015: Rachel Winter (M.A. English, 2016)
2016: Rachel Gaines (B.A. Paralegal Studies, 2016)
STEWARDING RESOURCES
Supporting Preservation & Access

Collection Shift
During the 2014-2016 biennium, EKU Libraries completed a move of all periodical and microform collections from the first floor (where they were subjected to high levels of humidity, which decreases the lifespan of print materials) to the more environmentally appropriate third and fourth floors, thus extending the life of these vital materials.

Digital Collections
Several of our team members collaborated to successfully apply for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in December 2015 to create and implement a digital preservation plan for the Libraries’ digital collections.

Textbooks
Students often request textbooks from EKU Libraries. These types of materials have traditionally not been purchased because they are poor candidates for our permanent book collection due to their expense and ephemeral nature. To respond to students’ needs and to support student success, we created a textbook reserve collection in 2014. The collection is primarily composed of required readings assigned in undergraduate courses and is available for in-Library use only.

New Library Search
In 2014, EKU Libraries completed the transition to OCLC WorldShare Management System (WMS). The most noticeable change for faculty and students is a new search box integrated into the Libraries’ homepage that allows them to discover articles, print and electronic books, videos, and other materials from libraries worldwide. We are then able to provide the needed resource, whether we own it or not, through our Library Express service. The implementation of WMS also helped to streamline workflows in many ways, including:

• the ability for staff to provide patrons with seamless and immediate access to JSTOR eBook content on demand

• and improvements to Library Express and Acquisitions workflows that resulted in the turnaround time for providing books to patrons decreasing from 11 days to 6 days on average.

I don’t know what you all have changed or when exactly this transpired: I am writing my dissertation. I took a break last semester and came back to a seamless search function. You all will save me hours of work over trying to weed through UK/Google.

- Chris Daniel, EKU Instructional Designer and doctoral candidate for an Ed.D in instruction and administration with an emphasis in instructional design at the University of Kentucky.
Preserving History

Many donors, University officials, and organizations supported the cause of preservation this biennium to make the following Special Collections and Archives (SCA) preservation projects possible:

**Jimmy Taylor Collection**

Negatives featuring images of Madison County life from the 1940s-1970s began to break down and required immediate attention. A temporary employee was hired to scan the negatives and the 13,000 images were made accessible to the public in Summer 2015.

**Katherine Phelps Caperton Painting**

Art Conservationist Mary Girard was hired in Spring 2015 to bring new life to a large portrait of Katherine Phelps Caperton, a Madison County and Kentucky genealogist and historian, by repairing a century's worth of wear and tear.

**Elmwood Books**

Approximately 2,500 books were retrieved from the Elmwood Estate – many were covered in soot, mold, dust, and some suffered red-rot. Mary Girard assisted SCA team members in cleaning and restoring the books in Fall 2014.

**HVAC**

After struggling with HVAC inconsistencies that resulted in fluctuating temperature and humidity levels, the SCA space received a new unit from the University in December 2015, which provided the environmental controls necessary to best preserve SCA materials.
STEWARDING RESOURCES

Supporting Preservation & Access (continued)

Unique/Local Collections
In the recent past, information about unique materials housed in Special Collections and Archives (SCA) was highlighted online, but the documents themselves were accessible only by visiting in person. Now, we are digitizing our unique materials and making them accessible online, to anyone in the world. During the 2014-2016 biennium, increased staffing, better technology, and generous giving by Friends of EKU Libraries enabled SCA to make more collections and research materials easily accessible:

Athletics Director’s Office Records
A temporary processing archivist was hired in Fall 2014 to make the EKU Athletics Director’s Office Records, including information about intramural activities and team sports, discoverable and accessible online.

Caperton/Burnam Family Papers
The Caperton/Burnam Family Papers, featuring materials from two of Madison County’s most prominent families, was reprocessed with the integration of additional donations, better descriptions, and an overall improved finding aid for ease of access in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015.

Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Collection
Generously funded by a Friend of EKU Libraries, the processing and digitization of the AIAW collection in 2016 opens a new avenue of research into Title IX struggles and victories. The collection includes a legal series that documents the lawsuits the AIAW filed against both the National Broadcasting Company and the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

Watts Family Papers
SCA student employee Gabrielle Cook helped process the Watts Family papers in 2015. Recovered from the Elmwood Estate, the collection includes many letters, scrapbooks, and personal items from the family.
Oral History Collections

Since July 1, 2014, **873 interviews have been made available** on the Berge Oral History Center website; these **interviews have been accessed 6,735 times**. Three of the most recently added projects are:

- **The Kentucky Newspaper Editors, Kentucky School Superintendents, and Kentucky County Judges** – provides insight into Kentucky politics through interviews with politically astute members of the local power structure (judges and school superintendents) and observers of local politics (newspaper editors and owners).

- **Living and Working on the Kentucky River** – provides insight into the economic and social conditions of people who lived or worked on the Kentucky River, as well as environmental and ecological concerns related to the River. EKU Alumni Crystal Allen-Daniels indexed 166 *Living and Working on the Kentucky River* interviews, which have been accessed 714 times.

- **The EKU Institutional History** – documents the history of EKU through alumni, faculty, and staff perspectives.

**Learn more at oralhistory.eku.edu**

Photos (Left) Student Excursion on the Kentucky River in ca. 1924, from the George D. Smith Papers. (Far Right) Chimney Rock on the Kentucky River, from the Postcard Collection. (Background) L & N Railroad over the Kentucky River near Ford, KY., from the Postcard Collection.
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Developing Outreach and Collaboration

At EKU Libraries, we value our role as part of the University and local community and we strive to serve the people of our community through our services and resources.

Madison County, Kentucky: Pictorial History 1786-2015

Community members, including Jackie Couture, Team Leader for Special Collections and Archives (SCA), collaborated to create the book Madison County, Kentucky: Pictorial History 1786-2015 in 2014 and 2015. SCA team members researched to provide photos and content, as well as edited the publication, which sold more than 1,800 copies.

Future Colonels

In the past two years, EKU Libraries have partnered with Promise Neighborhood to introduce nearly 500 children from Clay and Jackson counties to college life through the Future Colonels program. The initiative, sponsored by Friends of EKU Libraries Bob and Gayle McCroskey, has now expanded to have an even greater impact for the University as 10 EKU students had the opportunity to speak to the children about their college experience in 2015.

It was amazing talking to these kids and hearing their questions and seeing their curiosity about all the possibilities college can provide. To know that a program like this exists to encourage young kids furthering their education brings more hope for future generations.

- Frances Collins, ‘16

Photos: Clay County fourth graders taking part in the traditional rubbing of Daniel Boone’s boot for good luck.
First to Fly
The late author Charles Bracelen Flood and his last publication, First to Fly: The Story of the Lafayette Escadrille, the American Heroes Who Flew For France in World War I, were honored in October 2015 during Live @ Your Library: First to Fly.

Annual Faculty Breakfast
Each September, approximately 100 faculty meet with their librarians and enjoy breakfast in the Main Library during the Annual Faculty Breakfast.

Historical Fashions
More than 200 community members visited the Grand Reading Room to see historical fashions on display in summer 2015 during Fashions from the Collection of Eastern Kentucky University, 1860-1960. A collaboration with EKU Alumnus Adam MacPharlain, Curatorial Assistant for the Cincinnati Art Museum, and Family and Consumer Sciences students, the exhibit featured dresses, accessories, and more.

Friends of EKU Libraries Gala
Nearly 100 local Friends of EKU Libraries gathered in the Main Library to take self-guided tours facilitated by library student employees, enjoy festive appetizers, and listen to music by Nathan Jasinski and the EKU Cello Ensemble at the November 2015 Friends of EKU Libraries Gala: Our Favorite Things.

EKU’s Worst Student and Best War Reporter
EKU Libraries joined the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity and EKU International Alumni Board to bring Jeff Newton, EKU Class of 1997 and senior producer of VICE on HBO, for a presentation in the Grand Reading Room in April 2016. Jeff spoke to a crowd of 75 people during his talk, Oh, How I Miss T-Bombs: Ramblings on Global Conflicts from EKU’s Worst Student and Best War Reporter.

American Archives Month
In 2015, Dr. Thomas H. Appleton, Jr. discussed Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times, co-edited with Dr. Melissa McEuen.

Elmwood Tours
The staff of EKU Special Collections and Archives provided tours of the Elmwood Estate to 500 curious guests during the University’s 2016 Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
HONOR ROLL OF FRIENDS
Friends of Eastern Kentucky University Libraries
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016

THANK YOU!

The Friends of EKU Libraries are individuals who believe in the difference libraries make in the lives of students, and who choose to support EKU Libraries through annual gifts, endowments, and legacy gifts.

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Remembering Charles Bracelen Flood

EKU Libraries said goodbye to a dear friend and colleague in August 2014 with the passing of Charles Bracelen Flood, noted writer and historian. Bracelen, as he was called by his many friends and family, resurrected the Friends of EKU Libraries group and was the first President of the Friends Executive Board. He kept an office in the Main Library, where he researched and wrote nearly every day and became a familiar face and close friend to many of Eastern’s faculty, staff, and students. Throughout his long career, he published more than a dozen books, including his last book, First to Fly: The Story of the Lafayette Escadrille, the American Heroes Who Flew For France in World War I, released in June 2015. EKU Libraries celebrated Bracelen’s memory in October 2015 at Live @ Your Library: First to Fly, when Dean Betina Gardner dedicated the new first floor student space in his honor. Also present to speak about Bracelen’s legacy were his daughter, Lucy Flood, and former Deans of EKU Libraries Carrie Cooper and Lee Van Orsdel.

The Friends experienced the loss of three beloved Executive Board emeritus members in the last few years:


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FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Book Chapters


Journal Articles


State and National Presentations


Beirne, H., Gilbert, K., Marcum, B., & Richardson, S. (2015, May). Portals for professionals: Continued information literacy for graduates in their professional lives. Presented at the 2015 Pedagogicon, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

Beirne, H., & Montgomery, N. (2016, May). Faculty-Librarian collaboration: Applying metacognitive pedagogy to the research process. Presented at the 2016 Pedagogicon, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

Beirne, H., Richardson, S., Marcum, B., & Gilbert, K. (2015, April). Embracing change: Adapting and evolving your distance learning library services to embrace the new ACRL distance learning library services standards. Presented at the 2015 KLA Joint Spring Conference, Prestonsburg, KY.


Couture, J., & Thacker, A. (2016, May). Clifford, the big red HVAC: Assessment and advocacy. Presented at the Kentucky Council on Archives Spring 2016 Meeting, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY.


Marcum, B. (2016, April). Embracing change: Adapting and evolving your distance learning library services to meet the new ACRL distance learning library services standards. Presented at the 17th Distance Library Services Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Montgomery, N., & Morris, S. (2015, May). Faculty/librarian collaboration and course integration. Presented at the 2015 Pedagogicon, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.


Sizemore, L., & Smith, K. (2015, June). Predatory publishing: How faculty can avoid becoming prey. Invited presenter at Morehead State University, Morehead, KY.


Leadership, Awards, and Activities
Heather Beirne served as Chair of the Kentucky Library Association Library and Instruction Roundtable in 2014-15.

Ashley Cole was awarded a First-Year Courses Outstanding Instructor Award in 2014, University Programs’ Outside Service Award in 2015, and an ACRL Early-Career Librarian Scholarship in 2015.

Karen Gilbert was given the Outstanding Graduate Student in Public Health 2016 Award at Eastern Kentucky University.

Clay Howard was awarded the University Programs’ Outside Service Award in 2015.

Dr. Kevin Jones was awarded the Sheltoowee Award for Outstanding Service to EKU Honors Program in 2016.

Neil Kasiak was appointed to the Kentucky Oral History Commission Advisory Board and Grant Review Committee in 2015.

Nicole Montgomery served as Chair of the Kentucky Library Association Library and Instruction Roundtable in 2013-2014. Montgomery also became co-chair (with Beth Fuchs from University of Kentucky Libraries) of the 2017 LOEX Conference Committee in 2015.

Trenia Napier served as co-chair (with Dr. Charlie Sweet, Dr. Hal Blythe, Dr. Russell Carpenter, & Leslie Valley) of the 2015 Kentucky Pedagogicon II Conference Committee in 2014-15. Napier was awarded the Sheltoowee Award for Outstanding Service to EKU Honors Program and the University Programs’ Outside Service Award in 2015.

Sarah Richardson served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Library Association Library and Instruction Roundtable in 2014-2015. Richardson became Sponsorship Coordinator for the 2017 LOEX Conference Committee in 2015.

Kelly Smith was selected to participate in the 2015-2016 cohort for Eastern Kentucky University’s President’s Leadership in Action Academy. Smith chaired the State Assisted Academic Libraries Consortium of Kentucky (SAALOK) Collections Committee (Chair-elect, 2014-2015; Chair, 2015-2016). She chaired the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Creative Ideas in Technical Services Interest Group (Vice-Chair, 2014-2015; Chair, 2015-2016). Smith also served on the Editorial Board for the journal Serials Review and was selected as Column Editor for its “Problem Solved” series (2015-present).

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