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Familiar Place Modernized Space

Renovated and Renamed Justice & Safety Learning Commons Reopens

Eastern Kentucky University welcomed another impressive space to campus when the newly renovated Justice & Safety Learning Commons reopened with a brand-new name on January 9. Part of the larger Stratton Building renovation, the nearly half-million dollar project was generously funded by EKU's College of Justice & Safety.

"EKU Libraries are grateful for the generosity of Dean Allen Ault and the College of Justice & Safety. The Justice & Safety Learning Commons epitomizes the evolution of library spaces in terms of form and function," says Betina Gardner, Interim Dean of EKU Libraries.

Visitors enjoy 18 new desktop computers, 9 of them touchscreen, complete with additional electrical outlets for simultaneously charging phones or other devices. The renovation includes restaurant-style booths, group workstations with large monitors and several laptop connections, a group study room, and vending machines perfect for long study sessions.

"It's an inspiring space, with lots of room for students, faculty, and staff to work in groups, spread out at a booth and get comfortable, or even get snacks," says Nicole Montgomery, Learning Commons Team Leader. "With all of the technology in place and as the print collection of new and core titles arrives on the shelves, it will be a space where students can research, write, create, and study with the technology, resources, and help that they need in one space."

The Learning Commons will soon feature a collection of the most popular Justice & Safety titles. All other Justice & Safety materials will remain in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library and will be delivered to the branch upon request through our exciting Library Express service (www.library.eku.edu/library-express). Collaboration between EKU Libraries and IT also helps make the Learning Commons unique; representatives are available in the space to assist with all technology and library needs.

To learn more about this great new space, visit www.library.eku.edu/justiceandsafety.

"...The Justice & Safety Learning Commons epitomizes the evolution of library spaces in terms of form and function."

- Betina Gardner,
Interim Dean of EKU Libraries



Modern, comfortable furniture

Unique cloud lighting

Forthcoming Justice & Safety collection

Two service points provide library and IT assistance

Excellent private and group workstations

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Message from the Dean



Dear Faculty, Staff and Friends:

I have been overwhelmed by the support for ECU Libraries. I speak for my colleagues when I extend our appreciation. Though the Libraries continue to operate in a time of transition, we are moving forward and embracing opportunities to improve our services to the University community.

We are excited about the recent facelift to our branch library in the Stratton Building, now renamed the Justice & Safety Learning Commons to reflect changes in the services, resources, and spaces available there. The transformation includes updated lighting, booth-style seating, flexible computing options, and other modernizations. Our sincere appreciation goes to the Dean of the College of Justice & Safety for financially supporting this extensive renovation.

The Libraries are also enjoying the enhanced Library Express delivery service. Dewey, our golf cart used to transport materials back and forth between branches, is up and running. His twice daily delivery schedule is building a big fan base among users. We owe thanks to our Friends of the Libraries for their support in developing this service.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that *Focus on Scholarship* is back this semester. Once again, we partnered with Graduate Education and Research to produce this webcast series. Dr. Dan Florell and his research on cyberbullying are featured in our first webcast. Forthcoming webcasts include interviews with Drs. Tanea Reed and Jackie Jay who will discuss their research on Alzheimer's and Egypt, respectively.

Visit ECU Libraries to experience this and so much more – I hope to see you soon!

Betina Gardner

Betina Gardner, Interim Dean of Libraries



FRIENDS BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Friends of ECU Libraries Board welcomed two new members at their January 24 meeting. **Dr. Anne Brooks**, retired Chair of ECU's Department of Foreign Languages & Humanities, and **Martha Davidson**, a retired educator of elementary, high school, and college students, were voted in at the November 18 Annual Dinner. They join President Charles Hay, Vice President/President Elect Linda Pack, Secretary Laura Steidle, Shirley Dezarn, Dr. Jo Ann Ellingson, Judge Jean Chenault Logue, Carol Rogow and Dr. Jack Taylor in leading the Friends organization.

Interested in becoming a Friend of ECU Libraries? Simply fill out the giving form on the back of the newsletter or visit www.library.eku.edu/support.

Student Employee Honored



Tiffany Helisek

In October, Tiffany Helisek, a Circulation Team student employee, was awarded ECU Libraries' 2011 Dick Mayo Allen scholarship. Her supervisor, Michelle Scarberry, explains, "Tiffany is a great asset to the Circulation Team. She works hard, is focused on customer service and has a talent for problem solving."

The scholarship, named for a former Dean of ECU Libraries, is awarded annually to honor a student worker who demonstrates excellent work ethic and dedication to the Libraries.

FOCUS on Scholarship

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Featuring a new interview each month from February to April!



Dr. Tanea Reed

Dr. Dan Florell

Dr. Jackie Jay

www.library.eku.edu/focus-scholarship-webcast-series

HAPPENINGS AT EKU *Libraries!*

Dewey the Golf Cart

EKU Libraries' Newest Addition



There's a new cart on campus! This past fall, Dewey the golf cart raced onto the scene, taking delivery of library materials across campus to a new level.

Dewey, a purchase made possible through the generosity of the Friends of EKU Libraries, assists with the transfer of resources between the John Grant Crabbe Main Library

Luke McCain, EKU Libraries student employee, makes a Library Express delivery

and the three branch locations as part of the expanded Library Express service. Library Express has been extremely successful as many faculty, staff, and students have recently discovered the convenience of making a one-click request to have materials delivered to the library location of their choice.

"Our Friends have had a significant impact on our Library Express service. Dewey has made delivery of materials between our library locations so efficient. This wouldn't be possible without our wonderful community of Friends."

- Kari Martin, Director of Library Advancement.

Dewey's name was also made possible through group effort. In October, members of the University community were invited to participate in a contest to name EKU Libraries' newest addition. Over one hundred entries were received and five lucky winners, all suggesting the name *Dewey*, were awarded Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Want to know more about Library Express? Visit www.library.eku.edu/library-express for all the details.

SPRING 2012 CALENDAR



Book Chat: First Friday of each month, 1-2 p.m.
Learning Resources Center 323A, Main Library
Join LRC librarians and staff for snacks and a discussion of the best children's and young adult literature!



Colloquium: Select Fridays, 2-3 p.m.
Research & Instruction Commons 204G, Main Library
<http://libguides.eku.edu/discussionseries>



National Library Week: April 9-11
Join us for a week packed with exciting events designed to celebrate libraries!



National Association of Communication Centers Conference: April 20-21
Noel Studio for Academic Creativity
www.communicationcenters.org



Brain Food for Finals: April 30-May 3
Students are invited to visit the Main Library for delicious snacks and great study spaces as part of our semi-annual Brain Food for Finals events.

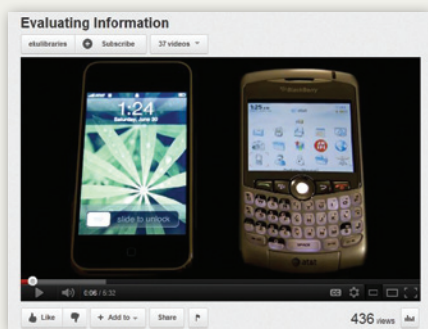
For more information about these events, visit www.library.eku.edu or call **(859) 622-1072**



Students study in the Grand Reading Room, 1965. Courtesy of Special Collections & Archives.

Special Collections & Archives Feature New Hours
Visit EKU's Special Collections & Archives for a brand-new schedule to better suit the needs of the university community.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.



Evaluating Information tutorial

Tutorials are Here!

EKU Libraries team members have been working diligently to expand the Libraries' collection of home-grown online tutorials. Library tutorials are brief (most are less than three minutes), easy to understand, and cover a broad range of topics from *database search skills* to *evaluating information*. Tutorials are used for a variety of purposes, from answering virtual reference questions to building library instructional materials into online courses. For more information or to view the entire list of current tutorials, visit www.library.eku.edu/how-tutorials.

Green Clay

Kentucky War of 1812 Veteran

The holdings of EKU's Special Collections & Archives contain a small but significant assortment of papers in the Green Clay Collection. Green Clay (1757-1828) was a founder of Richmond and father of Cassius Marcellus Clay. Two hundred years ago Clay, like many Kentuckians, chose to serve his country during the War of 1812. A document in Special Collections, "Green Clay's General Order Book," chronicles the journeys of his volunteer soldiers from Lexington, Kentucky to Dayton and then Piqua, Ohio in late March and early April of 1813.

In addition to the Order Book, the collection includes an 1823 letter from Clay to Thomas Jefferson concerning a Cherokee treaty and Jefferson's letter in response to Clay's questions, plus an 1810

letter to Clay from a Jesse Bledsoe about the receipt of some apple trees from Clay.

Visit EKU's Special Collections & Archives, located on the lower level of the John Grant Crabbe Main Library, to enjoy this and many other historical treasures!



The interior and back of "Green Clay's General Order Book"

EKU Libraries **Get Collaborative**

Did you know EKU Libraries have a long history of supporting EKU's engagement efforts with K-12 schools in the University's service region? That's right! For the past several years, EKU Libraries have offered tours and library instruction to high school students both from Madison County and throughout the region. Most outreach takes place through EKU Now!, a dual credit program for students in EKU's service region, and through Middle College, a collaboration between EKU and Madison County Schools that provides high school juniors and seniors access to the college experience. During the fall 2011 semester, 39 students from Middle College and 100 students from EKU Now! participated in the Libraries' new LibStart orientation program, which provides tours of the John Grant Crabbe Main Library.

"EKU Libraries have played a key role in EKU Now! orientations. The tour captured students' attention and elicited a mood of enthusiasm. LibStart's participatory nature left the students with actual library experiences that will enhance their comfort and self-confidence levels in their future use of library resources," says Christine Bogie, EKU's Special Projects Manager for the Provost.

In addition to these partnerships with EKU Now! and Middle College, members of the EKU Libraries team also work closely with Model Laboratory School. Since 2004, EKU Libraries have provided library instruction to senior English students while they work toward completion of their research papers, which have ranged in topic from *Jack the Ripper's Real Identity* to *Fuel Efficient Engine Design*.

Students participate in a library instruction session





An Evening with

Kim Edwards

author of *The Lake of Dreams*

More than 100 Friends of ECU Libraries and special guests gathered in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library's historic Grand Reading Room on Friday, November 18, to enjoy an evening with author Kim Edwards at the Friends' fifth Annual Dinner. The evening's highlight was a vivid presentation by the celebrated author, who spoke about her most recent work, *The Lake of Dreams*. All guests received signed copies of the novel; many followed along eagerly as Edwards read and provided insight into the background for several of the book's passages.

Following the dinner and presentation, visitors entered the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity for an intimate reception with the author, including the opportunity to purchase other titles, like Edwards' bestselling *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. Guests also enjoyed delicious desserts and delightful harp music by Lexington's Elaine Humphreys Cook.

“It was a wonderful evening with Friends in the elegantly serene Grand Reading Room and innovative Noel Studio.”

- Joyce Creek, Friend of ECU Libraries

The Friends' Programs and Events Committee is already planning the next Annual Dinner program, set to take place in November. Further details about this wonderful event will be available in the fall 2012 issue of *Between the Columns*.

Photos - Top: Kim Edwards personalizes guests' books; Middle: Attendees enjoy the after-dinner dessert reception; Bottom: Harpist Elaine Humphreys Cook serenades guests in the Noel Studio



New Resources

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New Minor Housed in Noel Studio

Applied Creative Thinking

To those familiar with Eastern Kentucky University, it is readily apparent that the University is a creative campus. From EKU's focus on graduating informed, critical and **creative** thinkers who can communicate effectively, to offices and programs promoting creativity (Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, the Office of the Quality Enhancement Program, the Teaching & Learning Center, the LEAF Incubator Classroom), creativity is foremost on the minds of students, faculty, and staff. The creative spirit will continue to grow this fall with the introduction of a brand-new minor in *Applied Creative Thinking*.

The new minor will be housed in the Noel Studio and directed by Dr. Russell Carpenter. Students minoring in *Applied Creative Thinking* will be required to take an introductory course (CRE 101: Intro to Creative Thinking) and a project-based course (CRE 400: Creative Project), both of which will be taught in the Noel Studio's Discovery Classroom. EKU already offers several courses with a focus on creative thinking across the disciplines, which allows for the additional 12 hours of the 18-hour minor

to be selected from these existing courses. In addition, departments are encouraged to create new courses to be used for the minor. A pilot section of CRE 101, taught by Dr. Carpenter, will be offered in the fall.

For more information, contact Dr. Carpenter, Director of the Noel Studio, at russell.carpenter@eku.edu or (859) 622-7403 or visit <http://bit.ly/noelstudionewminor>.

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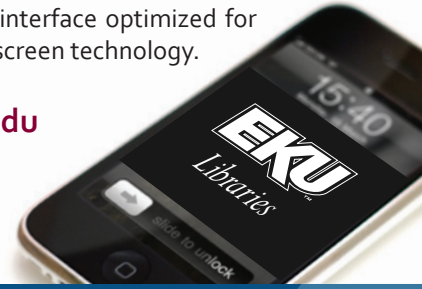
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