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Generous gift moves EKU Libraries one step closer to **OUTDOOR READING PORCH**

EKU alumni, Ron and Sherrie Lou Noel, never lost sight of the Libraries' dream for an outdoor reading porch, an idea which originated in the early designs of what is now the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity. Their recent lead gift of \$250,000 toward the construction of the porch, a project expected to total approximately \$500,000, speaks volumes about their unwavering commitment to the students of EKU. "Donors like Ron and Sherrie Lou have such a tremendous impact on the lives of EKU students," said Betina Gardner, Dean of EKU libraries.

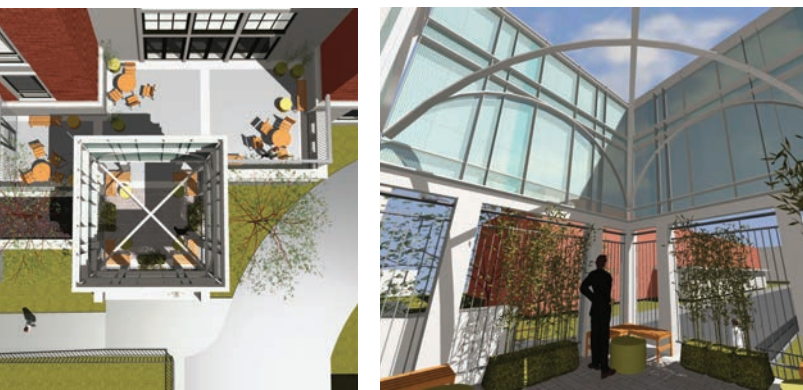
Located just outside the historic 1965 south entrance to the John Grant Crabbe Main Library, the porch will provide an inspiring open-air space perfect for outdoor study, a cup of coffee, a visit with a friend, a poetry slam or an evening concert. This secure and versatile venue will be located only steps away from the robust research, writing and oral communication services and resources available in the Library.

“Libraries all over are embracing outdoor spaces as a venue for reading, studying, cultural events and gatherings,” said Dean Gardner. **“This is an opportunity for us to do that.”**

“We are so grateful for the Noels' generosity and invite anyone interested in helping provide such an amazing space for our campus community to consider a gift in support of this exciting project,” said Kari Martin, Director of Library Advancement. The reading porch is part of a larger plan, unveiled by President Michael Benson at the Fall Convocation, to create a beautiful pedestrian mall stretching from the Library to the Weaver Building.

Gifts in support of this initiative can be made by contacting Martin at (859) 622-6593 or Kari.Martin@eku.edu. Gifts can also be made online at development.eku.edu; simply designate the gift to the Outdoor Reading Porch. Learn more by visiting:

library.eku.edu/readingporch



From the Dean

For the Libraries, Fall is a rededication of our commitment to helping our students achieve academic success. The semester is well underway, and campus is buzzing with new and returning students, faculty and staff. The sidewalks are packed all around the library, and we see the same energetic traffic on our website.

The Libraries' team spent the summer preparing new initiatives, planning for a busy academic year and settling into several important campus changes, one of which is welcoming a new President and his family. President Benson and his wife have visited the Crabbe Library, touring the space and learning about the services we offer. We hope they and their children are regulars. We welcome them and want them to see how our hard-working students utilize the library.

This issue of *Between the Columns* highlights a few of our library projects including a partnership between the Library and EKU's First Year Learning Community. Partnerships, like the one you will read about, demonstrate our desire to help every student succeed.

As the temperatures lower and the leaves fall, nothing feels better than a good book. Come by and grab one -- make the time to read. A book does a body good.

Betina Gardner

Betina Gardner, Dean of Libraries

Photo: The Campus Beautiful during Fall. Photograph by Chris Radcliffe.

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LIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Students, friends and guests gathered together in April during National Library Week for EKU Libraries' *Live @ Your Library* series featuring a week of presentations and live performances. On Thursday, April 18, Dr. Robert Frederick and friends delighted guests with an evening performance, *Creating Bluegrass*. Guests listened as Dr. Frederick discussed the composition, arrangement and improvisation of bluegrass music.

LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In May, EKU Libraries were honored by the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network with the 2013 Award of Excellence for *Most Engaging Newsletter* and the Award of Excellence for *Best Stewardship Piece*.



EKU Libraries were named number 39 on LibraryScienceList's Top 100 Most Social Media Friendly College & University Libraries for 2013. See what all the fuss is about by following us at [facebook.com/ekulibraries](https://www.facebook.com/ekulibraries) or [@ekulibraries](https://twitter.com/ekulibraries) on Twitter.

HAPPENINGS
at EKV Libraries



Join EKU Libraries and Student Life for the **2013 EKV Reads Film Series**

Water for Elephants

October 1, 9 p.m., Powell Underground

The Cove

October 8, 9 p.m., Main Library 108

How Smart Are Animals?

October 29, 9 p.m. Main Library 108

Learn more about EKV Reads at firstyear.eku.edu/eku-reads



Think Before You Ink

Join EKV Libraries on Monday, November 4, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Noel Studio Discovery Classroom for a workshop that will help attendees recognize the implications of participation in social media outlets, understand the importance of creating a positive digital identity (or "tattoo"), and cultivate a virtual presence that will help you make valuable online connections, especially as they relate to future employment. Come early and have your professional headshot taken from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.



Friends of Eastern Kentucky University Libraries Present An Evening With Jon Carloftis

Award winning garden designer and Kentucky native, Jon Carloftis, is the featured speaker at this year's Annual Friends of EKV Libraries program set to take place on Thursday, November 14 in the historic Keen Johnson Building on EKV's campus. Come enjoy our featured speaker along with the fine music of local cellist and EKV faculty member, Nathan Jasinski.

The opening reception will begin at 5:30; dinner and feature presentation will begin at 6:30. Reservations are \$30 and can be made by calling (859) 622-1072. Learn more by visiting

library.eku.edu/carloftis

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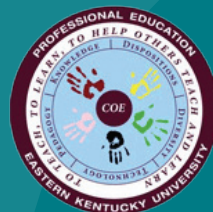
What is open access?

Open access provides free access to peer-reviewed literature. EKU Libraries provides open access through Encompass Digital Archive.

How?

EKU faculty members are editors of four peer-reviewed journals: *Journal of Military Experience*, *Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching and Learning*, *ninepatch*, and *Prism*. Readership of the journals is strong because they're free and easy to find through search engines like Google.

PRISM
ninepatch



Since 2011, **17,519** articles from these journals have been downloaded by readers from all parts of the world.

Student scholarship has also made a contribution to our open-access efforts through EKU Online Theses and Dissertations, which has seen 17,220 downloads globally.

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NEW RESOURCES at EKU Libraries

Build custom population reports from U.S. Census data, look up the latest safety industry standards, stream Anthony Hopkins's performance as Othello to your computer or page

through Harry Houdini's scrapbook. You can do all this and more with these new resources provided by EKU Libraries.

Primary Sources

These full-text online resources support the needs of researchers looking for original source evidence.

Civil War: Antebellum Period to Reconstruction Digital Edition

Provides local and national coverage of American culture, politics and society from 1840 through 1877.

Early American Imprints - Series I, Evans (1639-1800) and Series II, Shaw-Shoemaker, 1801-1819

Includes full-text of tens of thousands of books, pamphlets and broadsides. Provides information about life in 17th through 19th-century America, such as agriculture, foreign affairs, literature, music, philosophy, religion, the Revolutionary War, temperance and witchcraft.

Victorian Popular Culture

Includes full-text, full-color reproductions of books, ephemera, handbills, pamphlets, photos, posters, programs, scripts and other types of materials from 1779 to 1930.

Statistics

Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition

Provides data on all aspects of American history, including population, work and welfare, economic structure and performance, economic sectors, and governance and international relations.

Key Business Ratios

Includes public and private company industry benchmarks.

Social Explorer

Provides U.S. demographic data back to 1790 through data reports and interactive demographic maps that can be viewed, queried and manipulated on the site.

General Sources

BBC Shakespeare Plays

Includes all 37 Shakespeare plays, produced by BBC from 1978 to 1985.

Gender Studies Streaming Video Collection

Streaming video collection that addresses issues of gender, representation and sexuality.

Techstreet

Provides safety industry standards including ASSE, ASTM, BII and ISO. Tutorial: tiny.cc/eku-techstreet

Complete information available at
library.eku.edu/resources/type/17



Colonel Smart

@EKULibraries

EKU Libraries continuously seeks innovative ways to engage students, staff and faculty and is excited to introduce a new service this fall to support our campus community. The new service, *ColonelSmart@EKULibraries*, is a series of hands-on, educational workshops that explore topics relevant to research and academic success.

ColonelSmart@EKULibraries is a collaborative effort, with workshops facilitated by employees from EKU Libraries and campus partners, such as the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity and Career Services. Each workshop covers a different skill set and everyone—students, faculty, and staff—is welcome to attend. This fall, attendees will learn how to search effectively using Google, create a Prezi presentation, organize their research and citations with Zotero, and manage their online reputations, as well as other ways to be *ColonelSmart!*

For a full list of workshops and descriptions, or to suggest a workshop, visit

library.eku.edu/colonelsmart

Prezi for Students

October 7, 6 p.m.
Library Instruction Classroom, 204D

Organizing and Managing Your Citations with Zotero

October 22, 4 p.m.
Library Instruction Classroom, 204D

Think Before You Ink: Managing Your Digital Tattoo

November 4, 4:45 p.m.
Noel Studio Discovery Classroom

Organize Your Digital Life with Dropbox and Google Drive

November 4, 6 p.m.
Library Instruction Classroom, 204D

Consultations GO VIRTUAL

Beginning in fall 2013, the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity will offer synchronous (real-time) online consultations—featuring audio, video, and document sharing capabilities—to students taking classes online or at regional campuses. From any computer with internet access, students will be able to work with a consultant to brainstorm, develop or revise a variety of communication products, including written texts, individual and group presentations or visual aids. Just as in face-to-face consultations, consultants will help students think critically and creatively about their communication projects and provide objective, supportive feedback.

Online consultations are by appointment only and are reserved for distance and online students. Interested students should schedule consultations at least two days in advance by calling 859-622-7330 or emailing noelstudio@eku.edu.

For more information, contact the Noel Studio or visit studio.eku.edu/online-consultations



Chris Foley, Noel Studio Graduate Assistant (English), facilitates an online consultation with a student based at the Corbin regional campus.

William H. Berge Oral History Center Where History Comes to Life

Discover the history of EKU and Kentucky through a variety of interviews now available at the William H. Berge Oral History Center website: oralhistory.eku.edu.

The Berge Center, part of EKU Libraries' Special Collections and Archives, has organized and preserved over 3,600 interviews and is collaborating with EKU faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community to continue documenting Kentucky history through the spoken word. While the Center's website currently includes descriptions for over 600 interviews and audio for half of these, users can expect much more to come. Exciting new projects currently underway include "Veterans of Foreign Conflict" and "Stinking Creek: 50 Years of Progress."

"The importance of oral history cannot be understated," said Dr. William E. Ellis, EKU Foundation Professor Emeritus, **"as there is no better method to capture and preserve first-hand, eyewitness accounts of events and activities and experiences of ordinary people."**

Photo: Dr. William H. Berge teaching class, circa 1963.

A Room with a Vision

Partnership breathes new life into old classroom

Less than a year ago, Room 128 (located in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library) looked much like any other traditional basement classroom; with its bolted-to-the-floor tables and chairs and lacking technology, Room 128 was functional but not flexible. All of that changed this summer when a smart partnership between First Year Courses and the Libraries allowed us to not only refresh the room with new paint and flooring but also transform the room into an adaptable teaching space with moveable tables, stackable chairs and exciting new technology.

First Year Courses offer the Learning Communities a classroom experience designed to help new students learn the ropes at EKU. Erin Barnett, former Director of First Year Learning Communities and Courses, explains, "**Learning Community classes are just starting to take hold on EKU's campus, and due to the way these classes are taught, through collaborative group work and integrated technology, traditional desk-in-rows classrooms aren't ideal.**"

The space, now nearly complete, can be arranged to support small group work, large class discussions, icebreaker activities that require open space for mingling or, when needed, a traditional lecture. The improvements provide a welcoming atmosphere for new freshmen, introducing them to campus life at EKU with a good first impression.

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