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# WKU Libraries Annual Report 2007/2008

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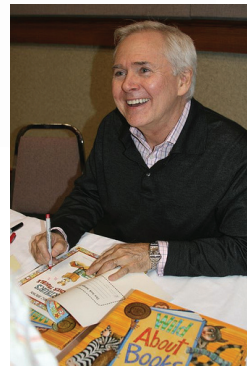
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# Reaching Out to the Community



More than 5,000 people attended the 10th annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest featuring more than 175 authors from throughout the country. Mitch Albom, Harlan Coben and Marc Brown were the 2008 Book Fest headliners. Hundreds of aspiring writers also attended the 5th Annual Kentucky

Writers Conference held the day before Book Fest with some of the visiting authors.

## 10th Annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest



Community Outreach partnered with Usborne books to give away several hundred books to area schools in need. With support from WKU Athletics, the “Books & Baskets” program gave a free ticket to a men’s exhibition game for every new or slightly used book that was donated. Books collected at the game were donated to the Family Enrichment Center.

During the year, various entertainers perform weekly at Java City, outside the Helm Library during the noon hour.



“Fall into Books” was a new program launched to bring several well-known writers to schools throughout the area. Author Gail Carson Levine of *Ella Enchanted* fame was the featured author. Newberry Honor winner Kirby Larson also visited schools as part of the 1Read program for teens. More than 175 copies of her book *Hattie Big Sky* were given to local youth.



The 5th annual “One Campus-One Community-One Book” program hosted Georgia author Man Martin and his book *Days of the Endless Corvette*. Mr. Martin appeared at

several events throughout the area including a special program at the National Corvette Museum. Over 250 copies of Martin’s book were given away to community members.

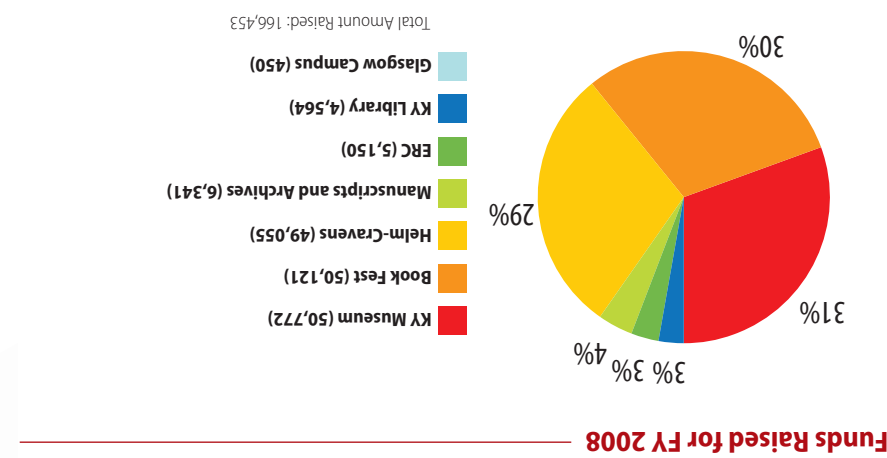
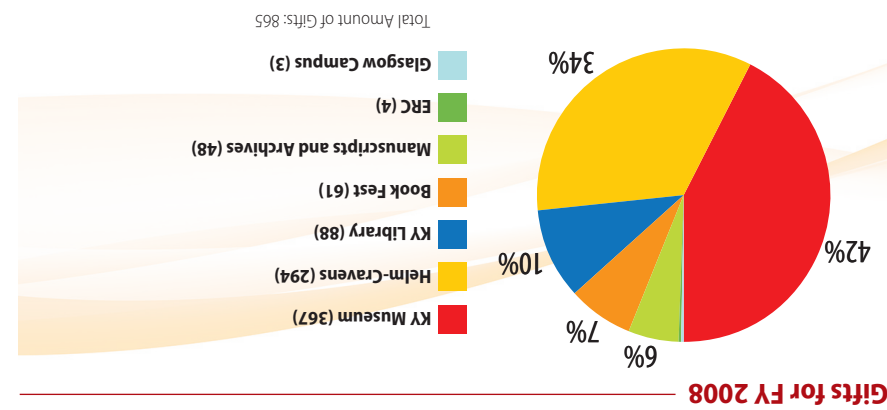
Close to 1,000 community members kicked off the holiday season at the Kentucky Library & Museum with “Christmas in Kentucky,” a day full of games, crafts, exhibits and lots of fun for the entire family.



As part of the WKU Libraries’ *Far Away Places and Kentucky Live!* lecture series, authors and experts discuss their unique experiences at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.



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**Services**

Gate Count	561,497
Circulation	178,206
Reference	11,883
Research Instruction	17,480
Interlibrary Lending, Borrowing, & Document Delivery	5,666
Kentucky Library & Museum Visits	33,588

**Collections**

Books	671,682
Bound Periodicals	145,849
Serials Subscriptions	3,931
Government Documents	915,622
Microforms	2,121,105
CD-ROM and Internet Databases	3,091
Manscripts and Archives	6,582
Sound Recordings (CDs, audiotape, & phonos, films and videotapes)	25,375
Graphic and Cartographic Materials	7,525
Total Collections	3,900,762

## Statistics Fiscal Year 2008

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# The Dean's Message



The year brought many new additions and improvements to WKU Libraries. The new 11,000 square foot Visual and Performing Arts Library (VPAL) opened its doors on the second floor of the Cravens Building; the

Kentucky Library & Museum unveiled a state-of-the-art Duncan Hines exhibit; and the first Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award winner was announced. Technical Services continues to offer more information through consortia and online services, including our first electronic journal through TopSCHOLAR®. Our outreach programs have impacted thousands through events such as SOKY Book Fest, Christmas in Kentucky, school events, literary programs and our *Far Away Places* and *Kentucky Live!* lecture series. Our commitment remains strong to continuously move forward with an innovative approach as we serve our students, faculty, administrators and general community.

*Mike Binder*  
Mike Binder  
Dean of Libraries



## Grand Opening Visual and Performing Arts Library

In April 2008, the Visual and Performing Arts Library celebrated its grand opening on the second floor of the Cravens Building. This new 11,000 square foot facility consists of approximately 50,000 books; 15,000 LPs; 6,800 films on VHS and DVD; and 3,500 CDs. The Lila Greene Listening and Viewing area holds two state-of-the-art listening/viewing rooms with 32-inch high definition TVs and BOSE sound systems. An InfoLab containing twenty computers is available for instruction. Other features include a KICII self-service digital scanning system, a conference room, additional computers and several study areas for research and learning.

## Creating Information Possibilities

Over the years, the scope of library services has expanded far beyond the physical walls of the facilities themselves. In fact, WKU students lead in use of the Kentucky Virtual Library, Kentucky's online information source. WKU Libraries recognizes the student's need for quick and easy access to information online and has taken great strides by offering:

- an online catalog of approximately 885,000 records accessible by title, author, or subject searching.
- the first electronic journal in Kentucky, *The International Journal of Exercise Science* on TopSCHOLAR® --The Research and Creative Activity Database of WKU.
- the Los Angeles Times Digital Archive [1881-1986].
- additional access to thousands of titles online through collaborative efforts with other institutions such as EPSCor Science Information Group.
- over 25,000 unique journal titles through TDNet, our electronic journal management system.
- continuous support to preserve and disseminate the intellectual output of our University community, making it available to researchers worldwide.

## Did You Know?

The average library journal costs \$438  
An average book costs \$33  
An average microform costs \$662

To extend the life of damaged materials,  
WKU Libraries repaired over 2,000 books.



WKU Libraries selected *The Secret of the Lonely Grave* by Albert A. Bell, Jr. as the first recipient of the Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award. The new award is given to honor the former



WKU librarian Evelyn Thurman, who made significant contributions to children's librarianship and literacy during her 25 years of service. Bell received his award in February 2008 and led a book discussion with elementary students from the WKU Center for Gifted Studies.

WKU Libraries, Bowling Green Public Library & the WKU Literacy Program of the Department of Special Instructional Programs hosted the national exhibition "Children Between Worlds: Intercultural Relations in Books for Children and Young Adults." More than 50 unique books, displayed in WKU's Educational Resources Center and featured at the 2008 Southern Kentucky Book Fest, were exhibited to promote dialogue between cultures and to counteract racism.



## Kentucky Library & Museum

Kentucky Library & Museum received significant acquisitions to further enhance its rich collections of Kentucky music, art, clothing, artifacts, and manuscripts. Highlights included artwork by South Central Kentucky artists Willie Massie and Mazie Thomas; a 1952 Silvertone TV sold at Sears; a diary kept by Cora Eliza Gossom from 1872-1873; reminiscences of Civil War soldier John A. Lafferty of Harrison County, 1905; five Kentucky land grants from 1812-1818; and a detailed letter from a tourist who went through Mammoth Cave in May 1928.



The Kentucky Library & Museum continues to have great impact on the students in South Central Kentucky. More than 2,300 students visited our facility and over 4,000 students were influenced by the traveling trunks that have circulated throughout the school systems.

Hosted at the Kentucky Library & Museum, US Bank *Celebration of the Arts* is the largest art exhibition in South Central Kentucky. Over 200 artists entered more than 400 pieces in this dynamic exhibit.



The Kentucky Library & Museum has partnered with VSA arts of Kentucky to host the SIDE BY SIDE exhibit for several years. In Spring 2008, the KYLM received national recognition with the *Award for Outstanding Community Partner* for its work with VSA arts of Kentucky. SIDE BY SIDE is a visual arts program for children with disabilities, providing mentoring collaboration with professional adult artists from the Warren County region.



"Recommended by Duncan Hines," an exhibit celebrating the life of one of the best known Kentuckians, opened August 3, 2007 in our Kentucky Library & Museum. Located on the first floor, "Recommended by Duncan Hines" is the centerpiece of a renovated and expanded gallery. The exhibit includes eight sections featuring the life and work of the Bowling Green native. Visitors can learn about Hines' career as a writer on travel, dining and entertaining, as well as his transition to a "name brand" icon and pioneer in the world of packaged food. Each area takes you on a journey into Hines' life. This project was made possible by contributions from The Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; The Park Foundation; Pinnacle Foods; Colonel and Mrs. Robert E. Spiller; The Hines Family and WKU's Campus Improvement Fund.



## Thousands of visitors enjoyed the numerous exhibitions offered throughout the year:

**Slow Time:  
The Works of Charley, Noah and Hazel Kinney**

**SIDE BY SIDE: VSA arts of Kentucky**

**Aids Memorial Quilt**

**Caves: A Fragile Wilderness**

**WKU Student Art Show**

**Interior Design Senior Thesis Show**

**Around the World: The Kentucky Heritage  
Quilt Society Annual Show**

**Sights and Sounds of Warren County**

**Holiday Ornaments-Kentucky Style**