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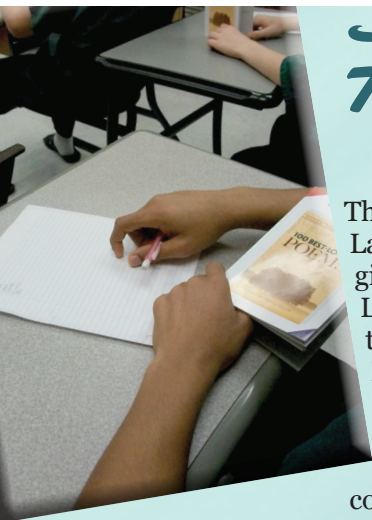


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Friends of WKU Libraries

aid in student scholarships, World Book Night

There is no doubt that the WKU Library supporters are making a difference with their donations. Last month WKU Libraries was a proud partner of World Book Night, a national campaign to give thousands of free books to light or non-readers. As a designated giver for the program, WKU Libraries received 20 books from World Book Night and contributed ten additional books from the Friends of WKU Libraries to give out *100 Best Loved Poems* to the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center (WRJDC) on Wednesday, April 23. In addition, Friends made it possible for Josh Johnston, a WKU senior Creative Writing major, to provide a poetry workshop for the young inmates.

“We strive to provide creative outlets for our at-risk students,” said Becky Painter, programming coordinator at the detention center. “Through

WKU (Libraries)’s support, students are learning to appreciate the written word and enjoy reading.”

Friends also continue to support the students at WKU. On Friday, May 2, two students were recognized with an Undergraduate Research Award offered through a selection process for the freshman students involved in the University Experiences classes both on the

main campus and at south campus. The winners were Rosa Crisantos De La Rosa from Jim Fulkerson’s class and Yazeed Alharbi from Crystal Hardeman’s class.

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Book Fest

attracts hundreds of readers

More than 140 authors charmed thousands of eager readers of all ages at the 2014 Southern Kentucky Book Fest on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. On Friday, the Children's Day event brought in over 800 students, and the Kentucky Writers Conference had record-breaking numbers. Both were held at the Knicely Conference Center. On Saturday, bestselling author Charlaine Harris, well-known for her Sookie Stackhouse series which was the inspiration for the HBO series True Blood, filled a room of Sookie fans.

Book Fest volunteer Amy Hardin has been attending for years. "I love that you can interact with your favorite authors, sit in on entertaining panels, and be introduced to new authors--all in one weekend! Our community is blessed beyond measure to have such a world class event in its own back yard year after year," said Hardin.

"When I saw Charlaine Harris was headlining Book Fest, I about fell out of my chair," said Corie Martin, Manager of WKU Creative Web Services. "She is one of my favorites and I've been trying to get to one of her signings for years."

In addition to the long line of urban fantasy enthusiasts eagerly waiting for Ms. Harris to sign their books, scores of people from as far away as Michigan, Georgia, and South Carolina attended panel discussions and presentations, and visited the author signing area throughout the day.

When asked what she looks for when inviting authors to Book Fest, Kristie Lowry, Literary Outreach Coordinator for WKU Libraries and Book Fest organizer, says variety is key. "We want to bring an eclectic mixture of genres to meet the needs of all the different readers out there," said Lowry. "We always welcome suggestions, and I am willing contact the big name authors that might not venture to book festivals much anymore. You never know when Stephen King will decide that we are his one event for that year."

Children's Day featured author and illustrator Chris Raschka along with more than thirty other children's and young adult authors. In conjunction with Children's Day, the Kentucky Writers Conference (KWC) offered free writing workshops presented by Book Fest authors who came in a day early to teach a wide range of classes.

According to Lowry, numbers at the Writers Conference were the highest ever with more than 225 people in attendance. "This was the first year for an online registration process. We were so glad we had a count on each presentation as many of the classes filled up early," said Lowry. "Filling your seats is always a great problem to have;

the registration allowed us to better accommodate the larger group sizes."

To see highlights and pictures from the weekend, go to sokybookfest.org or wku.edu/library.





Fading Away: How to Preserve Your Treasures

Special Collections library faculty Nancy Richey and Allison Day presented “Fading Away: Preserving Your Treasures” on Monday, April 28 from 5-7 pm. Several people braved the storms to hear how to protect old photographs and paper-based materials. Richey and Day offered helpful tips on how to preserve, store, and restore damaged items. Go to wku.edu and click on the blog icon to see photos from the evening.

Faraway Flix inaugural year equals big success



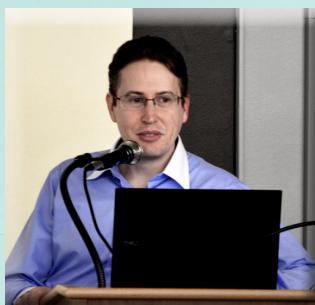
A vision to bring international culture and themes from the movie screen to the campus went from paper to reality this past academic year. WKU libraries and the International Student Office partnered to offer six international films, representing six different countries, along with typical food from the featured country and a scholar-led discussion following the film.

More than two hundred students, faculty, and staff attended the film series over the year, and several students took away prize drawings such as Nooks, an iPad mini, and t-shirts. This program was made possible with help from WellU and Student Activities. Plans are already in place for next year’s series. To see film pictures from the series, go to wku.edu/library, click on the blog icon, and search for faraway flix.

“We were pleased with the success of this first year,” said Diana Howard, International Outreach Coordinator. “We heard many positive comments from our international students and look forward to next year’s series.”

Experiences & Knowledge

WKU Libraries faculty share their insights



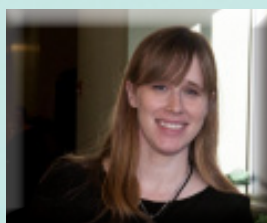
WKU Libraries faculty are known for offering their expertise to the campus community; however, this year their reach went beyond the classroom. Kath Pennavaria, associate professor and Visual & Performing Arts Library coordinator, gave presentations on her recent trip to Tangier Island. Haiwang Yuan, WKU Libraries’ professor and web coordinator, discussed his travels to Tibet. Yuan took the trip with a WKU-funded grant and fall sabbatical to research for his book project Tibet Folktales. Both Pennavaria and Yuan shared their travel adventures with crowds at Helm Library and as

part of the Far Away Places lecture series at Barnes & Noble.

Sean Kinder, associate professor and WKU Humanities librarian, gave a presentation on his soon-to-be-published book *Una Merkel: Actress with Saucy Wit and Southern Charm* to his colleagues in Helm Library on April 29 as part of the “We’ve Been Everywhere” speaker series which showcases experiences and expertise of individuals associated with WKU Libraries. Go to wku.edu/library and click on the blog icon for pictures and more details on the programs.



Goddard Jones wins literary award



Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners announced Holly Goddard Jones as the winner of this year’s Kentucky Literary Award for her book *The Next Time You See Me*. Go to library.blog.wku.edu for more information.



Congratulations to our graduating student assistants!

Happenings



On March 18, Loup Langton, Director of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting at WKU, talked about lessons learned through his travels as part of the Far Away Places lecture series.



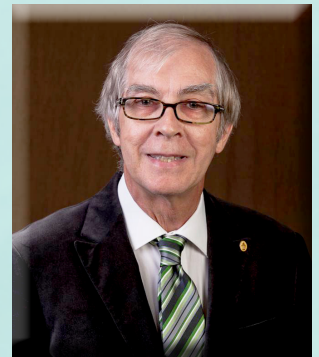
ERC faculty, staff, and students participated in student appreciation day on May 7 outside of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.



Libraries Assistant Professor Anthony Paganelli taught "Future Music Makerspace" for an Elementary Education course at Elizabethtown on May 7.

Coutts named ALA award winner

Brian E. Coutts, professor and department head of library public services, has been awarded the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award. This honor is given to an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science. Coutts will be honored with a \$1,000 award and plaque during this summer's American Library Association conference in Las Vegas.



Race and Richey received awards



WKU Libraries Asst. Professors Tammera Race (left) and Nancy Richey (right) are pictured with Dean Connie Foster (center) at the faculty awards reception on April 10. Race and Richey received the University Libraries Award for Research/Creativity and Public Service, respectively.

Faculty & Staff in New Roles

- Library Student Personnel Coordinator: Crystal Bowling**
- Bibliographic Access Coordinator: Uma Doraiswamy, Assoc. Professor**
- Social Sciences Catalog Librarian: Amanda Drost, Asst. Professor**
- Interim Dept. Head of Special Collections: Jack Montgomery, Professor**
- Archives Assistant: April McCauley**
- Senior Catalog Assistant: Tea Lacic**

Mystery Date *with a Book*

During February, WKU Libraries spiced up the reading racks with "Mystery Date with a Book." To encourage students to read an unexplored genre, clues were written on books wrapped in brown paper from the leisure reading section. WKU senior Krystin Avakian came up with the idea. "The event was designed to offer students a break from their studies and remind them that the libraries are more than just a research tool," said Avakian. "Libraries can be used for leisure as well." According to Katie DeCoursey, Pembroke junior, selection is difficult since there are so many titles. "It's really hard to pick one," said DeCoursey. "I thought it was a great program." Surveys were given to students to "rate their dates" and enter to win a cash prize.

