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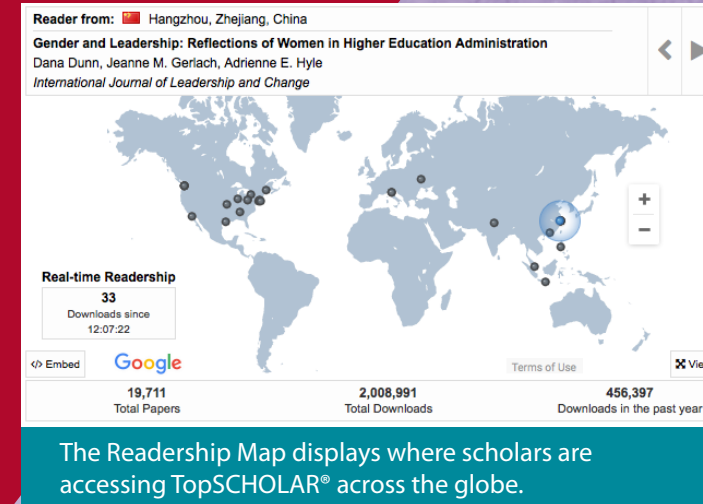
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Collections & Connections

Winter 2015-16

WKU's TopSCHOLAR® hits two million mark



of creative works and research being produced by WKU faculty and students.”

According to Todd Seguin, WKU Libraries Scholarly Communication Specialist, more than 120 countries from across the globe accessed TopSCHOLAR® last year at an average of one download per minute. “We have over 800 disciplines and close to 20,000 works,” said Seguin.

In his position, Seguin works with faculty and students to organize, disseminate, promote, and preserve their research and other creative materials. He also offers assistance in developing professional web pages for faculty and clarifying publisher copyright policies.

Faculty on campus understand and acknowledge the benefits. “I use TopSCHOLAR® to reach nurses and other health professionals worldwide,” said Dr. Beverly Siegrist, Graduate Program Coordinator for the WKU School of Nursing. “The ease of use and the training provided has been wonderful.”

The largest public research body in Spain, known as Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), ranked TopSCHOLAR® in the top 8% of repositories within the United States. Out of 3,280 U.S. repositories TopSCHOLAR® was placed at 242 based on size, visibility, and rich files. “These numbers illustrate how digitally competitive WKU is in comparison to universities throughout the nation,” said Seguin. To learn more, go to digitalcommons.wku.edu or contact Todd Seguin at 270-745-6160.

Western Kentucky University’s online repository, known as TopSCHOLAR®, passed the two million download mark on January 20, 2016. The database contains the research and creative activity of WKU’s scholarly community of faculty, staff, and students. As an open access repository, anyone can access and download the materials for free from anywhere in the world.

“This is such tremendous news for us,” said Deana Groves, Department Head of Library Technical Services. “TopSCHOLAR® showcases the research and creative activity of WKU. It’s so pleasing to know that scholars from across the world are discovering our materials for their academic needs. It is a true testament to the quality

Inaugural Open Access Hall of Fame inductees honored

Dr. Scott Lyons, Associate Professor and Director for School of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport, and WKU alum Ann Epperson were honored on October 22 at a reception in Helm Library as the inaugural inductees into the WKU Libraries Open Access Hall of Fame.

Lyons is the founder and editor of the *International Journal of Exercise Science (IJES)* which debuted on TopSCHOLAR® in 2007 with over 345,000 downloads.

Epperson was honored in the student category for her thesis “Internet GIS as a Historic Place-Making Tool for Mammoth Cave National Park” which has been downloaded nearly 15,000 times. To see their published works, go to <http://digitalcommons.wku.edu>.

Left: Ann Epperson, WKU alum, accepts her certificate of recognition from WKU Libraries Dean Connie Foster.

Right: Dr. Scott Lyons speaks in Helm Library as the inaugural inductee into the Open Access Hall of Fame.



Friends support continues to make a difference



Funds from the Friends of WKU Libraries membership have helped support the Libraries in many ways over the years. The newly-developed school library grant, offered to regional middle and high schools, and the

Library Advisory Council.

Katie Gamble, a senior WKU student from Hopkinsville, is the winner of the Library Student Assistant Scholarship. Gamble will graduate this May in Communication Disorders, completing her degree in only three years. “I take pride in telling people that I am a WKU Libraries Student Assistant and am very thankful for the opportunity to work here,” said Gamble.



Katie Gamble and Dean Foster hold her scholarship check.

Dean's Fund for Excellence formed

An anonymous gift of \$10,000 was donated to start the first WKU Libraries Dean's Fund for Excellence. “The newly established fund will allow Library faculty or staff to realize support for innovative partnerships or research that will ultimately benefit the students,” said WKU Libraries Dean Connie Foster. “This is truly a wonderful chance for Libraries to transform library services. We can't thank the donor enough for this wonderful gift.”

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student assistant scholarship, for library student employees, have made a difference for many students.

This year's library grant was given to College Street Campus alternative school located in Glasgow, Kentucky. Tara Griffith, District Curriculum Resource Teacher for Barren County Schools, wrote the winning request. “The school had a very compelling application and I am hopeful that the books purchased for the school will not only build their collection, but open doors for many students in years to come,” said Nancy Baird, member of the selection committee and chair of the

Libraries improve spaces

WKU-Glasgow celebrated the completion of a two-year renovation project beginning with new furniture and laptops and ending with new carpet and repositioning of the circulation desk and security gates. The Glasgow Library now has improved lighting, new doors, and the addition of four new computers, bringing the total to ten computers for students to use. WKU-Glasgow senior Kelsey Gregg put the finishing touches in the great room with two of her large paintings--one of an elephant and the other an owl--set beautifully on opposing walls.



New furniture in Helm Library

“The biggest difference is the feeling of openness and freshness,” said WKU Libraries Dean Connie Foster. “We wanted to create a library where students not only access online resources, but also enjoy study space or checking out books from our growing collection.”

On the Bowling Green campus, Helm Library introduced an updated look with new seating in the Reference Area on the first floor. Students immediately discovered the comfortable, modern swivel chairs and enjoy the bench seating with study tables along the wall. The benches offer electrical outlets for laptop and phone charging which are quite popular features.



WKU-Glasgow Library

Library Special Collections faculty worked with art class

Special Collections Associate Professor Sandra Staebell and Library Special Collections Department Head Jonathan Jeffrey worked with Associate Professor Kristina Arnold's ART 496/FLK 470G class this past semester. Staebell and Jeffrey helped students select artifacts and documents for nine small exhibits they had constructed in the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center.

“Students are using KenCat to identify items,” said Staebell. “We are helping them to navigate the online database and to assist with issues that come up with borrowing items from Special Collections. It's been a great learning process for our students.”



Student exhibit in Fine Arts Center hallway

These displays can be seen online at digitalcommons.wku.edu/case_file_2015/.

Special Collections volunteer receives Summit Award

At WKU's Summit Awards dinner on November 5, volunteer Louise Sauerland was recognized for her work in Manuscripts & Folklife Archives in the Department of Library Special Collections. A native of Philadelphia, Louise and her husband Dave have lived

in Bowling Green for 15 years. Since 2008, Louise has logged almost 700 hours helping to conserve, organize and process everything from 19th-century court documents to large collections of papers from prominent families in the region.



Louise Sauerland

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/18 • Far Away Places - "Iceland"

Jason Polk & Leslie North • Asst. Professors, WKU Geography Dept.
Barnes & Noble • 7:00 pm

2/24 • Coal Black Voices

Documentary featuring Frank X Walker
Cherry Hall 125 • 7:00 pm

2/29 • Time to Leap!

Kentucky Building • 4:00 pm

3/4-6 • Meijer Used Book Sale

Bob Kirby Branch, WCPL

3/15 • Frank X Walker

Author, Educator, Affrilachian Poet
Gary Ransdell Auditorium • 7:00 pm

3/17 • Kentucky Live - "Answering the Call: Nurses, Couriers and the Frontier Nursing Service"

Anne Cockerham • Associate Dean for Midwifery, Women's Health, Frontier Nursing
Barnes & Noble • 7:00 pm

3/31 • Far Away Places - "Kurdistan on the Global Stage: Kinship, Land, and Community in Iraq"

Diane King • Associate Professor, Univ. of KY Anthropology Dept.
Barnes & Noble • 7:00 pm

4/14 • Kentucky Live - "Flavors from Home: Refugees in Kentucky Share Their Stories and Comfort Foods"

Aimee Zaring • Author, Louisville, KY
Barnes & Noble • 7:00 pm

4/21 • Far Away Places - "Chinese Martial Arts: From Antiquity to the Twenty-First Century"

Peter Lorge • Professor, Vanderbilt University History and Asian Studies
Barnes & Noble • 7:00 pm

4/22 • SOKY Book Fest Children's Day

Knicely Center • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

4/22 • Kentucky Writer's Conference

WKU South Campus • 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

4/23 • SOKY Book Fest

Knicely Center • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pictured left to right:

Maggie Flanagan, Jefferson Sanders, Daulton Cowan, Sarah McCaslin, Dean Connie Foster



WKU Libraries participates in INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOUTH AFRICA

For two consecutive years, WKU Libraries has partnered with the Office of International Programs to celebrate the “International Year of...” with South Africa as this year's featured country. Department Head of Library Public Services Brian Coutts and Office Assistant Ryan Dowell created a comprehensive annotated bibliography on South Africa available online for all faculty, staff, and students. South Africa was also featured in the speaker series with Tyler Fleming, assistant professor from the University of Louisville, presenting “King Kong: The First South African Musical.” And finally, the Libraries helped to organize the kick-off for the Faraway Flix International Film Series with Oscar-winning foreign film *Totsi* –set in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Students receive undergraduate library research awards

Western Kentucky University first-year students Daulton Cowan from Bowling Green, Kentucky, Maggie Flanagan from Russell Springs, Kentucky, and Jefferson Sanders from Nashville, Tennessee, were honored for winning undergraduate research awards at a recognition ceremony in Cravens Library on Monday, November 30. WKU Libraries and WKU University Experience faculty offer the awards in an effort to recognize the importance of good undergraduate research in academic success.

Students received a monetary gift and a plaque honoring their achievements. The winning documents are posted on TopSCHOLAR® at digitalcommons.wku.edu/ueul_award.



SOKY Book Fest

set for April 22 - 23

We're gearing up for the 18th annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest on April 22-23 at the Knicely Center. This year we're so excited to be hosting *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning authors J.A. Jance, Garth Stein, Michael Hingson, and more. J.A. Jance is one of the most prolific thriller writers of our time, having written more than 50 books in 30 years. Garth Stein's runaway bestseller *The Art of Racing in the Rain* tackles tough subjects of life and death with poise and wit consistent in his current projects. Michael Hingson, blind from birth, survived the 911 attack with the help of his trusty guide dog Roselle and is now an inspiring and compelling motivational speaker and writer.

SOKY Book Fest features 150+ authors and illustrators representing all literary genres. Children's Day (Friday, April 22) is dedicated to regional students, librarians, and educators. Students have the opportunity to meet their favorite authors, participate in sessions, and exercise their creativity in the interactive area. At the Teen Writers Conference, teens can hone their craft with the help of seasoned veterans like Katherine Howe. This year students will have the opportunity to meet renowned authors and illustrators Jay Asher, Adam Rex, Lauren Castillo, Max Brallier, and more. Our Children's Day headliner is Jay Asher, whose debut novel *Thirteen Reasons Why* (2007) is being adapted into a Netflix miniseries under Executive Producer Selena Gomez. Max Brallier writes for the popular television series *Adventure Time*, and Adam Rex's book *The True Meaning of Smekday* was adapted into the movie *Home* (2015). Lauren Castillo's book *Nana in the City*, full of beautiful, energetic illustrations, was named a Caldecott Honor Book in 2015.



You'll see Fest favorites like Alecia Whitaker, recipient of this year's Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award, along with Nashville natives Courtney Stevens, Kristen Tubb, Jessica Young, Debbie Dadey, Sharon Cameron, J.T. Ellison, and C.J. Redwine. You'll also get to chat with debut authors David Arnold, whose book *Mosquitoland* has been named to numerous "best-of" lists this year, Brooks Benjamin, whose *My Seventh Grade Life in Tights* is as fun to read as it is to look at (seriously, the cover art is splendid), and Bill Goodman, the host of *Kentucky Tonight* on KET whose book *Beans, Biscuits, Family & Friends: Life Stories* is packed with insights and a good helping of humor.

With 70 Kentucky authors, you can bet you'll find a book or two on basketball and bourbon, along with exciting historical accounts and gorgeous photography books capturing the beauty of this state. Young adult readers will be able to meet nearly 30 authors covering topics from romance to adventure and everything in-between. From poets to photographers, we've got something for every reader.

On Saturday, book-fans of all ages can attend author presentations and panels, buy books and get them signed on the spot. They can also sign up for the Kentucky Writers Conference (April 22) and learn from some of the best in the business, with sessions covering poetry, fiction, memoir, and more. All Book Fest events are free and open to the public. Find a list of attendees and other information on our website at sokybookfest.org. See you there!



Literary OUTREACH



Alecia Whitaker graciously accepts her book award.

at Moss Middle School who sang the main character's featured song "Notice Me." This program is made possible by the Evelyn Thurman Children's Author Fund, the Southern Kentucky Book Fest partnership, and Friends of WKU Libraries.

SOKY Reads! community read featured *Saint Monkey*

Last October, the Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners hosted SOKY Reads!, a community-wide reading project, featuring Jacinda Townsend's debut novel *Saint Monkey*. The novel, which won the James Fenimore Cooper prize for historical fiction, is set in Eastern Kentucky and New York City, and chronicles the lives of two best friends from adolescence to adulthood.

The program offers free book



Jacinda Townsend reads to Bowling Green High students.

giveaways and discussions. Jacinda Townsend gave two presentations to the public on October 22, one on WKU's campus and one at the Bob Kirby Branch of Warren County Public Library followed by a book signing at Bob Kirby.

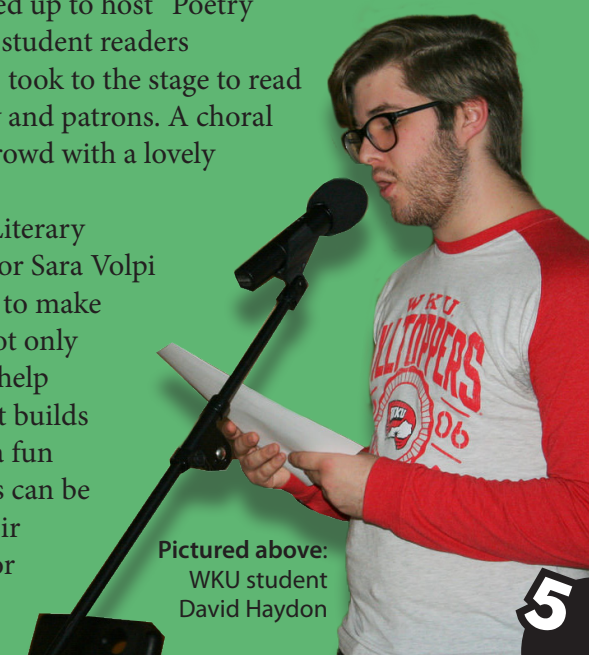
This program is made possible through the generosity of Friends of WKU Libraries, Warren County Public Library, and the Western Kentucky University English Department.

"Poetry Open Mic" night at Java City a hit!

The English Club and WKU Libraries teamed up to host "Poetry Open Mic" at Java City in Helm Library. Eight student readers representing a broad swath of English interests took to the stage to read their wares to an audience, as well as passersby and patrons. A choral ensemble even showed up and showered the crowd with a lovely South African-themed song.

WKU Libraries Literary Outreach Coordinator Sara Volpi worked with the club to make the event possible. "Not only does this type of event help poets practice rhythm, it builds community and creates a fun atmosphere where writers can be comfortable in sharing their writing with no judgment or criticism," says Volpi.

Pictured above: WKU student David Haydon



meijer 2016 Used Book Sale

Bob Kirby Branch, Warren Co. Public Library | 175 Iron Skillet

Friday, March 4 • 7am to 7pm
Saturday, March 5 • 8am to 5pm
Sunday, March 6 • 1pm to 5pm



Hello Sara!

Meet our new Literary Outreach Coordinator

Sara Volpi received her BFA from Morehead State and an MA in English from WKU. Volpi is the chief organizer for the SOKY Book Fest and many other literary projects throughout the year.

in the SPOTLIGHT

- WKU Libraries was recognized for over 30 years of service to the Foundation Center Funding Information Network of New York City for connecting nonprofits to grant resources.
- In January 2016, **Library Special Collections** cataloged its 25,000th photograph searchable in KenCat Online Collectons.
- Longtime library faculty **Nada Durham, Peggy Wright, and Nelda Sims** recently retired from WKU Libraries. With 127 years of collective service and expertise, they will be deeply missed. We wish them the best.
- Elizabethtown library faculty **Tony Paganelli** received the research instruction award for his March Madness approach using ITV.
- **Laura DeLancey**, assistant professor and Coordinator of Electronic and Continuing Resources, and **Daniel Peach**, Library Facilities Coordinator, were the faculty and staff recipients, respectively, of the WKU Libraries Margie Helm Award for Outstanding Performance.
- **Amanda Drost**, Monograph Catalog Librarian, received tenure and was promoted to associate professor.
- WKU students **Abby Zibart, Sophia Liu, Kayla Carrico, Sidney Hirsch, and Patric Peters** were recipients of the Margie Helm Award for outstanding student employee.
- **Eric Fisher** recently changed positions from Library Office Systems Manager to Library Discovery and Integrated Systems Administrator in the Department of Library Technical Services. He will coordinate, troubleshoot, update, and enhance the Alma and Primo library systems.
- **Morgan Moran** recently became Senior Library Assistant of the Visual and Performing Arts Library.
- **Terry Perkins** moved to a full-time position in the Library Systems Office as a Library Technology Consultant.
- **Kath Pennavaria**, the Visual and Performing Arts Library Coordinator, was promoted to professor.
- **Sandy Staebell**, Registrar and Collections Curator for the Kentucky Museum, was promoted to associate professor.



BearManor Media recently published the biography *Una Merkel: The Actress With Sassy Wit and Southern Charm* researched and written by WKU Libraries Associate Professor Sean Kinder.



Dr. Julie Barber, Theatre & Dance Dept., is playing a psaltery as part of the program at the ERC during International Literacy Day.



WKU Libraries recently acquired student artwork displayed in Helm-Cravens. Senior Graphic Design major Emily Lindeau is standing by her piece "Another Me." Pictured to the right is "Throw Pillows" by Amanda Barth.



WKU Libraries celebrated Homecoming week with a Big Top-themed photo booth and reception before the big game. Dean Foster greets Bob and Gayla Warner at the reception.



Library professor Haiwang Yuan was recognized last fall at his alma mater Nankai University in Tianjin, China. In this photo, Yuan is speaking with professors and graduate students from the university at a ceremony honoring him.

Metrics for Fiscal Year 15

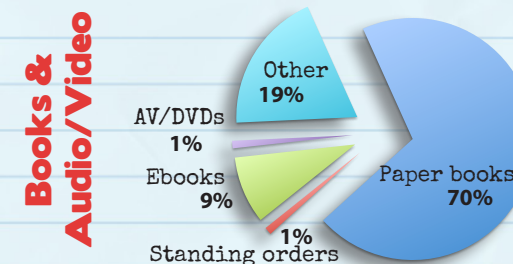
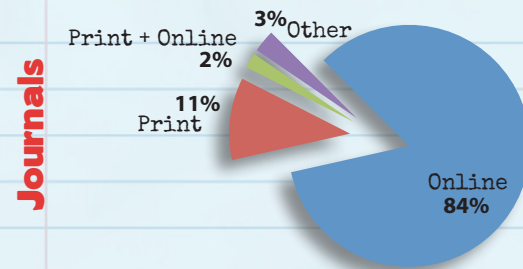
Research Instruction

WKU Libraries had 28 library faculty and staff who contributed toward:

- 9% increase in instructional sessions
- 47% increase in the number of people instructed
- 65% increase in actual instruction hours

- 538 sessions
- 8,351 students
- 903 hours of instruction

Collection Development



Did You Know?

- Library Special Collections recently acquired an important set of stereoscope cards produced by Charles L. Waldack in 1866. These were the first high quality photographs produced underground in any cave.
- 86% of journals purchased are digital.
- 930 books and materials were added to the Library's collection from in-kind donations.
- \$87,066 was the total contributions to WKU Libraries (in-kind and cash).
- According to EBSCOnet which holds 80% of library subscriptions, the average cost per individually subscribed title in 2015 was \$744.

2015 LibQual survey results

- 67.6% of respondents use resources on the Libraries' premises at least once a month with the largest group using the library weekly (31.18%).
- Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64.43%) report assessing library resources through the libraries' webpage at least once a month or more often, with 37.64% accessing them daily.

- On a 9-point scale, all user communities were extremely satisfied with the way in which they are treated. The overall mean is 7.68.
- On a 9-point scale, all user communities were extremely satisfied with the way in which the libraries support their learning, research, and/or teaching needs. The mean is 7.23 out of 9.

TopSCHOLAR® (Google Analytics FY15)

193 different countries downloaded from TopSCHOLAR® (Map notes breakdown of downloads.)

