It’s October and many people think of two things: the changing leaves and Halloween! In light of this, Special Collections is sharing some Halloween photos and sketches from their collections. Many will recognize the artwork of Arthur Rackham, who was one of the most famous children’s illustrators in the early 20th century. Rare Books holds an extensive collection of his work. The decorated pumpkins image to the right was taken by Lucile Fessenden Dandelet, a photo journalist visiting Louisville in the late 1940s who donated several of her pictures to Photo Archives. The Halloween party pictures are from two of Photo Archives’ popular studio collections: Caufield & Shook, Inc. and the Royal Photo Company. The others are from the Louisville Defender collection and from the R. G. Potter collection.
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The Administrative Coordination Committee (ACC) discussed various ongoing issues related to UofL’s Information Security Policy and the Exception Management Process. We have completed our Progress Report for 2004-2005 and it will be sent to all faculty members next week. We also hope to receive our first New Development/Progress Report next week. This publication will be sent to all donors. The latest updates for the new wing construction indicate that the building will be finished by November 1, and we hope the furnishings and other details will be completed by December 1.

September 12-13 we hosted two ARL representatives to evaluate our assessment activities. Their report will be available within the next several weeks. During the same week we hosted two representatives from the University of Perm in Russia. They were interested in obtaining information regarding our new wing construction because they are in the process of planning a new library on their campus.

The State Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky (SAALCK) group met on September 9 at the GCLC (Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium) office suites and the new SAALCK Collections Committee met at the same time and place. Suzy Palmer is the co-chair of that group. Again a number of collections issues were discussed. The group finalized the number of attendees for the ARL Leadership Training workshop October 24 in Northern Kentucky. We will send five library faculty members to that workshop: Angel Clemons, Carrie Daniels, Latisha Reynolds, Elizabeth Smigielski and Terri Holtze. Julia Gammon, University of Akron and Chair of the OhioLINK Collection Building Task Force, gave a presentation on “Cooperative Collection Development” using OhioLINK as an example. This was followed by a discussion of state-wide approval plans.

The FSCOL (Faculty Senate Committee on Libraries) under the leadership of Elaine Wise met September 14. Under the guidance of Bill Pierce, Faculty Senate Chair, the charge and membership of the FSCOL were updated. Several issues related to University of Louisville centers and institutes were discussed.

On September 23 I attended the very special celebration of the centennial of the Western Branch Library, the very first African American public library in the country. It was a very significant event.

— Hannelore Rader, Dean, University Libraries

“I would like to say thank you to OLT for upgrading Special Collections’ Photoshop software. We appreciate all their hard work on this!” — James Manasco

“I would like to thank everyone at Ekstrom Library and Kornhauser Library for all the prayers, flowers and cards during my illness. Because we are understaffed, I especially like to think my co-workers here at Kornhauser for filling in at the Circ Desk. Thank you, your kindness will not be forgotten.” — Joan Nailon
Ekstrom Library

Media and Current Periodicals

New Policy for SGA Videos
To give patrons a larger selection of videos, beginning November 1, 2005, the new charge limit is three titles for five days. This could result in a 40% increase in the number of titles that are here at any given time. Don’t forget that staff can check out most videos in the collection in addition to the SGA titles. Our selection of Criterion classics is particularly wonderful. All titles are listed in Minerva.

Staff Vacancy
Interviews have been scheduled for the MCP position vacated by Rebecca Rumbley. A special thanks goes to “super student” Eric Kennedy who has stepped up to work with the current periodicals database, student training and staffing the desk.

A special welcome to our new crop of student assistants: Dustin Bell, Rachel Clark, Eric Dennison, Kosha Farnoosh, Max Leidner, Sophea Loch, Amanda Powers and Michael Shearer.

Office of Libraries Technology

Equipment for the New Instruction Labs
Orders of PCs and laptops have been sent to the Unit Business Manager for two of the three new instruction labs in the new wing.

Single Sign-on
IT will implement single sign-on in October 2005. It is currently being tested. Single sign-on is activated through ULink or Novell. Since the libraries do not use Novell, the single sign-on will only apply to us in web browser sessions. That is, if you log into ULink and then go to the web version of GroupWise, view your paycheck or Blackboard you don’t need to login again. It does not apply to the Windows client version of GroupWise.

It is important to remember that when using single sign-on inside web browser sessions, you need to log off and close the browser when you are finished.

MetaLib Implementation
The MetaLib software has been upgraded to version 3.13. It is in the process of post-upgrade configurations. To see who is on the Team and for more information, please visit the Libraries’ Intranet at http://staff.library.louisville.edu/ertm/metalib/ or go directly to http://www.library.louisville.edu/olt/metalib/metalib.stm.

Active Directory Implementation
All PCs have been migrated to Active Directory with the exception of the Special Collections’ PCs.

Robotic Retrieval System (RRS)
HK Systems has completed the onsite installation of the rack structure for the RRS. The rack structure is what holds the bins that will hold books and other items. Over 7,000 bins will be delivered starting in mid-October and will take approximately two weeks to install. Around the same time the HK software/server will be installed.
locally and the configurations, started in Milwaukee, can be completed. After that, and once we have access granted from the construction company, we can start loading items into the bins. Look for October and November to be the beginning of a busy time for the RRS.

Office of the Dean

Congratulations!
Effective October 3, 2005, Joseph Dresselhaus accepted the position of Library Technician, Kornhauser Circulation. Joseph was previously employed as a student assistant in Stacks Maintenance; he reports to Felix Garza.

Effective October 17, 2005, David Sauter accepted the position of Library Assistant, Kornhauser Technical Services; David reports to Maura Ellison.

Resignations
Effective September 29, 2005, William “Mike” Smith will resign as Library Assistant, Circulation/III. Mike has accepted a teaching position with Daymar College.

Special Collections

Distinguished Guest Speaker Sally Forbes
When Roy Stryker directed the Standard Oil of New Jersey documentary photography project, Sally Forbes was the Picture Librarian. She was close friends with many of the photographers and she was particularly close to Esther Bubley. She spoke to the Photographers Forum (a group of photography enthusiasts who regularly visit the Photo Archives for their monthly meeting) in September. Mrs. Forbes gave an interesting and intimate view of Esther Bubley and her work. The “Esther Bubley: American Photographic Journalist” exhibit (loaned to Special Collections by Jean Bubley, executor of the Bubley estate) runs until October 28. This exhibit can be seen in the Rare Books’ and Photo Archives’ galleries through October.

Technical Services

New Library Assistant in TS
Christopher Poché accepted the position of Library Assistant in Serials Acquisitions and began work on August 1, 2005. Christopher’s first job was as a student assistant at the Xavier University Library in Cincinnati and he is happy to return to work at an academic library. He gained serials experience from working with Barnes & Noble Booksellers and ProQuest Information & Learning. He earned a B.A. degree in history at Xavier University and a M.A. degree in philosophy from the University of Louisville.

Portland Museum
Vicki Niehaus has begun working as a volunteer board member of the Portland Museum. She is working to raise awareness of and funding for the museum to help ensure the future operation of the organization. The Portland Museum is one of Louisville’s hidden treasures, a repository for local/regional history and an asset for native Louisvillians and new Louisvillians alike. If you are interested in learning more about this unique museum, please contact Vicki at vicki.niehaus@louisville.edu or 852-8719.
Stacks Maintenance
Stacks maintenance has been hard at work the last several months getting ready for the big move. Along with identifying and marking books going into the RRS, we are also still constantly shifting and moving books, in hopes of shoe-horning more volumes into the already crowded stacks.

Also recently, in partnership with Media and Current Periodicals and Ekstrom building maintenance, we have started putting together a team of students who will work on special projects in the library until we are ready for this big move. So if you have any anything that needs to be done and no time for or enough students to do it, get in touch with Martha Parry about scheduling these students to help out. We already have some requests, but more will be appreciated.

Kersey Library

KLA Conference
In September Carol Brinkman and Jan Kulkarni attended the KLA Conference at Louisville’s Galt House.

 Orientations
Carol Brinkman and Jan Kulkarni have been involved recently in several orientations for honor students and GTA’s from Mathematics and Physics, giving a tour of the Kersey Library and then meeting in the Computer Lab for databases demonstration. These orientations will extend through October.

Wedding Bells
Wedding bells will be ringing for our very own Adam Lawrence who will be getting married in October. His wife-to-be is Kimberly Rose. They will be honeymooning in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We wish them the best always!

Kersey Library would like also to extend a “Wedding Congratulations” to Calvin Miracle and Carolyn Gettler. The best to you both!

October Birthdays
Our own Pat Waters will be celebrating her birthday this month. Kersey Library extends birthday wishes to the rest of you celebrating your very special day in October.

Law Library
On Monday, October 3, the law school’s Diversity Committee presented a panel discussion of the race and class aspects of Hurricane Katrina. This was the first in a series of programs dedicated to Katrina’s aftermath. “The Rising Surge: Race, Class and the Politics of Response” featured speakers Senlin Ward from the Louisville Coalition for the Homeless, Krista Mills, Director of Kentucky’s Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office, and Dr. Scott Williamson, an ethicist from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Law Library members of the Diversity Committee include Nancy Baker, Robin Harris, and Miriam Schusler Williams. And our own Jerome Neukirch created the eye-catching flyer! The next program in the series will be Monday, November 7, at noon in the Cox Lounge, on the second floor of the law school. All Diversity Committee
programs are free and open to all.

Music Library

Library Newlyweds
From the first notes of “Ave Maria” to the last ham sandwich, the wedding was our heart’s desire. Carolyn Gettler and Calvin Miracle began their married life at a short ceremony at St. Athanasius Catholic Church on Friday, September 16. They truly appreciate the support of their colleagues on this happy occasion.

UARC
Ron and Kathie Johnson spent a wonderful 12 days in London, England, in September. Kathie presented a paper on the attitudes of American nurses in World War I at a conference entitled “The Gentler Sex? Responses of the Women’s Movement to the First World War 1914-1919” at the Institute of German and Romance Studies, University of London. They stayed at a small hotel in the Bloomsbury area and walked their feet off seeing the city. Highlights included the Tower of London, the British Museum, the Imperial War Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, a Dickens House, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a city tour and a ride on the Thames, Covent Gardens, the beautiful parks; seeing a musical, a play, and two concerts; along with traveling by tube and walking through the various London neighborhoods.

Carrie Daniels, Kathie Johnson, Bill Morison, and Chad Owen attended the Fall meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) at Indiana University in Bloomington, September 29-30. This was the first meeting since Kentucky was admitted to MAC membership and we felt very welcomed by the other members. MAC has two meetings a year and we all look forward to attending the Spring 2006 meeting in the other Bloomington (the one in Illinois).

Exhibits

Art Library
Belknap Gallery
New Artists, New Forms (invitational)
Covi Gallery
Julia Christensen - Video
Gallery X
Charles Matson Lume - Installation
All exhibits September 8 – October 23, 2005

When you’re visiting the Galleries in Schneider Hall, plan to stop by the Art Library to see more artwork. Drawings, prints, watercolors and sculpture are interspersed throughout the 80,000 volume collection. Highlights include a collage by nationally known artist Alma Lesch and several works by UofL faculty, past and present.

Ekstrom Library
Lobby
Treasures from the University of Louisville Archives & Records Center and Special Collections
Collection highlights from the University Archives, Photographic Archives, and Rare Books in celebration of Kentucky Archives Week.
Through October

Kentucky Quilts: Images of Quilts from the Collection of the Kentucky Historical Society
October 31-November 30

Special Collections:
Photographic Archives & Rare Books Galleries
Esther Bubley: American Photojournalist
An exhibition of vintage black & white photographs.
Exhibition courtesy of Jean Bubley and the Esther Bubley Estate
September 1 – October 28, 2005

Music Library
First Floor
George Tsontakis: Works of the 2005 Gravemeyer Award for Music Composition recipient
September 26 – October 31, 2005

Second Floor
New Books
Through October 2005