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The Owl

"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the dusk begins to fall." — Hegel

Flood Stories 2009



Jim Becker (Law School), Third St. & Eastern Pkwy

Stories compiled by Amy Purcell, Special Collections

My first thought as I was attempting to leave the campus: "I am so grateful that I didn't drive today!" I heard someone say, "Eastern Parkway is still open." That was good since I hoped I could take the bus home. So Dave Meyer (fellow bus rider) and I went to see. When we got to Eastern Parkway, it was obvious TARC's no. 29 would not be stopping in front of the Speed School. Soon enough, yellow tape was drawn across the street and the police were directing people to turn around. We spoke to a bus driver who was parked on the Eastern Parkway bridge and she said there was no news from TARC on this route. TV camera crews were also on the bridge, taking in the views of submerged cars in parking lots and along that section of Floyd Street.

A small group from Ekstrom was going to the SAC so I tagged along. People who had offices in the SAC were passing out copies of email updates on the flood. I sat in

the hallway facing the Floyd Street parking garage to watch a half-submerged stop sign to gauge how much the water was receding. Bob Roehm's car was stranded in the parking garage. He said if he could get out he would give Dave Meyer and me a ride. So while Bob was waiting for the water to recede, Dave and I walked to Crittenden and Eastern Parkway to see if the buses were running. Just as we arrived, Dave got the call. (What did we ever do without cell phones!?) Bob had figured out if he exited the parking garage, went out through the Natatorium's parking lot, crossed over to the Theatre Parking, snaked around there, took Hahn Street from South Floyd to Eastern Parkway ... he could pick us up. And he did. — **Amy Purcell**



And now, the rest of the stories ...

At about 9:00 a.m. on Flood Day Tuesday, a co-worker mentioned water in the hallway behind Technical Services in Ekstrom Library. I went to see what she was talking about and witnessed the first puddle accumulating from the stream of water entering our department. I raced back into Tech Services to look for help. I knew it was coming our way and quickly. Dave Meyer and Joyce Graves were right with me as we started to unplug computers, printers and personal appliances and raise electrical wires off of the floor. As I was on my knees, under desks making my way around one end of our department, the water was creeping up on us. Once the electrical stuff was secure, we had to



John Burton, Eastern Parkway

Jamie Saunders, railroad tracks behind Floyd Street garage



address the cases of bound journals that had just arrived from the Bindery. Then there were the books that were going to be repaired and the Shelf Prep office that was beginning to get water. We were able to stay ahead of the flood and didn't lose a single book in Tech Services. Thank heavens we were ahead of the water.

Once the flooding started to subside, more employees started to pitch in. Ben King, John Burton and Alice Abbott-Moore, alongside Gregg Brown (dock personnel) and Amanda Cole (student) began the task of getting the 2-3 inches of standing water out and away from Tech Services. The only logical way to reduce the damage was to manually push the flood water into the stairwell and down the steps to the sub-basement where the basement sump pumps were working. They worked as a team with brooms and got most of the water out. Damage to Tech Services was minimal – wet rugs and a little mud on the tile floors. – **Julie Schwerer**



That day for me was quite worrisome, like it was for so many others. First, just wondering how, and if, I could get off campus and get home. Luckily, I had parked on the 2nd level of the Floyd Street garage, so I knew my car was safe. But given that both

Floyd Street and the walkway (by Houchens) to the garage were submerged, I had no clue how I'd be able to get out— and I was afraid I might have to put my recent swimming lessons to a test!

On top of all that, I received word that an apartment building in my complex was on fire (due to a lightning strike), and I had to call and make sure it wasn't my building, and that my two cats were safe. It wasn't mine but, sadly, the building was destroyed and 16 families were displaced – and one poor little puppy lost his life. :- (– **Jamie Saunders**



That day I had not driven to work but rather carpooled with my mother who works downtown. I was glad to not have had my car here as I heard many horror stories from folks whose cars were damaged. When we were released from work, I called my mom and she was on her way to come get me. She called about 30 minutes later to say it was just about impossible to get near UofL, so I ended up walking

Jamie Saunders



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over to the backside of Noe Middle School to find her. After driving the wrong way on a one-way street and taking several detours, we were able to make it back to her office about 30 minutes or so later. We saw a lot of cars that had tried to drive through the water and got stuck. I also saw a person walking through the water near Brook Street. My friend works at the Get Healthy Now facility in Crawford Gym and they had a ton more water on that side of campus; she said the old pool was starting to fill up! I felt so lucky that we didn't get it worse here at the library and that I was able to get out safely, even if it did take a little longer than normal. – **Sarah Frankel**



John Burton, front of Ekstrom Library

I was leaving PNC Bank parking lot onto 3rd Street when I saw a big double cab Greyhound bus and following that was a big semi-truck with trailer and everything behind it making a good “U” turn around The Thinker. I tell you

they must have had very good driving skills or good survival skills or something. I-65 North looked backed up, people were getting out of their cars, wandering around talking from one car to the next and probably asking themselves if they were ever going to get home that day. I made my trip on I-65 South and the rain had already stopped by then. I made it safe to my home. Thank GOD! :-) – **Ania Rodriguez**

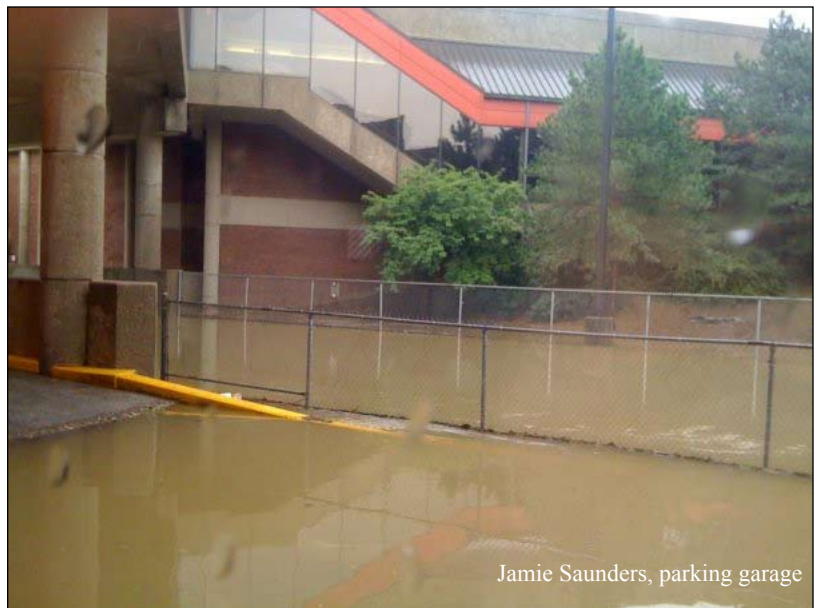


Jamie Saunders, center of campus

As I was standing on the 3rd floor of the Floyd Street garage an image I will never forget is the sight of an actual wave coming across the intersection of Floyd and Warnock. The water was so deep in the intersection that the wave washed up on the grassy area at the base of the garage. Beyond that, as we were stranded

in the SAC we talked about not wanting to spend the night there, but yet couldn't figure out if we should leave. – **Ben King**

When Colleen, Julie and I were trying to leave on Tuesday of the flood, we found it quite difficult to get off campus. You could not go north or south to leave as all the roads were either flooded or packed with cars. Since the three of us all are parking in the yellow lot beside Stansbury Park, we could see that Third Street was open to UofL's main entrance. So we decided that we would try to get out to Eastern Parkway through the Red lot by Grawmeyer Hall. To get there we had to drive down the sidewalk by Stansbury Park to the cross-walk. There was bumper-to-bumper traffic on Third, so I rolled down my window and pushed the walk button. The light turned red and we could get on to Third. From there we made it to the



Jamie Saunders, parking garage



Jamie Saunders, center of campus

circle and out on to Eastern Parkway and to our respective homes. It probably took a hour or better for us to get off campus but the trip home once we were off took very little time.

– **John Burton**



Tuesday, August 4th was wild and one of the longest days that I have experienced. I was one of only two staff people who showed up in Circ (two were already out on vacation) due to the crazy weather. When the University was closing, people were told to seek higher ground – the SAC and Ekstrom – as it wasn't safe to leave.

During that morning, John Burton, who had been outside on the front veranda facing Third Street, called my attention to our cars that were

parked in the lot near Fraternity Row. The lot was surrounded by water. I said out loud, "My car!" This situation was hard for me to grasp. Needless to say, I soon came to the realization that many of us were in the same boat and that so far we were actually lucky. The cars on Fraternity row were quickly becoming completely submerged.

After I shut down Circ, I thought what can I do? So, I put on my big ole steel-toed boots and I went downstairs to Tech Services and helped them save books, computers, etc. and then I helped John, Ben, Julie, Amanda, and Greg bail out water into the sub-basement where Physical Plant was pumping it out. The loading dock parking lot was submerged and water was coming into the sub-basement and also the IT/electrical closet behind Tech Services.



Sarah Frankel, fraternity row

Around noon time, Ekstrom lost power, so people were now being sent to the SAC. Diane made it to work a little while later, and she, Erea, Andy, Anna, Kyle, and I shut the place down. Due to the many ways off campus being flooded, I was about to accept staying the night until the water receded – or if I couldn't take that, start walking home. At least, I knew where there was food.



John Burton, front of Ekstrom Library

By 12:50 p.m. a few of us locked up the building and I was able to negotiate out of Old Louisville and get on the expressway home. Thanks to the calls of Calvin Miracle, who was checking on me, I was able to gather info to help me get off the campus.

Since I had to go through this adventure, I am grateful that I went through with it with Kyle, John, Andy, Joyce, Ben, Matt, Erea, Calvin, Diane, Danny, Anna, Julie, Michelle ... and I am sure that I am leaving someone out. We all helped

to get us through that most memorable day.

My husband now calls me “Indiana Alice” and my oldest brother says I’m real tough. He said next time to call him—he will come and get me by boat. — **Alice Abbott-Moore**



The Law Library was hit pretty hard by the flooding. The basement is still closed to the public because of damage and the recovery work. Except for a computer lab and some storage and study rooms, the floor is almost entirely dedicated to stacks and while that kept the wet level shallow, it led to a large area being flooded. Physical Plant and their hardworking and good-humored employees were quick to respond. Water was vacuumed and



Kurt Metzmeier, Law Library



Jim Becker, Third Street looking south

found a way to the train tracks and there were nearly two dozen people walking the train tracks with me in both directions. It really looked like a refugee scene then. My car was high and dry next to the train tracks, fortunately, but it was after 3:30 pm before the water around the area went down enough for me to get out on the street and find an expressway entry ramp. I waited out the second storm in my car hoping for the best. When I got home to my basement apartment, the storm had flooded the area on the OTHER side of the street, so I dodged two bullets that day. — **Mark Dickson**

blowers set up right away. Very soon the decision was made to cut out the wet carpet and the dry wall in all the affected areas, something that quickly dropped humidity levels and prevented mold. New water resistant wall board is being installed as this is written, and tile flooring is expected to be put down in the coming weeks. — **Kurt Metzmeier**



After the rain began falling, the drain outside the entrance to the School of Music backed up with a seven-foot fountain. I thought it was funny then. The noise in the School of Music foyer became so loud you couldn’t talk to the person next to you. Becoming not so funny.

I was the only Music Library employee in that morning, and I didn’t see the damage until I was released from work about 12:30 pm. When I got to Cardinal and Floyd I saw the flooding for the first time. I had a camera with me, but I was so sure my car was destroyed I couldn’t think about pictures. I walked around Old Louisville for nearly an hour looking for a way to my car parked next to the train tracks off East Bloom. I finally

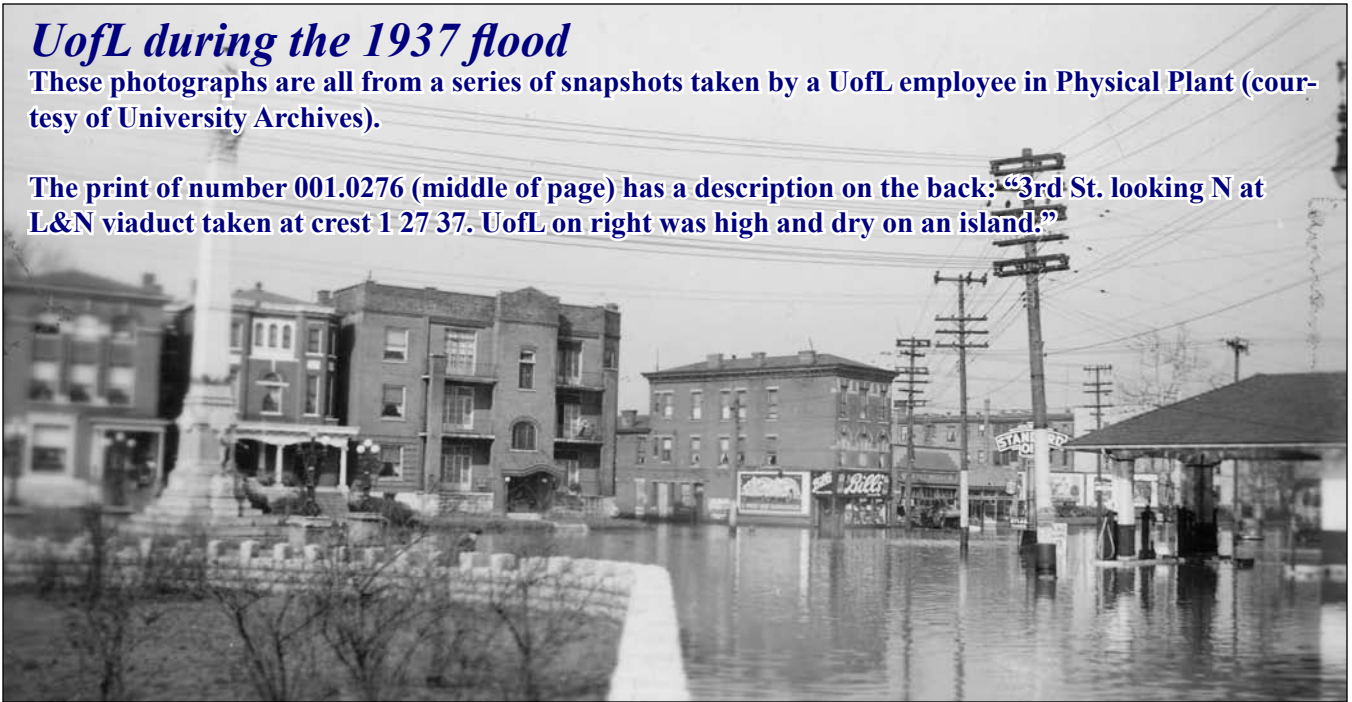


Sarah Frankel, Brook Street

UofL during the 1937 flood

These photographs are all from a series of snapshots taken by a UofL employee in Physical Plant (courtesy of University Archives).

The print of number 001.0276 (middle of page) has a description on the back: "3rd St. looking N at L&N viaduct taken at crest 1 27 37. UofL on right was high and dry on an island."



From the Dean of Libraries . . .

By Hannelore Rader, Dean, University of Louisville Libraries

I met with Associate Deans Melissa Laning and Diane Nichols July 14 to discuss personnel and facilities issues such as retirements, budget reductions, and a variety of space issues related to Ekstrom Library. The Library Faculty Personnel Committee has been holding its annual meetings in the past month to address numerous personnel issues.

During the week of July 27 the Libraries hosted another successful phonathon thanks to many devoted student workers.

On July 28, I attended the first meeting of the new Human Resources Great Places to Work Steering Committee. There are also five subcommittees: Health & Wellness, Family Friendly Policies, Campus Climate, Professional Development, and Compensation. There is a library representative on each of these committees.

On July 30, I along with all the other UofL Deans gave a 10-minute presentation at the retreat for the Board of Trustees and the Board of Overseers regarding "2020 Big Picture/Big Ideas" for the University of Louisville. I stressed the importance of the libraries as the place on campus to learn information literacy and critical thinking skills, to obtain information, to do research and to socialize. I also spoke about our various partnerships with the community.

During the rainstorm/flood on August 4 the libraries fortunately were not heavily damaged except for the Music Library. In an effort to help accommodate faculty and student who classrooms were damaged, many classes from the College of Education and Human Development are being taught in Ekstrom's classrooms.



We celebrated some of our many achievements during our annual staff event on August 21. Some photos are here. *(Photos by Andy Clark)*



Library and Department News

Ekstrom Library Collection Development



Bob Roehm spent several days in Montréal in early August (leaving the day *after* the flood), mostly for the 67th World Science Fiction Convention, but he got in some touristy stuff, too, while practicing his 35-year-old French. Left: Neil Gaiman signed books for hours. Right top: The Japanese area of the Botanical



Gardens were well worth the time. Right bottom: A view from inside the Palais du Congrès, where the convention was held.



Learning Commons

New Library Kiosks

When students enter the renovated lower level of the MITC (Miller Information Technology Center) they will see two kiosks. IT has offered the Libraries one of the kiosks in the renovated space. Dean Rader has agreed to accept use of the kiosk for a one-year trial. The kiosk will be used for outreach to the university community. Activities will include the promotion of library resources, services, events and exhibits. Other campus academic support units will be invited to use the kiosk to promote related services, resources and programs. Kiosk activities will be coordinated campus-wide with units such as Student Affairs, REACH, Honors, Advising, Disability Resource Center and the Writing Center. IT has purchased new signage for the kiosk containing the University Libraries logo. The kiosk is located in a high traffic area near McAlisters. REACH will staff the kiosk next week. Please let me know if you're interested in using the kiosk.

Benefits to the University Libraries

- ✓ Increase outreach to library patrons (students, faculty, staff)
- ✓ More visibility for the Libraries and collaboration with other units
- ✓ Increased awareness of campus support services
- ✓ Opportunity for the University Libraries and IT to collaborate as partners.

Kiosk Details

- ✓ Book return drop
- ✓ Locking cabinets
- ✓ Two counter height chairs
- ✓ Touch screen PC that will feature information on library services, FAQs and instant messaging for assistance

(funded needed)

- ✓ Large monitor for showcasing student videos from DMS or infomercials for campus academic support services/programs (equipment funding needed)
- ✓ Remote access to library services such as renewals, account status and more. (equipment funding needed)

Programs & Activities

- ✓ Promote resources, services and events; distribute materials and showcase learning opportunities with academic support units. The goal is to have at least one event each week during the semester.
- ✓ Learning Commons Coordinator (LCC) will promote the availability of the kiosk internally and to academic support units. LCC will also promote and schedule kiosk activities and events.
- ✓ Volunteers will staff the kiosks for scheduled events.
- ✓ Special mini-programs may be offered during Banned Books Week, Poetry Month, Women's History Month, Digital Days and i2a Day.

Office of the Dean

Personnel News

Julie Schwerer, Library Assistant with Technical Services, resigned her position effective 8/27/09. Julie is now Program Director at the Center for Lay Ministries in Jeffersonville.

Special Collections

KET Partnership

Special Collections and UARC are trying out a new partnership with KET's *Louisville Live*, encouraged by Mark Hebert, formerly of WHAS, UofL's new Director of Media Relations.

In October KET will do a segment introducing University Archives (for which they will have to shoot some new footage) and Special Collections (probably using what they've already done with us) and then over the course of the season do six brief "Etcetera" segments featuring our collections and promoting the collections and services.

We (University Archives and Special Collections) will provide previously scanned images as curatorial services, and we will not charge use fees.

KET Associate Producer Kelli Brodersen will be sending us a list of ideas she has gleaned from our web pages. We can determine whether her ideas best promote us, or add our own ideas for "Etcetera" segments. We also may propose subjects for full *Louisville Live* features.

Stacks Maintenance

Shelf Reading in the Ekstrom Stacks

In August 2008 we set a goal to read every section of the Ekstrom library: third and fourth floor stacks, the African American collection, the Multicultural Collection, the Browsing Collection and the Bingham Poetry Room. By August 1, 2009 we achieved our goal!

We read 5639 columns and it took 824 hours. We found 27,085 books out of place but within three shelves of where they should have been and 2,052 books out of place beyond three shelves of where they should have been. In addition, we discovered over 100 books or journals that needed holdings updates, e.g., found items lost, missing or checked out, etc. The best part of the project is that the user now has better access to 29,197 items!



Overall, we did an excellent job! Thanks to our students for their persistence, attention to detail and dedication to this project: Amber Winburn, Kim Crocker, Jordon Minor, Hannah Quiggins, Ling Bolin, Brian Ott, Liz *Tremain* Farrar, Katarina Gibbs, Rachel Lendzion, Shaunda Mitchell, Emilie Krouse, and Brad Atzinger.

Kornhauser Library

On Friday August 14th, Kornhauser folks enjoyed a care-free day of stress management hosted by Terry Mattingly and Barbara Kottke of the Human Development Company. We were presented with all sorts of stress-relief techniques ... with Neal especially enjoying the Office Yoga portion. Some of us felt so relaxed by the end of the day that we almost forgot to go home ... almost.

Madeline (Maddie) Claire Sherman was born February 4, 2009. Mom, Jill Sherman, says, "She's doing great and keeping us busy. Happy baby who is a lot of fun to be with! She is starting to jabber on a lot."

Elizabeth Smigielski would like to remind everyone of our strong presence in the Staff Senate, with Rachel Hodge serving as the Libraries representative and Mary K. Marlatt being the Chair of the Staff Senate Services and Facilities Committee. Also, Karen Nalley is an at-large senator representing the Kent School. It's an honor to the Libraries to have these folks representing us in these important roles.



Speaking of Elizabeth, a very important donor is among us: she recently reached the five-gallon milestone in blood donations. That is a total of 40 donations over the past 9 years. Elizabeth says, "If you haven't donated, give it a shot. It takes about 45 minutes, but only 15 is the actual donation part. The other 30 minutes is preparation. It doesn't hurt that much, you get free juice and cookies, lose weight immediately, and it does a world of good." Talk about taking your job as a medical librarian seriously!

The faculty and staff here at Kornhauser would like to welcome new student assistants ... Rebekah Bennethum, Candice Buck, LeTonya Daniels, Martin Jennings, and Chyna Sands.

And we wish to welcome back ... Chayla Boyd, Sachin Gaidhane, Brandon McKinney, Patrick Mono, Jason Nally, Elliott Paul, and Nipuni Sumanasekera.

Law Library

Diversity Forum to Address Transgender Issues

The law school's Diversity Committee will host "Keys to the Door: ENDA (The Employment Non-Discrimination Act), Transgender Identity, and Community" on Tuesday, September 29 at noon in Room 275 on the second floor of the Brandeis School of Law. This event is co-sponsored by the ACLU of Kentucky, the Fairness Campaign, and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, along with a number of law school and university groups. It is part of the UofL Pride Week schedule.

A light lunch from Expressions of You will be available at 11:30 a.m. Free and open to everyone.



Bill Morison, UofL Archivist, Honored at Retirement

On Thursday, August 28, 2009, the University Libraries hosted a reception to honor William J. Morison, PhD, upon his retirement from UofL. Bill spent his forty-year career at UofL as a member of the faculty of the History Department and then as the founding University Archivist and Open Records Officer. Individuals from throughout Bill's career and from around the country attended the reception, including his mentor, Bill

Bigglestone (formerly Oberlin Colleges Archivist, now of Arizona); Martha Bowman Alexander (former UofL University Librarian, now of Missouri); Bill Marshall (retired UK Archivist); the current State Archivist, Barbara Teague; as well as Richard Belding, Barbara's predecessor; Assistant Attorney General Amye Bensenhaver, and many local colleagues, friends and family members. The staff of the University Archives and Records Center, as well as the entire University of Louisville Libraries, wish Bill the best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service and of friendship!

(Photos by Courtney Hughes, Special Collections student assistant)



You Need To Eat



The past couple of months, I have noticed the amazing amount of people who do not eat regularly. Some of them never eat breakfast, some count coffee as a meal, and one friend even told me that one day she was so busy that she just “cruised” until dinner (meaning she didn’t eat all day)! Some people would assume this is a great way to lose weight, but not only is it dangerous to your health, but it can also produce the opposite effect (weight gain). Not eating is just as damaging to your metabolism as eating too much. It’s time to find a balance.

First things first – did you eat breakfast this morning? If you didn’t, chances are you aren’t feeling too hot. You are also probably less productive and focused, maybe even having a hard time keeping your eyes open at your desk. Breakfast is an essential part of not only finding a healthy weight, but of a healthy life. By feeding your body a good meal first thing in the morning, it

“wakes up” from slumber and starts running properly. Imagine trying to drive a car without gas. If you don’t have time to eat at home in the mornings, pack a healthy meal to eat at work. Don’t skip breakfast!

While eating something is better than nothing, it is best to start the day off with something nutritious and not Pop Tarts out of the vending machine (I speak from personal experience here) or the McDonald’s drive-thru. My go-to breakfast most days of the week is oatmeal with peanut butter and fruit. Other good options are cereal (look for whole grain and high fiber, not too much sugar) with milk and fruit, scrambled eggs with toast, or a breakfast smoothie (homemade, not from Smoothie King).

If you are like me, four hours after breakfast, your stomach is grumbling and it is not quite time for lunch. By eating a small snack, you can keep your hunger at bay and your blood sugar leveled so that you are not ravenous come lunch time. This is also good to do between lunch and going home for dinner. Some good snack ideas are cheese, nuts, celery (or fruit) with peanut butter, or a decent protein or granola bar (without lots of nasty added ingredients).

My friends and family get a kick out of watching me because of how much I eat. I guess they assume I lost all those pounds by not eating much or just eating lots of salads. Yeah, right! Rarely do I go more than 3-4 hours without eating something and I have to make sure that what I am eating is not only satisfying to my body but to my tastes as well. I will not rely on a candy bar the same as I will not rely on a rice cake. I eat real whole foods, meaning lots of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and lean protein. But if you invite me to your birthday party, I will eat a piece of cake.

A lot of us get caught up in that “diet” mentality which makes us think that we cannot enjoy the foods we like anymore, or that we must eat certain things (and not others) in order to lose weight. I don’t believe in that, but don’t go running for the deep-fried Twinkies either – the key to being healthy is finding the balance. Eat real foods that you love (not processed junk), with your portions under control, and have the occasional treat, just not a treat habit.

More importantly, find what works best for you. But this has to involve eating. You may be a just three meals a day person and that is fine; just make sure you are eating filling, nutritious meals and not “cruising” through the day on fumes. If you are trying to lose weight, eating at regular times throughout the day is a good way to avoid “crashes” which lead to overeating at night. Also by eating nutritiously and not relying on junk foods, you will eliminate some cravings for those not-so-healthy things.

THANK YOU HAPPENINGS

• To all the library staff and faculty: Thank you so much for your hard work and great performance during the flooding in Louisville August 4. Your help and support during the difficult times following this flood is indeed noteworthy. With much appreciation. – **Hannelore Rader**



• Thanks to the people in Ekstrom LL35 who fought the flood (mopping, moving book trucks, unplugging equipment, etc.):

John Burton

Julie Schwerer

Joyce Graves

Dave Meyer

Ben King

Carol Webb

• Thanks to the people who stayed to clear and keep the library secure when the power failed during the flooding:

Alice Abbott-Moore

Andy Clark

Ania Rodriquez

Erea Marshall

Justy Engle

Thanks to **Karen Little** for her diligence in making numerous trips each day to check on the Music Library during the time the Music School Building was closed due to flooding. – **Diane Nichols**



• I'd like to thank **Andy Clark** and his students for moving the map cases out of and back into the rare book room when the windows were replaced recently.

I'd like to thank **Sheila Birkla** for replacing an art library computer so quickly after one of ours was disabled. – **Gail Gilbert**



• I want to thank all the student workers once again for the great job they have done this summer!! – **Sheila Birkla**



• Thanks to everyone in OLT for their hard work this summer relating to Digital Initiatives. In particular, **Liren Liu** has been working meticulously on the CONTENTdm upgrade; **Calvin Miracle** has installed a new server for the MetaArchive digital preservation network; **Sheila Birkla** and **Mioshi Cobble** have been helpful troubleshooting software and hardware issues while they were busily upgrading old Gateway computers; and **Eric Lair** has helped troubleshoot CONTENTdm server issues. – **Rachel Howard**



• I would like to thank Karen Nalley for always helping me out in a pinch. I would also like to thank Erea Marshall for making sure student hire info got over to payroll quickly and safely. – **Melissa Laning**



• On behalf of the law library, I'd like to thank **Kurt Metzmeier** and **Scott Campbell** for the work they did to stem the flood waters in the law library's basement and computer lab, thereby averting further disaster. – **Virginia Smith**



• Thank You to **Rob Detmering** and **Tess Payton** for speaking at the Women's & Gender Studies orientation to promote the library and being there for support. – **Toccara Porter**



• Thanks to **Alice Abbott-Moore** for teaching us the various aspects of the RRS operation. – **Liren Liu and Calvin Miracle**



• A big thank you to the following people for making the library experience of the 225 Honors first-year students a memorable one. Greeters who took the groups to their locations in the library were **Joyce Graves, Diane Nichols,**

Kelly Buckman, Claudene Sproles, Barb Whitener, Josh Whitacre, Tess Payton, and Rachael Elrod. Teachers for the instructional lab piece were **Margo Smith, Toccara Porter, Sarah Jent, Fannie Cox, Rob Detmering, and Latisha Reynolds.** Thank you to **Alice Abbott-Moore** for a demo of the RRS for the business Honors section, and a huge thank you to **Carrie Daniels, Chad Owen, Emily Symonds, Rachel Howard, Tom Owen, Jennifer Oberhausen, Delinda Buie, Bill Carner, Allen Ashman, Sue Finley, and Amy Purcell** for their introduction to the University Archives and Special Collections. – *Anna Marie Johnson*

• Many belated thanks to everyone at Kornhauser who covered my workload during my maternity leave this last October-February, especially **Michel Atlas, John Chenault,** and those who took my reference shifts. I apologize for the tardy posting of this note; chalk it up to lack of sleep! – *Elizabeth M Smigielski*

• I'd like to thank the entire loading dock crew, especially **Andy, Kyle, and Charles,** for helping put up shelving in the Floyd Street warehouse this summer. It took a lot of hours in usually wretched conditions, and to have accomplished so much in so little time was more than I'd hoped for. Thanks to all of you! – *Chad Owen*

• I would like to thank **Diane Nichols, Andy Clark, Erea Marshall, Anna Rodriguez, and Kyle Amyx** for all their efforts and help in clearing out and securing Ekstrom the day of the wild August 4th flood. – *Alice Abbott-Moore*

• I'd like to thank **Bob Roehm** for his ingenious escape from the Floyd Street parking garage and the ride home after the flood! – *Amy Purcell*

• Thank you **Gwen Chenault** for working late (til 11:00 pm) this past Friday night to get all of the student assistants' applications processed. This is a huge help to all of us in the library that depend on student assistants for help. Also, thanks to **Jessie Roth** for coordinating a terrific library employee dinner this past Friday (August 21). – *Andy Clark*

Thank You

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Andy Clark

Angel Clemons

Carrie Daniels

Rachael Elrod

Sarah Frankel

Rae Helton

Rachel Howard

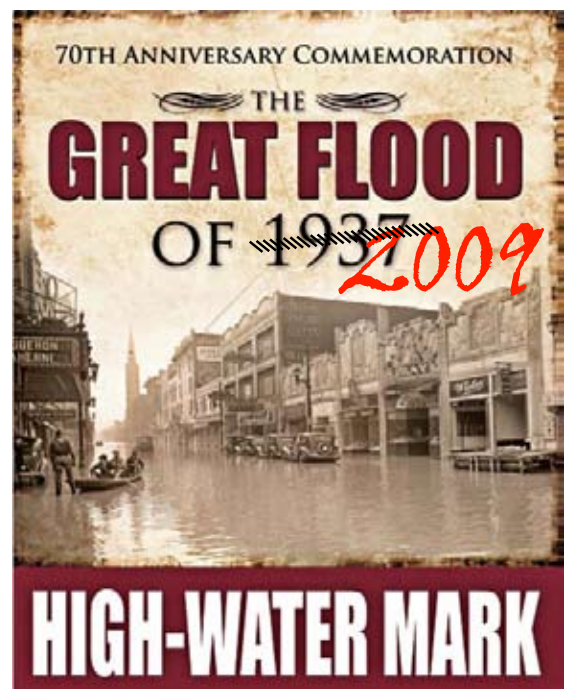
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Digital Collections Update

By Rachel Howard, Digital Initiatives Librarian

Fall semester is a time for change within the Libraries and across campus, ushering in new equipment, new services, and new students. Digital Collections will likewise undergo some renovations and additions in terms of software, services, and staffing.

The CONTENTdm database that generates the search and display of the digital collections is in the process of being upgraded to a new version. Changes visible on the front end include faceted searching and relevance ranking of search results, both of which will be useful to researchers as the number of materials offered through the site continues to grow. As soon as the software upgrade is complete, we will add several new collections that have been waiting in the wings.

Work has also begun on a new digital collection relating to the August 4, 2009 flood featured so prominently in this issue of *The Owl*. From stereographic images of the 1890 tornado to snapshot scenes of the 1937 flood (see page 6), the Libraries' University Archives and Records Center (UARC) and Photographic Archives have strong visual documentation pertaining to momentous events in Louisville history which not only affected the physical environment, but also resulted in policy change and brought the community together. Such events are vividly remembered by those who experienced them, and remain of enduring interest to researchers. Now it is easier than ever for witnesses to document history-in-the-making with digital cameras, but it is less likely that the documentation will be preserved and made accessible for posterity due to the potential for format, software, or hardware obsolescence. The University of Louisville Libraries has moved quickly to collect and preserve images and recollections relating to this disaster that has impacted the UofL campus so dramatically. Donated digital images and video will be featured in an August 2009 Flood digital collection, and will be preserved through the geographically distributed preservation network operated by the MetaArchive Cooperative, of which UofL is a Sustaining Member.

The federal grant that established the MetaArchive Cooperative will come to an end in March 2010. It has enabled the purchase of servers to back up our partners' digital data, and has funded a "data wrangler" position to help organize digital materials for preservation. Past data wranglers have included Sue Finley, now Program Assistant Senior in Special Collections and Beth Fox-Corbett, who is now pursuing a Masters in Library Science with a specialization in archives at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In September, we welcome our final data wrangler, Heather Fox, a former intern in the University Archives and Records Center and recent graduate of the University of Kentucky's library science program.

Emily Symonds and I have been participating in another grant-funded project, the Kentucky Learning Depot (<http://kylearningdepot.org/>), a repository of digital content aligned with standards and competencies for educators and learners in Kentucky. In exchange for our work tagging the Depot's digital content, we have received a stipend from the grant which will be used to hire a student to do high-volume scanning. This will enable us to add more multi-page documents to the Digital Collections in the near future.



Photographic Archives, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville



University Archives and Records Center, University of Louisville

Library Exhibits

Ekstrom Library

Lower Level Lobby

Special Collections

Photographic Archives Gallery

The Center for Photographic Studies Louisville, 1970 – 1978

Portfolios and related photographs from the collections

June 11 – September 18, 2009

Rare Books Kain Gallery

The Raymond F. and Hilda Bossmeyer Collection

A rotating selection from over 800 rare books, presented to the University between 2004 and 2008, representing a few of the Bossmeyers' collecting interests: 18th century British books, Orientalia, classics of history and literature, and book arts.

August 20 – December 10, 2009



Untitled, 1972 © C. J. Pressma



"Watermelons sold from a wagon on the street on Saturdays and Court Day, Jackson, Kentucky, September 1940." Photo by Marion Post Wolcott, Photographic Archives' FSA photographs

New Wing First Floor Display Cases

Kentucky Emerges from the Great Depression: Farm Security Administration Photographs

Okolona, King, and Blake Elementary Schools Elementary school students curated this exhibition during a visit to campus June 10, 2009. Examining dozens of images from the Farm Security Administration photographs in the Roy E. Stryker Collection, the students selected these images, grouped here along themes of images of the Ohio River, the difficulties of transportation in the first half of the last century, death customs in Appalachia, and small town commerce.

Kornhauser Library

Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians

This multimedia exhibit honors achievements of American women physicians, past and present. The exhibit, developed by the National Library of Medicine, features several Kentucky physicians, including UofL School of Medicine alumnae, Leah Dickstein and Judith Pachciarz. Associated programs include a historical presentation, a discussion featuring Leah Dickstein and a play. Exhibit and events are free and open to the public. <http://louisville.edu/library/kornhauser/cfm/cfm.html>

August 10 – September 17, 2009

"Medicine as a Career for Women: Challenges and Opportunities"

September 8, 2009, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

University Hospital Auditorium (Basement)

Three women physicians will describe their experiences in pursuing a medical career and the challenges and opportunities unique to her specialty. Moderated by Toni Ganzel, Associate Dean, UofL School of Medicine.

Panel: Leah J. Dickstrin, M.D. – Psychiatrist, UofL Professor Emerita

Jessica Dowe-Harrison, M.D. – Family Practice, Xavier Healthcare, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Anees B. Chagpar, M.D. – Oncologist, Director of the Breast Cancer Program, James Graham Brown Cancer Center

"A Lady Alone" – Elizabeth Blackwell: First American Woman Physician

September 11, 2009, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Medical School, Room 302