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The Owl

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

KBitS

Takes Over Ekstrom Library for a 6th Year

By Josh Whitacre

Student Engagement Coordinator, Ekstrom Library

On the evening of Thursday, August 16, over 1100 students packed Ekstrom Library for what has become a Welcome Week tradition: Kick Back in the Stacks or "KBitS" is their first exposure to the University Libraries and serves as a unique opportunity for us to connect with students before they even attend their first class on campus. The event is so prominent that students begin lining the sidewalks outside Ekstrom a full hour before doors open, and the scene as KBitS begins is more akin to a rock concert than a research library! (right)

Upon entering the library, students are greeted with a festive atmosphere of entertainment and activities designed in such a way that there is truly "something for everyone." Examples from this year's KBitS featured our partners offering dance



Photo by Josh Whitacre



performances, trivia competitions, a "wallflower" room with more laidback activities, and, of course, free food. On the library side of things, students were offered the opportunity to have buttons made (which is ALWAYS a popular attraction), get some library information (and swag!), and to discover the many treasures available to them in Archives & Special Collections.

KBitS in Archives and Special Collections.

Photo by Tom Fougrousse, 2018

This year, as part of a broader reorganization of Welcome Week, Kick Back in the Stacks was identified as one of a handful of “Signature Events” which all first-time freshmen were expected to attend. Of the 40+ official events held during UofL’s Welcome Week, only six received this status. Given this central role in the week’s activities, and the opportunity that such a showcase presents, it may be surprising to learn that the Libraries involvement in Welcome Week is a relatively new endeavor.

Prior to 2013, many of our librarians participated in Book-in-Common discussions which were held during Welcome Week; however, that was largely the extent of our participation. This initial partnership with First Year Initiatives, the office which formerly coordinated Welcome Week, would prove to be invaluable though, when outside circumstances presented a unique opportunity. With the Speed Art Museum closing that year for renovations, First Year Initiatives found themselves searching for a new venue for an event traditionally held there called “Night at the Museum.” Given Ekstrom Library’s size, location, and the strength of our previous relationship with the First Year staff, Ekstrom was perfectly positioned to fill this role and what followed was, at the time, only an interim event known as “Night at the Museum: Kick Back in the Stacks.”

Despite its beginnings as a mere placeholder event, Kick Back in the Stacks quickly grew in scope and began garnering a reputation as a highlight of Welcome Week in its own right. Over the years students have been treated to anything from caricaturists to fire dancers, with no two iterations of KBitS being the same. Now, with Kick Back in the Stacks’ new status as a “Signature Event,” the Libraries can continue to utilize this opportunity as a central showcase for next year and many Welcome Weeks to come.



Beginning of the night at 2017 KBITS, the party was just getting started! Photo by Ashley Triplett



The Dazzling Cardettes dance team performing at 2018 KBITS.
Photo by Ashley Triplett



Two incoming freshman students enjoying KBITS performances, 2017. Photo by Ashley Triplett



Students picking out props for the photo booth at the 2016 KBITS event! Photo by Ashley Triplett (left)



Students sit on the west steps, outside Ekstrom Library. Photo by First Year Initiatives

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Library and Department News

WELCOME, NEELI!

The Libraries welcome President Neeli Bendapudi to UofL. We look forward to a terrific future for our university, “a great place to learn, a great place to work and a great place in which to invest.”



GO CARDS!

Archives & Special Collections

Society of American Archivists

This past August several of the Archives and Special Collections library faculty attended the annual Society of American Archivists meeting in Washington D.C. Elizabeth Reilly participated in committee work for the Visual Materials Section, Rebecca Pattillo participated in committee work for the Metadata and Digital Objects Section, and Carrie Daniels participated on *The American Archivist* Editorial Board. Kyna Herzinger presented on *Toward a Theory of Trustworthy Digital Preservation: Considering File Integrity at the Institutional Level*, and Heather Fox presented on the panel *On Record: Documenting – and Sharing – Regional Music in Akron, OH, Louisville, KY, and Washington D.C.* A link to audio of the panel can be found here: <http://dcpl.fullserviceaudio.org/9fbf9378>. Not only did Heather present, but she also performed in the only all-archivist band, Glass Plate Zero, at the Black Cat bar and music venue. Check out a video of their original song, Archival Blues: <https://tinyurl.com/glassplatezero>. ARCHIVES ROCK!



Louisville Streets

At Archives and Special Collections, we have strategies and resources to help our researchers find Louisville streets and buildings – even if those buildings are long gone. Tom Owen’s encyclopedic knowledge of Louisville and its neighborhoods can always be relied upon. WHAS’s Doug Proffitt recently talked to Tom about Louisville streets near the Ohio River that have changed - or even disappeared - over time. Click here if you’d like to view this segment: <https://www.whas11.com/video/news/uncovering-hidden-streets/417-8220268>



Tom is also our go-to-guy when it’s time to search online Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. These maps give detailed information about Louisville buildings, including what building materials were used, size and layout of the lot and rooms, how many floors the building had, and whether there were any out-buildings on the lot. Many other historical maps may be found in our collection of [Kentucky Maps](#) on our Digital Collections website. In other [Digital Collections](#), street scene photographs are searchable by neighborhood and/or street names.

So often, our researchers arrive hoping to find images of buildings and houses to which they are currently or historically attached. Our holdings of *Louisville City Directories*, stretching back into the mid-1800s up through the early 2000s, provide address locations and are searchable by names or street addresses. Once researchers know the precise address, they can start with our Subject Files: street scene images grouped by street and/or neighborhood.

Our in-house Streets Database, searchable by street address, helps us find negative numbers for images of these buildings in our collections. Student papers about Louisville, Reference files about local people, places and institutions, and general reference books about the region all supply clues in the search.

It’s a great day in ASC when we can unite a researcher with an image. We all enjoy the excitement of our researchers when we do so.

Ekstrom Library

Dean’s Office

Personnel News

Lidiya Grote has accepted the position of Social Science Teaching & Faculty Outreach Librarian. She begins on October 8, 2018. Lidiya is currently the Assistant Librarian at IUPUI-Columbus and was previously Reference and Instruction Librarian at Lansing Community College. In both positions, she has gained broad experience in research assistance, teaching and outreach. Lidiya received her MLS from the University of Michigan in 2011; her undergraduate degree is in International Studies and Political Science.

August Anniversaries

James Adler	✿	19 years
Tiffney Gipson	✿	11 years
Robin Harris	✿	34 years
Terri Holtze	✿	22 years
Rachel Howard	✿	12 years
Andy Huff	✿	8 years
Melissa Laning	✿	34 years
Janissa Moore	✿	22 years
James Procell	✿	10 years
Marcy Werner	✿	7 years

Research Assistance and Instruction

Fannie at ALA

Fannie Cox attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans from June 21-26, 2018. She enjoyed the Opening Session speakers, Michelle Obama and Dr. Carla Hayden, who were on stage together. Hayden is the first female Librarian of Congress who is actually a librarian, and the first African American to hold the position. Fannie was glad to have the opportunity to: participate in an ALA-wide focus group to determine the future of ALA Midwinter; participate in the financial discussions and decision making as a member of the ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Budget and Finance Committee; and receive service awards from the BCALA (Black Caucus of the American Library Association) for service to the organization.



Sarah at Science Bootcamp

Sarah Drerup attended Great Lakes Science Bootcamp at Purdue University in July. She was able to meet other science librarians from the region, tour lab facilities (including Wolf Park!), and attend presentations from faculty doing research in the sciences.

Rob Teaching Honors 101

Rob Detmering is experiencing the other side of the syllabus so to speak this semester, as he is teaching Honors 101 as an adjunct. His experience has already helped us understand the constraints that the faculty teaching this hybrid subject/advising class experience, and given us some ideas about how to modify the library portion of the class. In addition, he is finding the campus networking to be invaluable.



Latisha in Peru!

Latisha Reynolds traveled to Peru with her son's high school Spanish class in June. "What I enjoyed most about the trip was visiting Machu Picchu (of course!), and sharing the experience with my son and his classmates."

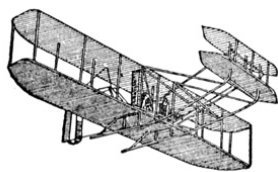
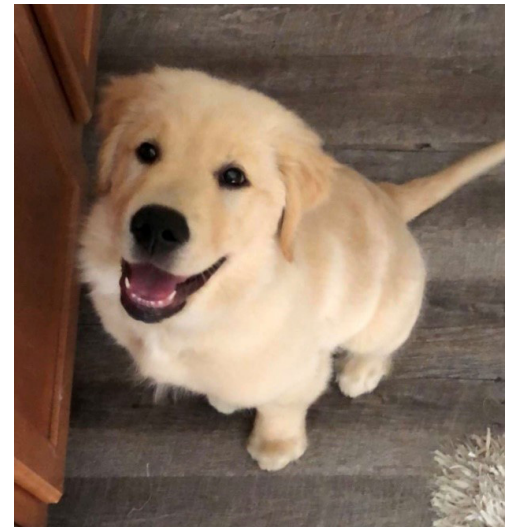


Proud Pet Parents

Amber Willenborg and her husband are the proud pet parents to Louie. He's a golden retriever, 3.5 months old, and already 35 pounds! He's very sweet and loves playing with his cat brother.

Outer Banks Excursions

Anna Marie Johnson traveled with her family to the Outer Banks (I couldn't ever figure out what OBX stood for!) North Carolina in July to celebrate her parents' 50th wedding anniversary at a house on the beach. One of the highlights was a short trip to Kitty Hawk and the Wright Brothers Memorial.



View of Hatteras Lighthouse, looking east. Photo by Eugene Badger, 1945. Photographic Archives, Standard Oil (New Jersey) Collection.

KORNHAUSER LIBRARY

Welcome, Ansley!

Ansley Stuart has accepted a Clinical Librarian position in the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library effective October 1, 2018. This position is split between Kornhauser and the Hospital Library. Ansley is currently the Allied Health Sciences Information Librarian at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia. She received her MLS from SUNY-Albany.

LAW LIBRARY

Researching Legislative History

Kurt Metzmeier used the recent federal tax law and Kentucky pension act to illustrate how to research legislative history in difficult times for two recent articles in the Louisville Bar Association's Bar Briefs. Read the articles at https://works.bepress.com/kurt_metzmeier/.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Betsy Osoffsky



UofL position and department: Technical Services Manager, Kornhauser Health Sciences Library
Year you started in the UofL Libraries: My official start date was October 1990 in the KULS department, but I worked the previous year in the Music and Kornhauser Libraries as part of a grant for a serials inventory project.

Hometown: Originally Cincinnati, then Columbus, Ohio, during and after college

Schools Attended: Capital University, music education degree

Significant Other/Family Members: My husband Michael is a cataloger in Technical Services at Ekstrom. (Yes, that's where we met!)

Pets: We currently have two sweet tabby cats, 8-year-old Rory and 4-year-old Lola.

Hobbies/Activities: I'm a freelance violinist and long-time member of both the Owensboro Symphony and Trio Louisville. My favorite hobby is ballroom dancing, which I've been doing for over 13 years (but not competitively), and more recently, salsa dancing.

Favorite Vacation Spot: We don't take nearly enough vacations, but I love the Smoky Mountains and visiting historic sites.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jessica Jopek



UofL position and department: Administrative Assistant, Dean's Office

Hometown: Sarver, Pennsylvania (Northeast of Pittsburgh)

Schools Attended: BM from Grove City College

Significant Other/Family Members, Pets: At the end of the day, I get to go home to my wonderful husband Brad, and our two cats, Hope and Felix.

Hobbies/Activities: Horseback riding, photography, cooking, and music (I play violin and French horn). I currently play horn in the River Cities Concert Band and Chamber Winds Louisville/Louisville Concert Band.

Favorite Books: Not just the books, but all things Harry Potter (I'm a Ravenclaw)

Favorite Music: August Kiel's Horn Concerto in F, Widor's Organ Toccata, Beethoven's Razumovsky String Quartets, Gilbert Vinter's Hunter's Moon

THANK YOU

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... for contributing to this issue of The Owl!

Library Exhibits

Archives & Special Collections



*Louisville Underground Music in
Photographs, 1980 - Present*
Photographic Archives Gallery

Highlights from the LUMA Collection
including posters, artifacts, letters, zines, etc.
Kain Rare Books Gallery

July 13 - December 20, 2018

Walter and Jessie Stokes Family Papers



Exhibit Cases
1st Floor West
Ekstrom Library

Through October 2018

About the collection: [http://owl.library.
louisville.edu/2018/Owl2-418.pdf](http://owl.library.louisville.edu/2018/Owl2-418.pdf)

Baseball and Brandeis



Law Library

Exhibit Case
1st floor Reading Room
Through October 2018

With the World Series just around the corner, baseball is front and center for many. Thanks to Scott Campbell's research we know [Justice Brandeis was a baseball fan](#), so we're highlighting some of our baseball-related titles in the library display case.