

Learning How to Navigate the Library by Cecilia Durbin, AUS, Ekstrom Library

In addition to my job as Student Assistant Supervisor in Access and User Services, Ekstrom, I also teach English 101 and English 102. At the beginning of the semester, my students (who are mostly freshmen) reported that their orientation didn't include much information on Ekstrom Library aside from the fact that there is a Starbucks. I thought that was a shame for the students as well as for the University Libraries, so I assigned a scavenger hunt. It was an opportunity for students to have fun on Halloween and engage with the campus, while also learning about how the library, its resources, and its spaces can help them succeed in more ways than one.

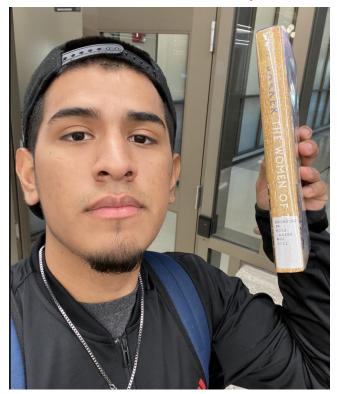
The students were given a list of items, spaces, and people to find in the library and then were to take photos of their findings. The primary purpose was for them to discover the library's offerings at their own pace and in a way that made them comfortable, so some participated individually, and some collaborated with classmates. Some asked Ekstrom's awesome student assistants for help and others preferred to wander. By the time photos were due on Blackboard a few days later, the

students had learned some library fundamentals that they previously hadn't known, such as:

- how and where to print
- how to navigate call numbers
- where to locate different genres
- where and what are RAI and the Writing Center
- which floors are quiet, and which are not

Here are quotes from some of the students about the activity:

Favio Sanchez (right): "The library scavenger hunt informed me how many resources the library offers. I enjoyed learning how to look for books using the computer and using call numbers. What most intrigued me was the different roles of each level, like levels 3 and 4 for quiet studying. While levels 1 and 2 were more resources to use like printers, the Writing Center, and the One Button studio. Getting me comfortable and familiar with the library will make me less wary of actually using it."



Niki Hernandez (right): "The scavenger hunt activity helped me as a student by helping me identify where exactly everything was in our very large library. Coming in as a freshman a big library can be intimidating especially the Ekstrom Library since it has a plethora of resources, but this activity helped me locate exactly where everything was to help me in the future as needed."

Zachary Ewald (below): "The scavenger hunt helped me because I had never spent that much time in the library to know where everything is. So it helped me learn where the important places were and how to look for books. I also decided to take the assignment and have some fun with it."







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Library and Department News

Archives and Special Collections

ASC's splendid student assistant Emma Donaghy hosted a meeting of the history honors society Phi Alpha Theta on October 14, 2022. Emma worked with ASC staff to select materials from the Williams Nichols Collection of LGBTQ resources, then arranged and presented them to PAT members and friends. After graduation Emma will pursue an MA in Public History.



Students viewed a varitety of material on display in the ASC Mazzoli Room. Photo by Emma Donaghy

ASC Louisville Historian on the news

Tom Owen shared a bit of Louisville Gardens history on WDRB-TV in a segment on potential plans for the boarded up venue.

(Right) Louisville Gardens in 1921, CS 037572. Designed by Brinton B. Davis, the Beaux Arts-style building was originally used as the home of the Louisville Legion militia battalion. In the late 1940s the legion moved its home to the state fairgrounds. The Armory was used for special events and concerts. In 1973, the administrators changed the name to Louisville Gardens, and in 1980 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.



Delphi Center

The 2023 Celebration of Teaching and Learning Conference

The annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on Friday, February 10, at the ShelbyHurst Campus. Join your colleagues from across the university as we celebrate teaching and gather new inspiration for supporting student success with a keynote workshop as well as numerous peer-reviewed concurrent sessions. This year's conference is centered around the theme CULtivate Inclusion, Belongingness and Student Success. Learn more and register to attend at http://louisville.edu/delphi/programs/celebration.



Faculty Favorites

Each year, the Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning asks UofL students to nominate faculty, staff, and graduate assistants who make a difference in the classroom and to their college experience. Those nominated will be recognized during the Celebration of Teaching and Learning Conference and posted on the Faculty Favorite Award website. The fall 2022 nomination period is now open and closes on January 3rd. Nominate your favorite instructor or share this information with your students at UofL uofl.me/facultyfavorite.





Angela Walker

UofL position and department: Business Center Sr – Human Resources in University Libraries **Significant Other/Family Members**: Spouse – Jim (married 13 years/blended family) 3 sons and 1 daughter: Dylan – age 23, Travis – age 23, Olivia – age 21, Connor – 20. No twins! Our four children are best friends, which makes my heart full (3)

Hobbies/Activities: Baking/cooking, gardening indoors and outdoors, working with my brother on his food truck (The BBQ Paradise - Scottsburg, Indiana). **Pets**: 1 cat named MouMou

Previous position: Transferred from UofL's central HR depart-

ment.

Favorite Food/recipe/recommended restaurant: I love ice cream and tacos! Two of my favorite restaurants are Cast Iron Steakhouse and Town, both in Jeffersonville, Indiana

Favorite Vacation Spot: white sandy beaches and clear water (Gulf or Bahamas)

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself: I am delighted to be in this HR role for University Libraries. Feel free to stop by my office, call or chat with me via Teams for timekeeping or HR matters.

Justin Davis

UofL position and department: Library Specialist--Access Services Bridwell Art Library
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Schools Attended: North Carolina A&T State University
Unusual previous positions: Before working in libraries, I worked as an NBA water boy.
Hobbies/Activities: Historical and pop culture trivia,
watching sports, Jogging, and gaming.
Favorite Vacation Spot: Walt Disney World
Favorite Quote: "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take." – Wayne Gretzky





Kevin Bailey

UofL position and department: Archives Assistant for Archives and Special Collections.

Hometown: Russell, Kentucky

Schools Attended: UofL for BA (2014) and MA (2018).

Hobbies/Activities: Record collecting, concertgoing, movie watching, book reading, baseball viewing. Consuming media, I suppose! I also enjoy writing.

Pets: Lentil, a 3yo Australian Cattle Dog. **Favorite Books**: Oh, I don't know, too many to list and it's always changing. The last great book of poetry I read was *The Cheer* by William Meredith.

Favorite Movies: Also in constant flux. I saw Apichatpong Weerasethakul's film *Memoria* at the Speed Cinema earlier this year and it bowled me over.

Favorite restaurants: Kathamandu Kitchen, Tandoori Fusion, Queen of Sheba.

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself: While I'm new to working in UofL libraries, I've been a part-time lecturer in English and Composition at UofL for the past five years.





GRAPHIC PIONEER

The Early Poster Designs of Julius Friedman 1965-1980

Julius Friedman Gallery, Photographic Archives Lower Level, East, Ekstrom Library Through December 2022



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Robert E. Fox, Jr. Dean, University Libraries cordially invites you to attend the ibraries Annual Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12 PM-2 PM Ekstrom Library - First Floor East

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