



The Owl

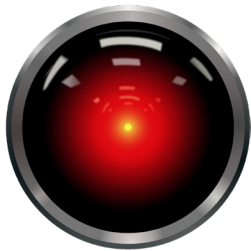
"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the dusk begins to fall." — Hegel

HEADLINES WE'D LIKE TO SEE ...

ASC Launches Secret Attack on AI Cooling Centers
--Dean Fox denies knowledge of ASC's military budget

Claude Gives Students Suspect Answers
After complaints, Claude says, "Don't ask me, go ask a Librarian – the original search engine!"

The Search for Overdue Books:
Technical Services Raids Patron Homes
--A masked John Burton says, "Warrants? We don't need no stinkin' warrants."



HAL 9000 to Host Library
Sponsored Trivia Night
--Claude, Alexa, Siri, &
ChatGPT compete
Losers will be disabled



University Libraries'
Dainty/Curling Team
Brings in Much
Needed Funding

Top Request from Music Library -
"War," by Edwin Starr
It begs the question: "What is it
good for? Absolutely nothing."



Kornhauser Librarians Part-time Surgeons at
UofL Hospital
--Doing their part to help with high turnover

Microforms Usage Surges after Creation of New LibGuide

**ART LIBRARY SECEDES
FROM THE UNIVERSITY
LIBRARIES**

**Gerry Bradley Daycare Center
Now Open In Grawemeyer Hall**



AI Takes Over Owl Board
Jokes get significantly funnier ... and snarkier

These headlines were composed by members of *The Owl* Board for April Fools' Day. Any resemblance to actual events is purely satirical.

Next Book-in-Common - Kim Schatzel's New Tell-All book.
--Libraries have copies pre-ordered

Libraries Announce New Commission--
CCCCCW
--It's purposely vague. Assign your own meaning

In a related story - listen to Schatzel's new podcast:
"FLED and SOLD"

How to get a Golden Parachute
--Matt and Bruce are looking for schemes to get fired

New 2nd Floor "Club Ekstrom"
--To be funded by anonymous Golden Parachute recipients



Innovations Help Student Success

--Ekstrom 4th floor study carrels updated as studio apartments. See Jessie for leases



Student Success Center vs Employee Success Center
Buford says, "I'm not sure the campus is big enough for the both of us."

The Future of The Owl

This is no joke. Amy and Robin are stepping down as co-editors of *The Owl*. For now, the archive will remain up at <http://owl.library.louisville.edu/>.

If anyone is interested in becoming the editor, please contact any member of *The Owl* Board — Cecilia Durbin, Matt Goldberg, Chris Poché, Jessie Roth, and Des Minton.



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Library and Department News

Archives & Special Collections

Found While Processing

While working on the [Office of Communication and Marketing photographs and slides collection \(accession 2003_023-UA\)](#), undergraduate history intern Darcy Komp was putting slide sleeves into folders when she found these pictures of a UofL Cardinal balloon from September 1984.



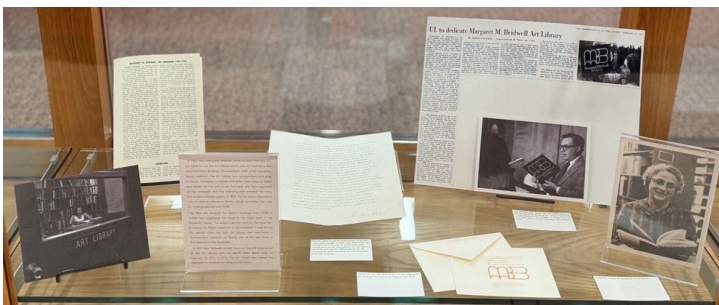
Urban Renewal Photograph Collection Online

The photographs from the Urban Renewal Commission are now digitized and uploaded to the Digital Collections. These images were taken between 1960 and 1970 to document downtown Louisville in an effort to eliminate perceived blight to clear room for the interstate highway I-65 and build our current hospital network, including the University of Louisville Health Science Campus. In many ways, these images highlight the thriving Black business district that was actually present at this time. They transport the viewer back into a Louisville that no longer exists, as almost all of the buildings photographed were destroyed as a result of the Urban Renewal Commission. For more information read the [blog post](#) announcing the release of the collection.



Art Library

From University Library to Schneider Hall: A Mid Century Marvel
In honor of the 70th anniversary of the construction of Schneider Hall, a new exhibit, *From University Library to Schneider Hall: A Mid Century Marvel*, debuted this month in the Art Library! The exhibit showcases the history, the people who used this space,



Photos by Justin Davis



and the changes that happened through nearly 70 years of service to the University of Louisville. The exhibit is based on photos and artifacts from University Libraries Archives and Special Collections and the Bridwell Art Library. The exhibit will be on display through the end of Summer 2026.

Exhibit and Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon

Bridwell Art Library also hosted “The History of Schneider Hall & Hite Institute of Art & Design Reception & Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon” on March 5 in the Art Library. As the 8th most visited website in the world, Wikipedia is an ideal place to find information about the history of UofL’s fine arts program. A group of library employees (Courtney Stine, Tessa Withorn, and Courtney Shareef) planned the event. Contributions included improvements to the draft Wikipedia article on the history of the Hite Institute of Art + Design on topics such as its significance, commitment to anti-fascism, and notable faculty and alumni.

Ekstrom Library Research and Instruction

UofL Librarians at the Capitol

On February 12th, KLA president Amber Willenborg, Courtney Shareef, and Tessa Withorn in Research Assistance and Instruction participated in Library Legislation Day in Frankfort. On this day, public, school, and academic librarians from across the state confer at the capitol to meet with legislators and advocate for libraries. This important, proactive work aims to build relationships between legislators and librarians to ensure that legislators understand the importance of libraries within the communities they represent.

The group carpoled and arrived early to get through security and navigate to the annex building where operations have moved due to construction on the historic capitol building. Even early in the morning, the halls were full of constituents of all ages, from high schoolers to working professionals to older adults. Waiting in the basement cafeteria for their scheduled meetings, librarians gathered together to strategize about what they would share with officials about what was happening in their libraries.

In line with the lighthearted and low-pressure goals of the meetings, each legislator received a package of bright yellow M&Ms with a message to support Kentucky libraries. Amber, along with several public library directors, met with Robert Stivers (R-25), Kentucky Senate President, and dis-



cussed Stivers’ research funding appropriation bill. Amber also met with Representative James Tipton (R-53) to discuss the importance of school libraries and how academic libraries are supporting AI education. Courtney and Tessa were joined by KLA president-elect and Marion County Public Library Director Jamie Collins and KPLA president-elect and Oldham County school librarian Jennifer Dolan to meet with Senator Gary Clemons (D-37) (photo above), a union proponent who was pleased to hear about how librarians are preparing students for the workforce with AI literacy. The day ended with a meeting with Amber, Courtney, Tessa, and State Representative Nima Kulkarni (D-40) (photo on left), an already fierce supporter of libraries.

While librarians did not come to the meeting with a specific ask, Representative Kulkarni asked pointed questions about what libraries need to continue their essential services.

We came away from the day with a satisfied feeling of supporting our communities and profession, and greater insights into how government processes work in the state. This year had more academic librarians participate than ever in recent years, and we encourage you to participate in Library Legislation Day next year. Join the [Kentucky Library Association \(or renew your membership\)](#) to get involved!

Technical Services

Transfer Project Nears Completion

In the spring of 2019, nearly 260,000 items were removed from the 3rd floor of Ekstrom Library. After years of temporary storage and transfer efforts, the project is on the verge of completion. Technical Services has transferred just over 80,000 volumes and 2,000 serials to the RRS, and nearly 111,000 volumes and 2,600 serials to Compact Storage (that's just over 196,000 items transferred altogether). In combination with 3rd-floor clean-up efforts, damaged and lost items, and other weeding projects, an additional 160,000 items have been withdrawn by Technical Services since 2019. As the project comes to an end, we estimate that nearly 7,000 items were never found. The process of withdrawing those remaining items is well underway!

Law Library

Law Librarians Featured in the Brandeis Brief magazine

Three of the Law Library's reference librarians were featured in the most recent edition of the Brandeis School of Law alumni magazine, *The Brandeis Brief*. The article states, "For the first time in its history, the University of Louisville Law Library is led by three reference librarians who are graduates of the Brandeis School of Law: Kurt Metzmeier '95, Will Hilyerd '96, and Bailey Eagin '15," (pg. 17). The library wouldn't be the same without our team of Brandeis-educated librarians, and we're thrilled to see them recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to the law school.



Special Guests Visit the Law Library

In early March, Law Professor and Electronic Legal Resources Librarian Bailey Eagin, welcomed two very special guests into her Advanced Topics in Legal Research class: Assistant Professor Dr. Tami Harbolt and rescue-turned-therapy dog, Nova. Dr. Harbolt spoke about the current animal law landscape in Louisville and the legal status of therapy animals in our city. The Law Library seldom receives visits from furry friends, and we were overjoyed to receive a visit from Dr. Harbolt and Nova!

"everything will be ok, law student" and Other Vaguely Inspirational Memes

If you follow the Law Library's Instagram account, you may have noticed by now that the social media team can get a little... unhinged. The most recent instance was a ten-slide-long post featuring inspirational phrases transposed atop dramatic pictures of wild horses. You can view all ten of the oddly specific memes on the Law Library's Instagram account, @UofLLawLib. And be sure to follow our account for regular updates and, more importantly, memes.



New Books in the Ben Washer Lounge

The Law Library continues to add to the Ben Washer Lounge, which houses a collection of circulating fiction and non-fiction books for law students, staff, and faculty. The Ben Washer Lounge aims to alleviate some of the stress our law school community faces by providing a casual space for leisurely reading, puzzle completing, and, if necessary, studying. This month, we acquired four new books in the lounge: *We Who Have No Gods*, by Liza Anderson; *The Red Winter*, by Cameron Sullivan; *It Rhymes with Takei*, by George Takei; and *The End of My Life is Killing Me*, by Annabelle Gurwitch. Technical Services Librarian Scott Campbell's selected acquisitions never disappoint!

Delphi Center

Human Connections in a Digital World Conference

Join our new upcoming virtual conference, "[Human Connections in a Digital World](#)," happening Tuesday, May 12, through Thursday, May 14. During the conference, you'll explore how different disciplines are redesigning teaching to make human thinking visible and valued in learning as AI continues to transform our world.

This conference is co-hosted by the Delphi Center and the Learning Commons, including REACH, the University Writing Center, University Library and the Digital Media Suite. The "Human Connections in a Digital World" conference is peer-led and educator-focused. We will concentrate on pedagogy, student learning and faculty development rather than promoting AI tools. We hope to see you there!



[Godet, a French soldier and close friend of photographer André Jeunet, 1915.](#)
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... for contributing to this issue of *The Owl*



Library Exhibits



Rushmore by Lee Friedlander, 1969

Chasing the Shot:
Travel Photography off the Beaten Path

**April 16 -
December 11, 2026**

**Opening Reception:
April 16 | 5-7pm**

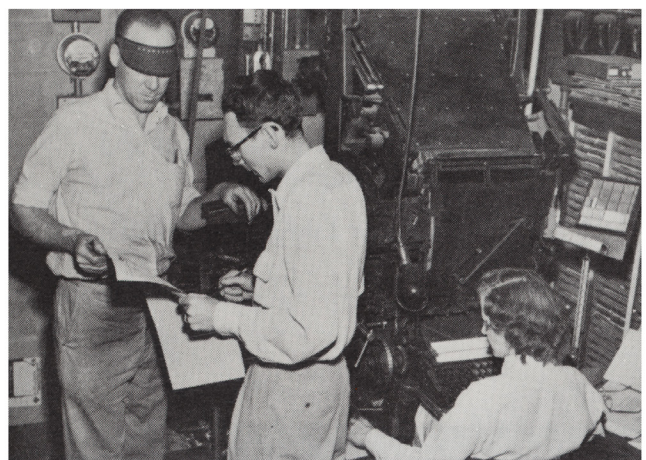
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