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Collaboration, Community & Change

Wright State University Libraries
Annual Report 2016



University Librarian's Note

Welcome to the University Libraries' 2016 Annual Report. 2016 was an interesting year for us as it brought many opportunities to participate in new programs, such as the Raider Academy for incoming freshmen. It also brought opportunities to welcome some inspiring visitors, such as Tom Hanks and David McCullough. Along with the opportunities came challenges to create new spaces and services and to balance resource spending with a static budget and increased inflation. Perhaps our biggest challenge was bidding farewell to many cherished colleagues as they retired. We were reminded that opportunity and challenge go hand-in-hand as we strive to provide exceptional customer service, instruction, and outstanding resources to create an environment conducive to student success, innovation, and scholarly exploration. I hope you will enjoy reading about our many opportunities, challenges, and accomplishments in our 2016 Annual Report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Shellabarger".

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“In the midst of difficulty lies opportunity.”
--Albert Einstein

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Our Staff...

September 2016 brought much change to the University Libraries staff as we honored and said farewell to nine colleagues who took advantage of Wright State University's 2016 Retirement Incentive Program.

With over 261 combined years of service at Wright State, the nine staff members pictured below represented five University Libraries' departments and several library-wide and University-wide teams and committees.

Happy retirement to: Barb Schaper, Rita Johnson, Emma Boddie, Kathi Herick, Mandy Wilson, Jeff Wehmeyer, Mary Raider, Mary Lou Baker Jones, and Steve Wynn. Congratulations and best wishes for future endeavours.



Barb Schaper, 40
years of service



Rita Johnson, 34
years of service



Emma Boddie, 32
years of service



Kathi Herick, 32
years of service



Mandy Wilson,
32 years of
service



Jeff Wehmeyer,
30 years of
service



Mary Raider,
30 years of
service



Mary Lou Baker
Jones, 19 years
of service



Steve Wynn,
12 years of
service

...in Transition

Congratulations to the following staff members who were promoted or joined our staff in 2016:



Sue Polanka
Associate
University
Librarian for
Public Services



Mandy Shannon
Head of
Instruction and
Research Services



Leigh Duncan
Head of Library
Technology
Services



Ibrahim Asadi
Computer Systems
Administrator



Bill Stolz
Archivist for
Reference and
Outreach



Shannon Michalak
Senior Library
Technical Assistant



Adam Randolph
Senior Library
Technical Assistant
for Public Service



Greg Jones
Catalog and
Authority
Control
Librarian

Staff Experience and Education 2016

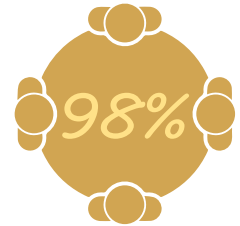
Library Staff	Advanced Degrees	Combined Years of Experience
54	93	933

Space Changes



Several changes were made to our spaces in 2016 to better serve Wright State students, faculty, staff and the community:

- The Information Desk moved to its new location closer to the elevators to welcome visitors, answer research questions, and direct patrons to library resources. Designated spaces to meet for research appointments, and the Patent and Trademark Resource Center were established nearby.
- The new Small Group Study Room was opened in Rm 215. Students may now reserve this room for a two-hour period by contacting the Information Desk.
- The University Libraries 2015 Building Use Study found that students wanted large tables to spread out study materials, more white boards, and rolling chairs to re-configure for solo study or to work in groups. In response, the library purchased 75 new rolling chairs, multiple white boards, and several larger tables for the second floor.
- Funded through State of Ohio appropriations for building safety initiatives, firewalls were updated in Dunbar Library to help protect people and materials by sectioning off and containing areas of the building in case of a fire. The new firewalls also help separate quiet study areas from noisier areas and provided wall space for additional electrical outlets (needs also identified by the Building Use Study).



98% of students surveyed requested group study rooms

Special Collections & Archives

With nearly 16,000 cubic feet of materials, 20,000 books and journals, and collections approaching an estimated total worth of 15 million dollars, the current space of our Special Collections & Archives department no longer meets the needs of the community it serves or the priceless history it preserves. 2016 saw the launch of a five-million-dollar campaign to relocate Special Collections & Archives to its new space at 2455 Executive Park Blvd., across Colonel Glenn Highway from the Wright State University main campus.

The new location will increase the current footprint of Special Collections and Archives space from 12,000 square feet to nearly 30,000 square feet. It will provide the opportunity to properly care for and ensure the longevity of our materials and better serve the mission of the University. Its new preservation space, collections area, meeting rooms, exhibit gallery, and instruction space will build on a well-established record of community engagement.

Through the combined efforts of the University Advancement Office, the Office of the President and Special Collections & Archives staff, this campaign aims to provide Special Collections and Archives at Wright State University a new home that will better suit its worldwide reputation and mission. For additional information about how you can help, please contact Dawne Dewey at 937-775-2011 or email.dawne.dewey@wright.edu.



Archives at a Glance: July 1, 2015
through June 30, 2016

428 linear feet of manuscripts and records added	236,334 Blog and social media posts and interactions
1,051 Volunteer Hours	135 Photo, audio & film requests
15,961 Total linear feet of collections	
22,374 Total volumes, books & journals	



Creative



Community

In collaboration with the Wright State Service Knitting and Crochet Circle and the Women's Center, the University Libraries gave away over 100 free knitted items to students at **Scarf Frenzy** in January.

Collaboration



Engagement

The **Friends of the Libraries** are made up of Wright State retirees, faculty, staff, students and the greater Dayton community. The Friends hosted a variety of programs in 2016, aimed at supporting the University Libraries' mission.

Thanks to the support of nine Wright State colleges, units and departments, the University Libraries welcomed 263 students for **Library Game Night** in September of 2016.

Better



Outreach

Led by Ran Raider, the University Libraries partnered with the US Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO), Dayton Metro Library, the Raj Soin College of Business to host **Intellectual Property Day** on September 7, 2016.

Together



Opportunity

Serving Students



Raider Academy

In June 2016, Instruction & Research Services staff designed curriculum for Raider Academy, a new two-week enrichment program designed to provide academic and campus experiences for incoming freshman. Students enrolled in the information literacy track received an introduction to college level research and evaluation concepts and skills in the first week, and practiced applying those skills through multimedia projects in the second week of the program. Library staff continue to work with University College to integrate information literacy instruction in the upcoming second year of the program.



New Raiders participated in Citation Relays to engage in friendly competition while practicing proper citation styles, such as MLA and APA.



Friendly Food for Fines

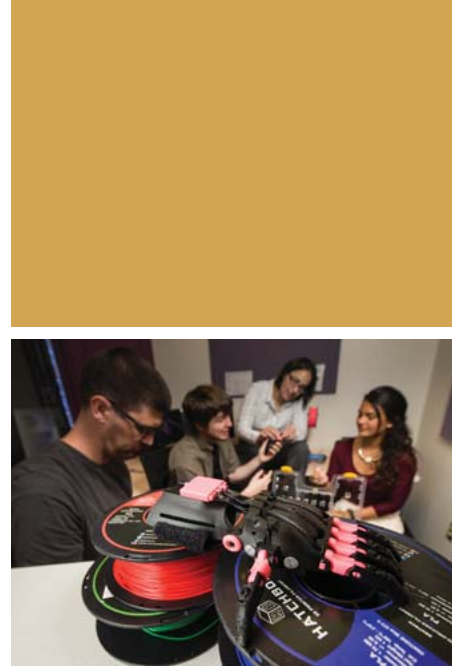
In celebration of National Library Week in April of 2016, the University Libraries collaborated with Wright State's Friendship Food Pantry to host the first annual Friendly Food for Fines event. Library users were invited to donate nonperishable food, personal care items, or gift cards in exchange for library fine forgiveness up to \$50 per library user. Wright State students, faculty and staff donated 265 items, for a total of 282 pounds of food and other items to the Wright State Friendship Food Pantry. In return, the University Libraries waived \$770.00 in overdue fines.

STAC Lends a Hand

2016 was the 15th anniversary of the launch of our Student Technology Assistance Center (STAC), located on the second floor of Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Since 2001, the STAC has assisted Wright State students in a unique peer-to-peer learning environment. 2016 brought updates and expansions to STAC's services, including: introducing 3D printing at a low cost to students of just 10¢ per gram of filament; reconfiguring and remodeling the Pod to include a green screen wall and updated recording equipment; launching the [online Ask A Geek service](#); and introducing the T.E.C.H. (Tinker, Engineer, Create, Hack) Truck, a mobile unit designed to showcase and share STAC equipment, information and resources with students across campus.

The STAC's 3D printing service provided opportunities to collaborate with faculty to help students give back to the community. In the spring of 2016, Dr. Ashley Hall collaborated with STAC staff on a project for students in her English class to 3D print prosthetic hands as part of the Helping Hand Project. Helping Hand is a nonprofit organization based in Chapel Hill, NC that specializes in providing

3D printed prosthetic hands free of charge for children in need. STAC staff were delighted to help Wright State students help others from preparing files for printing to troubleshooting the equipment to assisting with the class video projects to document their efforts. The STAC staff are already hard at work on more student projects, representing a variety of disciplines.



Notable Names



April 2016 brought one of our all-time favorite visits to our Special Collections & Archives Reading Room. Actor and producer, **Tom Hanks**, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, narrator, and historian, **David McCullough**, and **Amanda Wright Lane**, great grand-niece of the Wright Brothers, stopped by for a special close-up look at our world-renowned Wright Brothers collection. Tom Hanks and Amanda Wright Lane served as national co-chairs of Wright State's capital campaign, Rise. Shine. Hanks' film and television production company, Playtone, has purchased the rights to David McCullough's book *The Wright Brothers*. Plans are underway for an HBO miniseries based on the book.

Author and historian **Harry Haskell** visited Wright State in October to discuss his book, *Maiden Flight* (Academy Chicago, an imprint of Chicago Review Press; October 1, 2016), the fictionalized telling of Katharine Wright and Henry J. Haskell's relationship.

The seventh annual Living Legends of the Dayton Daily News Archive celebration, cohosted by Special Collections and Archives and the Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts, honored sports reporter, **Hal McCoy**, in November 2016. McCoy shared his stories of reporting on the Cincinnati Reds, including his personal struggles with the loss of most of his eyesight.



The University Libraries lost a dear friend when **Dr. Lewis K. Shupe** passed away on June 26, 2016. One of the early faculty members at Wright State, Lew was dedicated to serving Wright State students, faculty and staff long after his retirement in 1993. After serving several terms on the Friends of the Libraries Board, Lew stayed an active member of the Friends, and eventually launched the Wright State Retirees Association's Oral History Project, in collaboration with Special Collections & Archives. Oral History Project interviews can be found in CORE Scholar.

Celebrating History

For 44 of Wright State University's 50 years, the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library has served the information needs of the students, faculty and staff of Wright State University. The University Libraries' staff carried on this tradition of service in 2016 by completing a number of University History preservation and sharing projects, in support of Wright State's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Special Collections & Archives and Digital Initiatives and Repository Services staff collaborated to compile a [gallery of historic Wright State photos](#), hosted in CORE Scholar, Wright State's institutional repository. The online collection of images will be available to serve numerous 50th anniversary projects university-wide, including the "Then and Now" exhibit on [the 50th website](#). Staff member Chris Wydman serves on the 50th Anniversary planning committee, and Andrew Harris created an [interactive timeline](#) of Wright State's historic milestones, based on the historical timeline created for the 40th anniversary.

Other collections that have been digitized and made available in CORE Scholar in preparation for the 50th anniversary have included:

- [Official WSU yearbooks](#) for years 1968, 1969, and 1971;
- [Historic aerial photos](#), beginning in 1964 and available for approximately every 5 years thereafter, demonstrate how the campus and surrounding areas have developed through the years;
- Photographs of Wright State [theatre productions](#) from 1968-1985 from the Abe Bassett/Wright State Theatre Collection;
- [Handbills and programs of music recitals](#) and productions 1965-2016 from the Wright State Music department's archival collection.



In 2016...



11,693 print books & 11,227 ebooks
and electronic media items were added to collections

CORE Scholar,

Wright State's

Institutional Repository,

hit 1,000,000

downloads

Providing open-access
materials to researchers
around the world



Paul Laurence Dunbar Library
welcomed

664,493

visitors



items requested
from partner
institutions via
OhioLINK, SearchOhio
and Interlibrary Loan

Library computer
users logged on

105,980

times



Our website
received over

530,000

hits



Instruction and
Research Services
librarians hosted

1,309

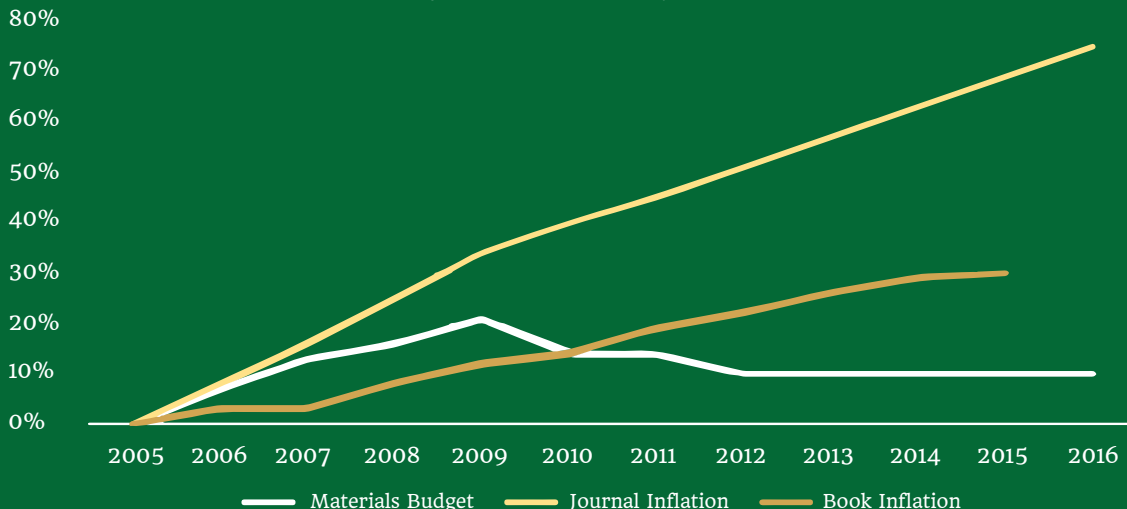
instruction
sessions



and one-on-one
appointments with
students and faculty



Materials Budget vs Library Materials Inflation



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