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Meet George Fowler, Interim University Librarian

George Fowler was hired as the Associate University Librarian for Information Resources and Technology at Old Dominion University in 2011. Prior to leading the technology efforts at ODU Libraries, he was the Head of Technology at the University of Arkansas from 2006-2011 and the Systems Librarian at Temple University from 2002-2006. He has held leadership positions in both the Arkansas and Mid-Atlantic Innovative User Groups, coordinated two technology unconferences, and maintains an active membership in ACRL University Libraries Section and LLAMA. In 2012, he was selected as a UCLA Senior Fellow, a prestigious honor among international library leaders. In addition to holding a Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas, he is currently working on a Ph.D. in Higher Education at Old Dominion University. Additionally, he served two tours in the US Army, with the second as a commissioned officer and including a 7-month tour leading a platoon of soldiers in Iraq.

Newsletter: What led to your pursuing a career as a librarian?
When I was enlisted in the Army, I knew I didn’t want to reenlist and that I did want to pursue higher education, but I didn’t know for what. My mother-in-law, who had only known me since my being in the Army, said that she always thought of me as a librarian, and the rest is history.

Newsletter: What was the inspiration for “ODU Writes a Book”?
Participating in the UCLA Senior Fellows program, I learned about Digital Humanities and the importance of library support. I decided to find a way to invite digital humanities into the ODU Libraries, and thought that through the Learning Commons would be the best route. To that end, I invited three DH faculty members to participate in the development and implementation of a DH project, which turned out to be “ODU Writes a Book.”
Meet George Fowler, Interim University Librarian (continued)

Newsletter: What are you most passionate about in terms of the University Libraries?
Everything and nothing. It depends on the opportunities, the needs, and my current focus. Currently, I am most passionate about making the Libraries the best they can be. This has external relations aspects as well as future planning and internal relations aspects. I am still interested in the specs of library equipment, details regarding individual catalog records, and other particular details that are more minute than I should be focusing on. I am passionate about the ODU Libraries from the nuts-n-bolts to the meta-concept of The Library at ODU.

Newsletter: What do you see in the future for academic libraries in general, and for the University Libraries specifically?
The short answer is significant change through the entire Libraries and in partnership with the ODU and external communities.

Newsletter: Anything else you’d like to add?
It is an honor to serve as Interim University Librarian during this extremely opportune time. I am always willing to receive feedback and suggestions regarding the Libraries.

You may contact George Fowler at gfowler@odu.edu.

10,000th Digital Item Added

In July 2014 the University Libraries added the 10,000th item to their Digital Collections. This photo belongs to the Old Dominion University Photographic Collection, which contains University photos back to the 1930s when ODU began as the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. The Digital Collections staff has digitized photos from 1930-1960, and are halfway through the 60s.

Check out all of our digital collections from the "Find Digital Collections" link on our website, http://www.odu.edu/library

Student Services Come to Perry Library -- Interlibrary Loan Offices Move

Old Dominion University will be renovating Rollins Hall over the next year. As a result, some services are being relocated to a couple of areas on campus. One of these locations is Perry Library, which will house part of the Student Services area, with representatives from the Registrar, Customer Relations, Financial Aid and Student Accounts.

These offices will be located in the former Interlibrary Loan office in room 1208 of Perry Library (first floor, back hall).

The Interlibrary Loan staff has been relocated to the Digital Services office area in Perry Library, room 3000 (on the third floor).

We anticipate these changes to remain in effect through the 2015 academic year.
Cynthia Wright Swaine, a retired reference librarian who served Old Dominion University for 35 years, died Sunday, May 18, 2014. She was 69.

Known at the ODU University Libraries and throughout campus for having a passion for learning and teaching, Cynthia was cherished by colleagues for her creativity, organization, productivity and enthusiasm.

She arrived at Old Dominion University in 1975, as the education reference librarian. Soon after, she was appointed Instructional Services Librarian and served the university in that capacity for the next 33 years until her retirement in 2010.

Cynthia was named Librarian of the Year for 1995, and received the Distance Learning Hero Award in 2009. She was named Librarian of the Year a second time in 2009, sharing the award with Karen Vaughan. In 2010, she was awarded the title of Instructional Services Librarian Emerita.

She earned an undergraduate degree in education from Goshen College, in Indiana; as well as master’s degrees in art education and library science from Indiana University. "Teaching is my calling," she said, in an interview for the Friends of the Libraries Newsletter, in 2007. From her first role as a public school teacher to her long career as a librarian, she focused on that calling.

At Old Dominion, Cynthia developed and taught classes on library resources and services, directed library teaching programs and developed faculty workshops on resources and search strategies. She worked closely with each new library instructor to develop their own teaching and presentations skills, sharing her knowledge on effective presentation.

Cynthia possessed a unique set of characteristics: extreme organization and attention to detail along with a creative, innovative mind. As a result, she played many roles for the University Libraries. She worked with the Systems Librarian to develop the new Information Technology Instruction Center in Perry Library’s renovated space and on the design, equipment and furniture for the current instructional space in the Learning Commons@Perry Library. Cynthia developed Web products to help students learn about library services and use its resources - including the "Idea Generator," which remains a popular site for its lists of research paper topics.

She co-created the hybrid (online + face to face) "Research in the Information Age" credit course and co-directed the Libraries' project to create and implement an information literacy program as part of the campus general education program.

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The generosity of these committed Friends supports the Friends of the Libraries Life Member Endowment, which helps provide an exciting setting for learning and research.

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In Memoriam: Dr. Lee Teply

Dr. Lee Teply, who taught music history and music theory at Old Dominion University and was widely known as the founder of the early instruments ensemble Collegium Musicum and director of the Madrigal Singers, died Sunday, July 13, in Norfolk.

Dr. Teply, who also was music director at First Lutheran Church of Norfolk, joined the ODU faculty in 1986. In addition, Lee was a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the ODU Libraries.

"Dr. Teply was an amazing educator, performer and scholar," said John Toomey, chair of the ODU Department of Music. "This is a huge loss for ODU and the music community in general."

In 1988, Teply became director of ODU’s Madrigal Singers and he produced the university’s annual Madrigal Banquet. He also was involved with ODU’s Opera Workshop, conducting the productions of "Dido and Aeneas," "The Telephone" and Douglas Moore’s "Gallantry."

A harpsichordist, Teply also played with the Virginia Pro Musica/McCullough Chorale and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. For several years, he provided program notes for the chorale and the symphony and recently continued to do so for the Feldman Chamber Music Society.

Future Planning at the University Libraries

In July, 2013, the University Libraries undertook an 18-month future planning process that would set the Libraries’ strategic and operational direction for the next five years. This process was broken into three stages – Background, Strategies, and Planning, which were further divided into seven phases – Individual Discovery, Library Discovery, Environmental Scan (all part of the Background stage), Scenario Planning, Strategic Goals (Strategies stage), Operational Plan, Individual Plans (Planning stage). This process involves everyone in the Libraries and many people outside of the Libraries in developing the future of the Libraries. We are currently developing the five-year operational plan and will begin incorporating the plan into individual position responsibilities, which will take us through April 2015. Stay tuned for the great reveal of the entire Libraries future plan along with a more in-depth description of the process.
New Libraries’ Employees

Tony Justice

Tony Justice joined the Libraries’ staff as a temporary Data Entry Assistant for the Systems Department. He is currently a full-time student working on an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration at TCC. Tony recently retired from the US Navy after 20 years, where he was a Systems Analyst/Network Administrator.

Tony first became interested in a job at the University Libraries after hearing his wife, Nicole Justice (Administrative Assistant to the Administrative Services Librarian) and her co-workers talking about working here, and how much the staff genuinely cared for the wellbeing of the students. Tony’s position is much like part of the job he held in the Navy. He enjoys number crunching, record keeping and working with databases, and is hoping to become a full-time Libraries employee.

Christopher Lawton

Topher Lawton received his MS in Library and Information Sciences from Syracuse University and a BA in Music with a minor in Biology from Franklin Pierce University. After library school he looked for a position that would allow him to keep exploring. The Science Reference Librarian position at ODU allows him to work in the sciences again, in the collaborative, team-based environment at the University Libraries.

Since joining the professional staff at the Libraries in March 2014, he has been exploring the resources at ODU and networking with faculty and students. Topher has collaborated on several special projects, including Phase 4 of the libraries’ future planning process and the Libraries’ adoption of Microsoft SharePoint. Topher has recently been elected to the executive board of the Library Staff Organization and is looking forward to planning some innovative programs with the LSO.

Life Members: In Memoriam

Rita Melalcio Costello
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Lewis and Virginia Webb
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Progress on the lion mural painted on the 3rd floor of Perry Library.
A Moving Experience: Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library Transformed

It looked like the warehouse scene in the movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark," with boxes upon boxes of cultural treasures stacked floor to ceiling—only this story has a better ending.

In just four days, ODU Libraries, with the help of National Library Relocations (NLR), moved The Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library from the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts building on 49th Street to its new location in the recently finished Barry Arts Building at 4600 Monarch Way (Room 2008).

It was a mammoth exercise. NLR crated up 1,764 linear feet (588 linear yards) of materials and transported the collection across Hampton Boulevard for unloading. The Libraries’ Systems Development Department staff moved public and staff computers, printers, a scanner and a photocopier. Shelving was delivered and installed. Equipment, phones and computers were all brought online. Select furniture made the move, too, for temporary seating until new furniture arrived.

The move began on Tuesday May 27 and was completed on Friday, May 30. The re-energized version of the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library, founded 32 years ago, reopened on Monday, June 2, in a roomy, well lit second story space. Thanks to the Elise Hofheimer Art Library Materials Endowment, established by Linda Hofheimer Kaufman and her husband, George, the collection offers specialized books, journals, online resources, audio-visual titles and computers for students and faculty in the visual arts. With 3,397 square-feet—larger than the average American home and 300 square feet bigger than the previous space—there is room to grow.

Expansion will be needed. The Hofheimer Art Library is poised to support vibrant development in the University’s long-range strategy as all art instruction is brought together in two adjacent locations. The Barry Art Building is the first, and an art studio building (James A. Hixon Art Studio Building and Annex) is under construction behind it. Then, in 2015, the Chrysler Museum will relocate its Jean Outland Chrysler Art Library to the first floor of the Barry Arts Building. The ODU Art Department, in conjunction with Libraries staff and the Chrysler Museum, plans to hold a gala event in the months ahead, to celebrate the creative partnership.

Gay Acomanado is the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library Supervisor. She is assisted by a number of undergraduate student assistants, usually drawn from the ODU art program. For more information on the Hofheimer Art Library or its collection, please contact her at 683.4059 or 683.5632 or gacompan@odu.edu.

Check out The Libraries’ New Website!

The University Libraries’ website has been revamped, and it has a new address: http://www.odu.edu/library

Please check out our new look and give us your feedback by clicking on the “Tell Us What You Think” button.

To find Friends of the Libraries information, including the most recent Newsletter, scroll down to “About the Libraries” and click on “Support the ODU Libraries.”

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President’s Lecture Series: Amy Cosper*
Amy Cosper, vice president/editor-in-chief at Entrepreneur Media Inc, has an in-depth understanding of what entrepreneurs want and need. She is a media evangelizer covering topics at conferences all over the world – from free economics, Web 2.0 and social media optimization, broadcasting, the Internet, VC strategies, media, online profiling and user behaviors and content strategies. For more information, please contact Son Nguyen at snguyen@odu.edu.
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Webb University Center, North Cafeteria

Diehn Concert Series: Baltimore Consort
The Baltimore Consort has delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. Their arrangements of early music from England, Scotland, France, Italy and Spain speak to the heart as well as the mind. Their love for the early music of English/Scottish heritage has led them to delve into the rich trove of traditional balladry and dance tunes preserved in the Appalachian Mountains and Nova Scotia. More recently the group has explored the repertory from the Iberian Peninsula as well, in a program entitled “Cancionery; Early Music from Spain.”
Date: Monday, October 6, 2014
Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Location: Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Center for the Performing Arts
Cost: $10 students, $15 general public
Tickets can be purchased online at http://oduartstix.com, or by calling 757.683.5305 during regular box office hours

President’s Lecture Series: 37th Annual Literary Festival*
Please contact Son Nguyen at snguyen@odu.edu for more information
Date: October 7, 2014
Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Webb University Center

Dance: Hispanic Heritage Month: Latin Ballet of Virginia*
The Latin Ballet of Virginia will perform “The Kiss of the Bee.”
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: University Theatre, 5115 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk

Concert: ODU Brass Choir*
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014
Time: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Center for the Performing Arts
Friends of the Libraries Merchandise Makes Great Gifts!

Not quite sure what to get for that hard-to-buy-for person?? Why not give them one of the stylish Friends of the Libraries t-shirts, tote bags or stainless steel travel mugs? (See information about t-shirts on page 1.)

The tote bags are 18” x 15” with a zippered top and a full-width front pocket with a Velcro© closure – large enough to hold a laptop or lots of books. The tote bag may be purchased for $5.

The 16-ounce stainless-steel travel mug may be purchased for $3.

Please contact Fern McDougal at 683.4146 or fmcdouga@odu.edu to arrange for purchase,