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Jessica Ritchie—New Head of Special Collections & University Archives

Jessica Ritchie will become Head of Special Collections and University Archives effective January 10, 2015. She has been the Dickson Librarian for the Jean Outland Chrysler Art Library at Chrysler Museum since 2011. Prior to that she was the Art Library Supervisor for the Hofheimer Library at ODU and a Library Specialist at Tidewater Community College in Chesapeake. She has her Master of Library and Information Science from Florida State University and her Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Virginia.

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Library Instruction Impact

More than 2,800 students were reached by the 11-member library instruction team which taught 150 classes this fall. From information literacy to meet general education requirements to graduate-level research across all colleges, the team continued to work with faculty to build skills for students’ assignments. The team also implemented its own volunteer peer observation for continuous improvement.

Beverly Barco, Marlene Patac and the rest of Interlibrary Loan moved into Digital Services on the 3rd floor of Perry Library to provide temporary space for Student Financial Services on the first floor.

Margaret Rhodes, Kyle Holland and Isaiah Gardner enjoy the Winter Student Appreciation Event held on their behalf. Margaret and Kyle worked in the Business Office. Isaiah assisted Digital Services.
The catch phrase now for Old Dominion University Libraries is change. And, thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of many, I am pleased to say we will enter the year 2015 better prepared for it. The five-year operational plan mentioned in the September issue of your newsletter will begin to take effect next month, incorporating the future plan into individual responsibilities. Why, you may be wondering, is there a need for an 18-month effort to plan so far ahead? Why engage busy Libraries and other University employees to work on the future, alongside their already hectic-paced responsibilities? The answer, while complex, is simple. There is no time to lose. Demands on libraries, especially those that support a research institution the size of ODU, are multiplying faster than most can respond. Seismic shifts in technology are just one example; the eruption of data management and legal guidelines for data needs a dedicated effort. Economic changes—like ODU and other state-funded organizations hearing three months into a new fiscal year that money must be returned to Richmond—is another. A new entrepreneurial program and more are in the works for ODU. Rather than knee jerk reactions to changes coming at us, we need a thoughtful process to anticipate trends and adapt to them with a flexible, cross-trained, creative, collaborative work force.

We serve a wide variety of stakeholders. How can we track and fund their changing needs for resources and keep up with how to communicate with them? Friends of Old Dominion University Libraries will be a key player as we evolve. Your efforts to fundraise and promote Libraries has never been more important.

The ODU Libraries strategic plan expires in 2014, so we embarked on an innovative process—from self-assessment to scenario planning. The goals parallel the University’s new plan. Pictured from top left: Karen Vaughan, Mona Farrow, David Pope, Pete Bruce, and a road trip by staff to N.C. State’s Hunt Library—all future planning work that involved more than 100 people in and outside Libraries.

From George Fowler, Interim University Librarian

January ‘Boot Camp’ To Strengthen Research Data Management

The Old Dominion University Libraries, with assistance from the Office of Research and in collaboration with six other institutions, offer the 3rd Annual Virginia Data Management Boot Camp from noon January 7 to noon January 9. Developed for graduate students, faculty, administrators and staff, the event features experts from across the state who will discuss issues, hands-on practical experience and best practices at ODU, Virginia Tech, UVA, George Mason, James Madison, VCU and the College of William and Mary. The sessions will take place with local sites at each institution, networked via telepresence to other learners throughout the state, says Science Reference Services Librarian Topher Lawton who can be reached for details at clawton@odu.edu.
From Gail Nicula, President of the Friends Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

I have wonderful news to share with you about plans for 2015. The Friends Board decided earlier this year to celebrate ODU Libraries, our faculty, and our alumni throughout the coming 12 months. We have been planning an exciting series of events, beginning in January with celebrated composer and teacher Dr. Adolphus Hailstork and concluding next December with an open house in the Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives. If you are not aware of the collections contained in this part of the Libraries, go to this link for more information: http://www.odu.edu/library/special-collections

Between January and December we have planned lectures with a philosopher, an artist, a historian, a scientist, and a senior military official. Each event will be free and open to the public. Stay tuned for complete details as we finalize this “celebration of ODU” year!

Four new Board members have joined within the last year, for which I am very thankful! They are Mary Redd-Clary, George Maihafer, David Metzger, and Jody Howard. Dr. Maihafer is the past Chairman of the School of Physical Therapy at ODU, and currently serves as the Graduate Program Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and chairperson for the Old Dominion University IRB human subjects committee for the Office of Research. Dr. Metzger is Dean of the Honors College and Professor of English at ODU. Dr. Howard is an Associate Professor of Teaching and Learning and Graduate Program Director in the Darden College of Education at ODU. You will read more about George, David, and Jody in an upcoming newsletter.

Dr. Mary Redd-Clary has led numerous organizations and departments to continuous improvement as a director, manager, trainer and coach over her professional career. She recently retired from government service. In her last assignment as Director of the Navy Voluntary Education Program, she supervised staff in Navy College Offices located world-wide and a virtual education call center. Mary has spoken and presented on adult learning and the significance of education and training during forums such as Navy’s Learning Strategies Symposia, Triennial Department of Defense World-Wide Education symposiums, and Advisory Council on Military Education. During her government service she received the Superior Civilian Service and Meritorious Civilian Service medals. She currently supports the U.S. Virginia Senate Productivity and Quality Award program as a board member and trainer. Additionally, she is an advocate for several non-profit organizations. We are thrilled to welcome Mary Redd-Clary to the Friends of the ODU Libraries Board.

Best regards to all, and best wishes for a peaceful holiday season!

Gail Nicula, President, Friends of the ODU Libraries

Friends Hail 20th Anniversary

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the Friends of Old Dominion University Libraries. To celebrate, we will offer a lecture series focusing on the integral role of the ODU Libraries for its faculty, student body, staff, and local community. Each of the events will feature a different subject matter expert, with either a faculty member or alumnus/alumna speaking.

Events will be held at the new Barry Arts building, the Learning Commons, Special Collections in Perry Library, and in the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The series begins in January with Dr. Hailstork as the inaugural speaker, and he plans to offer a “Meet the Composer” event in which he will play some of his pieces, give an overview of his 44-year career and answer questions. See the ODU calendar on the back page for details on this and other fun opportunities.

The 2014 Book Sale at Perry Library generated $2,392 (up from the past two years). The money will be used to buy University Bookstore gift cards for ODU Libraries student assistants.
Sharon Felton grew up in Virginia Beach when schools were integrating, then raised her four children and several others, sometimes having 13 kids in her home at once. From homework help to rooting out an answer for a parent of a child with a disability, she's an advocate for children's education. Experience working polls, community services, and leadership positions in her faith community will support her next endeavor.

“I look forward to the adventure,” she says of serving a four-year term as a newly elected member of the Virginia Beach School Board, adding that she’s grateful to the support of many. “I stand on other people’s shoulders.” And she credits ODU, where she earned her B.A. in History, with giving her a strong academic background. Sharon is Cataloging & Metadata Specialist at ODU Libraries where she began work in 1983. She’s seen a lot of change and welcomes the shift away from books to new technology.

Thanks to Gail Nicula, George Fowler, Donna Hughes Oldenburg, Lucy Rush, Morel Fry, and Rachel Stott for story ideas for this month’s newsletter.
Retiring Employees

Jessica Mirasol, Archivist for the Music Collection, announced her relocation to Iowa where she is the new Special Collections Supervisor for the Davenport Public Library.

Sarah Davis, Diehn Composers Room Supervisor, took a new job as Youth Services Librarian with Norfolk Public Libraries.

KUDOS


ALA 2014 list of most banned books

1. Catcher in the Rye
2. Slaughterhouse Five
3. Harry Potter (4): Chamber of Secrets; Sorcerer’s Stone; Order of the Phoenix; Half-Blood Prince
4. The Scarlet Letter
5. Daddy’s Roommate
6. Go Ask Alice
7. The Giver
8. Moby Dick
9. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
10. Bridge to Terabithia
11. Captain Underpants

Two Leave Diehn Composers Room

(left to right) Sarah and Jessica

Friends of ODU Libraries (Elizabeth Hogue, Joanne Fish, Clare Houseman, Jennifer Priest and George Fowler at Founders’ Day Lunch. Photo by Gail Nicula

Friends of ODU Libraries (Ellen Emser, Pam Morgan, Edison Simmons)
Students Dead Serious About Their Studies

Zombies, zombie hunters and survivors learned to navigate the twists and turns of research at ODU Libraries in October at the ever popular “The Walking Dead: Feed your Brains” event, thanks to the Student Government Association, the Starving Artists, Classroom Central/ITS, ODU Bookstore, Monarch Dining, the Student Success Center, and Health Promotions. A little makeup goes a gruesome long way as students at the Learning Commons @ Perry Library moved through various tracks of trivia, games, and other exercises that made learning fun and memorable. Almost 90 students participated.

Preparing For 2030

Tonia Graves and Rob Tench co-authored an article in the Biz of Acquisitions section of Against the Grain, a professional journal on acquisitions and collection development. The abstract for the article reads: “The Monographic and Serials Acquisitions staffs at ODU are currently immersed in a dual role – functioning in a 2015 world while preparing for a 2030 one.”

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If you have a friend who might be interested in joining the Friends of the ODU Libraries, please encourage them to visit our Web page at http://www.odu.edu/library/about/support

A History Mystery In Dr. Protsman’s Gift

ODU Libraries’ Rob Tench and Debra Bell visited the home of long-time ODU professor of music Harold Protsman to look over books he intends to give the ODU Libraries. While there, some Norfolk papers, dated 1796, were found, and Dr. Protsman agreed to donate them to ODU Libraries Special Collections. The provenance is uncertain, but glued on several pages of the 1796 register of shipping repairs are mid-19th century magazine articles and tucked between pages—and what may help solve the mystery of who created the pages—a book plate for William Whiting. History sleuths are invited to find the likely original owner of the materials which have been digitized to prevent damage from handling the originals.

Debra Bell, Dr. Harold Protsman, and Rob Tench met to discuss his gift of books. Photo by Cheryl

<Libraries staff explored new technology on a trip to Tidewater Community College’s Joint Use Library. [Miriam Bridges pictured]
Lucy Rush presented the poster, *Learning Through Play, the Old School Way*, at the Virginia Library Association's annual conference in October and authored a peer-reviewed publication *Learning Through Play, the Old School Way, Teaching Information Ethics to Millennials*, in the most recent issue of *Journal of Library Innovation*.

Rachel Stott and Lucy Rush co-authored the poster *Best Practices for Creating Videos for Information Literacy* and presented it at the Virginia Library Association Annual Conference. They have a peer-reviewed publication in press for the next issue of *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*.

Miriam Bridges has been doing monthly workshops with the Women's Business Center all semester, and she also did a workshop for Launch Hampton Roads at the business gateway.

James Rhoades and Ashley Brewer have been accepted for a conference panel at the Coalition for Networked Information, in Washington, DC, Dec. 8-9 where they will speak on “How relevant are your results? Supporting topical research in discovery services.” This will include recent advances in subject-based discovery, and how they support topical research needs.

Kathryn Boone used her experience working with Information Technology Services and Academic Enhancement in the Learning Commons @ Perry Library for her presentation: “Partner-Enhanced Assessment: Working Together to Measure Services, Satisfaction and Success” at the Virginia Chapter - Association of College & Research Libraries. Annual Virginia Library Association Conference in Williamsburg VA.
Looking for a Novel Gift?

Nicole Justice models Friends colorful 100% cotton T on sale for just $5. For the college student, how about a sleek 16-oz. stainless-steel travel mug for $3?

Contact Fern McDougal at 683.4141 or fmcdouga@odu.edu

2015 Library Calendar

January

Data Management Boot Camp (see p. 2)

Celebrating Music and the ODU Libraries: Adolphus Hailstork: The Art of the Composer. FOL/University Libraries co-sponsored event. DCR Reading Rm. Thursday, Jan. 22. 7:00 pm (First in a series for 2015)

February

Mardi Gras. Reference Services Programming Event. Learning Commons. Tuesday, Feb. 17. 6:00-8:00 pm

March

Diehn Annual Student Concert. DCR Reading Room. (TBA)

Spotlight on Scholarship. Perry Library (TBA)

EXHIBITS

Legos. Perry Library. Jan. 1-31


Allan Blank. Diehn Composers Room. Jan.–May

Black History Month & Mardi Gras. Perry Library. Feb. 1-28

African-American Female Artists. Changes monthly at the Hofheimer Art Library. Feb-Apr

Spotlight on Scholarship & Exhibit. Learning Commons @ Perry Library. Mar

Harold Protsman Annual Piano Competition. Chandler Hall Atrium. Mar

Women’s History Month: 40th Anniversary of the Women’s Caucus. Perry Library Mar. 1-Apr. 10

For ODU events: http://www.odu.edu/calendar

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