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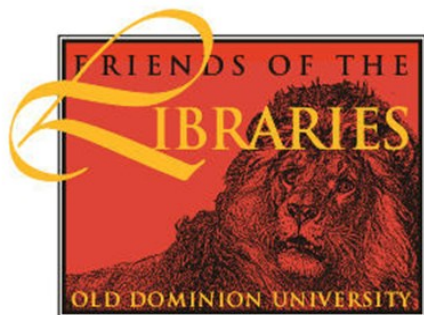


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Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air! A time of renewal. A time of fresh ideas and fresh starts. For the Libraries, it is also a time of considerable work. Fortunately, we have two excellent new hires in the Libraries, bringing our current number of vacancies down to four.

In February, Duawwonna Bell was hired as the Assistant to the Administrative Services Librarian.

In March, Joleen McInnis was hired back to the Libraries, this time as the Health Sciences Librarian. Joleen was previously our Instructional Services Librarian from 2010-2013. We are actively recruiting for two of the positions and hope to post the announcements for the final two positions by the end of March. Though we will still be understaffed for an institution like ODU, having all of our positions filled will be an energizing boost to the Libraries.

Regarding the major initiatives that I mentioned in December—Building Program (Master Plan), reorganization plan, and integrated library system

migration—they are still proceeding apace and I expect to have more to report on those in the June newsletter.

Over the past couple months, Alumni Relations has been working with the Libraries and Friends to develop a survey that was emailed to all ODU alumni in early March. We were looking to identify those who wanted to become better informed about the Libraries and what was available to them as alumni, and to identify ideas for how the Libraries could serve them better as alumni. We will share the results in the next newsletter.

Finally, due to scheduling conflicts, Dr. Larry Sabato's presentation that was scheduled for January 13, is now scheduled for October 13. The Friends and I are excited by this fortunate turn, and look forward to a capacity crowd three weeks prior to the election! Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information and updates as we finalize the details.

As always, stay tuned for future exciting updates! Or, better, yet...contact us to get involved directly in making these exciting opportunities real!

Sincerely,
George

ODU Faculty, Librarians Hone Data Management Skills at Boot Camp

The 4th Annual Virginia Data Management Boot Camp (VADMBC) was held on March 9 and 10, 2016. This year, librarians from ODU, VCU, GMU, and the College of William & Mary worked together to organize and present at the event, which was attended by 14 faculty and staff at the ODU location. The goal of the VADMBC is to give participants the opportunity to learn more about data management issues and best practices for managing data. The attendees had a high level look at Data Management best practices, and got their hands dirty with software demos and time to practice. The boot camp included a hands-on portion in which participants were able to practice with data clean-up and management software.

Topher Lawton, Librarian for Sciences & Research Data Support at the ODU Libraries led the event planning this year and was pleased with the results. "This year's VADMBC was a grand success! ODU's growing strengths in this area were reflected by the increase in number of attendees and in the content that we provided. We look forward to future Data Management initiatives on campus, spearheaded by the University Libraries!"



Topher Lawton, Librarian for the Sciences & Research Data Support, presents a session from GORNTO on ODU's campus during the 4th Annual Virginia Data Management Boot Camp. Photo: Lucinda Rush

Happy Spring,

The Friends of the ODU libraries have been busy pondering our role in best serving our members. To that end, we worked with the Alumni Office to come up with a survey that seeks the input of our customers. This brief statement introduced the survey: Someone once said that "no one graduates from the library, but no one graduates without it." We hope that our institution served you well not only during your academic career, but in your post-college life as well.

The response has been very heartening and a report will be available in our next newsletter. If you did not get an opportunity to participate, you can con-

tact the Library at any time to add your voice to that effort.

Due to scheduling conflicts, our Larry Sabato fundraiser has been rescheduled for October 13. Dr. Sabato's insights on this mind boggling political situation are not to be missed. Coming just weeks before the election, his predictions are sure to be fascinating. Based out of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, Sabato's Crystal Ball provides statistical data and expert analysis of the current state of electoral politics. Dr. Sabato is the author of numerous political books and papers, an excellent prognosticator, and a captivating speaker. Watch for information on purchasing tickets to this event.

If you have not visited the campus lately or made your way to the Library, I hope you will stop in soon. You can grab a cup of coffee and a bagel and explore the many changes that have occurred. The open first floor is filled with tables of students working at computers and in small study groups. Student support groups such as tutoring are now located within the Library. Digital resources and training are widespread. In spite of all the changes, the purpose of libraries remains the same: to collect and preserve knowledge and make it available and assessable.

Sue Doviak
President,
Friends of the ODU Libraries

Donation Opportunity in Honor of President Broderick's Leadership Recognition

If you haven't had the opportunity to read the cover story in the inaugural issue of *Inside Leadership*, you'll want to read, "A Transformational Leader: How Thinking Ahead has Clarified a Growing Vision." The article recognizes President Broderick's leadership to ODU over the past six and a half years.

In an attempt to thank the president for his leadership and service to ODU, and to let him know of their collective gratitude, the Friends of the ODU Libraries board unanimously voted to thank the president by making personal gifts to the Education Foundation in his honor. These gifts have been restricted to the Friends of the Libraries where it will help fund unbudgeted library needs

such as digitizing the Mace and Crown and High Hat, establishing a Hampton Roads Living Arts Archive, and reconfiguring space and acquiring specialized equipment to accommodate the evolving needs of the Libraries and their users.

If you would like join the FOL Board in making a similar gift to honor President Broderick, please make your check payable to: ODU's Education Foundation, put In Honor Of (IHO) John Broderick and Restrict to the Friends of the University Libraries (FoL) in the memo field, and send it to:

ODU Education Foundation
4417 Monarch Way, 4th Floor
Norfolk, Virginia 23529

Unbudgeted Library Needs

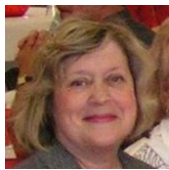
In the coming months, FoL will be working with ODU Libraries to identify a wide range of funding needs—both big and small—in hopes of sparking some creative fundraising efforts. Here are just a few potential opportunities:

- **Digitizing Mace and Crown and High Hat.** Last year, the Friends enabled the digitization of all ODU year-books, but the trip down student memory lane won't be complete without the student newspapers.
- **5-Year Anniversary Celebration for Learning Commons.** The Learning Commons has provided an invaluable service to students and revolutionized the way the University

Libraries are used. To celebrate 5 years of operation, help us throw a grand celebration.

- **Staff Lounge Furniture.** The Libraries' staff have used the same furniture for 20 years, and the Friends want to provide a better environment for them to take a break, socialize, and generally enhance the working climate in the University Libraries.

FoL Set to Welcome Three New Members to Board of Directors in July



Mary Lewis Ash, a proud alum of ODU, is returning to FoL after previously serving as its president. Under her tenure, the Author

Dinner and various outreach efforts were expanded. Mary Lewis' roots at this institution run deep. She is the daughter of Lewis W. Webb, Old Dominion University's first president, and is married to Dr. Robert Ash, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. She is also a past president of Faculty Wives and Friends and can be seen cheering on her beloved Monarchs at football and basketball games.



Judy Homsher is one of the ODU Libraries' most engaged and active champions. An avid reader and book club member, she and her late

husband Dr. Paul Homsher, ODU Professor Emeritus of Biology, establish the Homsher Family Lecture Series Endowment in 2008, a fund that enables the FoL to invite nationally recognizes speakers to the ODU campus.



Cecelia (Cee Cee) Tucker is the assistant to the ODU President for community relations. Formerly a teacher at Norfolk's Booker T.

Washington High School, Mrs. Tucker is an enthusiastic community volunteer, serves on the boards of numerous local organizations, and was the 2014 recipient of *The New Journal and Guide's* "Impacting Lives" award. She has also served a previous term on the FoL board and is a fervent Monarch cheerleader.

Celebrate National Library Week: April 10-16!



ODU Libraries have several events planned in honor of National Library Week. All are welcome!

- ◆ **Monday, April 11, 4pm-5:30pm**
Pop-Up Library at the Children's Learning & Research Center
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 12, 2pm-4pm**
Pop-Up Library at Borjo Coffeehouse
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 13, 12pm-2pm**
Pop-Up Library at Webb Center (near Starbucks)
- ◆ **Thursday, April 14, 5pm-7pm**
Poetry Slam in the Learning Commons @ Perry Library
- ◆ **Welcome Tables & Art Therapy**
(all three branches, various times throughout the week)

For more information, visit: guides.lib.odu.nlw

Welcome to Old Dominion University Libraries!

New Employees Join Libraries' Family

Duawwonna Bell



On February 10, Duawwonna Bell began her new position as the Administrative Assistant to the Administrative Services Librarian.

Prior to coming to the University Libraries, Duawwonna was a human

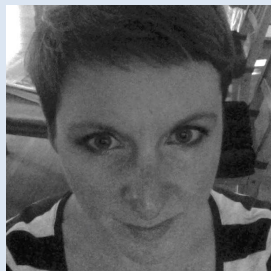
resources manager for the Virginia Beach Community Development Cooperation and also worked as a human resources manager for the National Association for Independent Schools in Washington D.C.

As the Administrative Assistant to the Administrative Services Librarian, Duawwonna's primary responsibilities will be supporting the Administrative Services Librarian, Morel Fry, hiring student workers for the University Libraries, facilities support, and overall personnel work.

During her free time, Duawwonna enjoys reading and traveling. Duawwonna also enjoys being very hands on with her 4-year-old daughter, Harper, and being an involved in the Parent and Teacher Association at Harper's school.

In addition, Duawwonna prides herself on being an active member of the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and her past volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity in Washington D.C. Currently, Duawwonna volunteers for the Salvation Army in Norfolk.

Joleen McInnis



Joleen McInnis is Old Dominion University Libraries new Librarian for Health Sciences. You may remember her as Joleen Westerdale, the Instructional Services Coordinator for ODU Libraries from 2010-2013. Joleen has come back to the ODU Libraries after gaining

experience working as the Interim Assistant Dean of the Sojourner Truth

Library at SUNY New Paltz. Prior to that at SUNY New Paltz, she served as Reference and Instruction Librarian and Collection Access Team Leader working as liaison to areas such as Engineering, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, Geography, and English Literature.

Joleen holds a BA in German from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, a MSLIS from Simmons College, and a MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from University of Massachusetts-Boston. Joleen has used her fluency in German to become a member of a team

of abstractors that abstract and translate 5-10 book reviews each year for the *Reference Reviews Europe Annual*. She also used her skills in German as Librarian for Germanic Languages and Literatures, Comparative Literature and European Studies during her time at Washington University.

In her off time, Joleen competes as a U.S. masters swimmer. Her favorite competition stroke is the butterfly where rhythm is key and to some is seen as the most difficult stroke to master. However, Joleen feels that this stroke comes easy to her. It has become a running joke that she is really good at coming in second in her age group where only two compete. Joleen also enjoys running and cycling. One of her more creative outlets is participating in Butoh-inflected dance theatre.

Joleen recently got married and currently resides in Newport News with her husband, Brian. He is a faculty lecturer in German at Christopher Newport University. Joleen is living with two cats whom she adores and keep her busy; Sydni, who is almost 19 and Marcello Miaustrianni, who will turn two in May. Welcome back, Joleen!

One of Learning Commons' Own Presents at Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

Learning Commons Assistant, Stefan Hancock, presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on February 13. Sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Honors College, this annual event gives undergraduates an opportunity to contribute to the university's research community by presenting on a particular topic of interest with the guidance of a faculty advisor.

Stefan's presentation focused on recreating the work from the 1917 De Stijl art movement using 3D modeling and animation. "My interest in the topic stems from my interest in 3D modeling and the similarities between the concepts applied to modern digital art and the concepts applied to

artwork during the De Stijl movement," says Hancock. "In order to complete the animation, I needed to create a model, manipulate it into several models, and then apply lightning and camera movement to animate the model on a frame by frame basis. The resulting product was an animation that consists of about 1,000 frames for a runtime of about 40 seconds."

Stefan is expected to graduate in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in Drawing and Design.



Stefan Hancock presents his modeling project at the Undergraduate Research Symposium held in the Learning Commons. Photo: Kathy Nguyen

ODU Librarians Participate in Regional Scholarly Communications Workshop



On March 16, 16 librarians from ODU Libraries participated in the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) workshop, "Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement" at the College of William & Mary.

According to the Association of Research Libraries, "scholarly

communication can be defined as the system through which research and other scholarly writings are created, evaluated for quality, disseminated to the scholarly community, and preserved for future use."

The interactive workshop (a collaboration between William & Mary, VCU, ODU, and the University of Richmond) focused on scholarly communication themes such as access, emerging opportunities, intellectual property, and engagement. The end goal was to serve participants practically by preparing them for staff and faculty outreach; interacting in their roles as liaisons; developing programming; contextualizing collection

development decisions to stakeholders; and supporting scholarly communication in their libraries.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity participate in this unique program," says Corrie Marsh, Scholarly Communications & Collection Development Librarian at the ODU Libraries. "Although we do not have a formal open access policy at ODU, this workshop will provide us with new tools for how each librarian can contribute in transforming the scholarly communication system at ODU."

Marsh describes how the Libraries have been active in developing strategies for open educational resources and new ways to highlight the scholarship of ODU authors. ODU recently joined other Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) Libraries in supporting the Directory of Open Access Journals <https://doaj.org/>.

For more information about scholarly communication efforts at ODU Libraries, please visit guides.lib.odu.edu/scholarlycommunication

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Winter Highlights at ODU Libraries



Stress-Free Fridays are a Big Hit!

In an effort to reduce stress in the work place, the Libraries' Staff Development Team held a series of Stress-Free Friday events January through March. Activities included team-building games (right), basic yoga, and adult coloring (left). The Team hopes to expand programming throughout the semester and beyond. *Photos: Topher Lawton and Sam Lopez*

LSO Gets Crafty!



The Library Staff Organization (LSO) hosted a staff craft and hobby fair over spring break. Employees were encouraged to share their hobbies and crafts with their fellow co-workers—possibly picking up some tricks of the trade along the way! [L-R: *Cindy Williams with doll collection; Ruthie Decarmo with homemade scarves and jewelry; Gay Acomanado with origami flowers; and Corrie Marsh's mixed-media woven bowls*]

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