

Dean's Corner

University Libraries Newsletter
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A Word from Mary Reichel, Interim Dean of Libraries

What a pleasure it has been to serve as Interim Dean of Libraries for the 2016-2017 academic year. Returning to library administration after a break, I discovered that my enthusiasm for academic libraries (especially ours), library personnel, student employees, donors, Appalachian faculty, staff and students has not diminished. I cherished working with many familiar faces and getting to know lots of new people.



(Mary Reichel with Barbara and Larry Freiman)

I would like to thank a number of people for their support and help this year. It has been great to work with Provost Darrell Kruger who provided me with many thoughtful conversations and good advice. My fellow Deans have been supportive and just plain energizing. It is a great new group of Deans. In addition, I have learned from my colleagues in the Library who helped me remember things I had forgotten and brought me up to speed on many new matters. Working with the new Associate Dean of Libraries, Ericka Patillo, has been particularly stimulating as was working with Associate Dean Leslie Farison before she returned to the faculty. Seeing students, faculty, and staff every day is a joy. To members of the Library Advisory Board and donors, thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support.

I am proud to be turning the leadership of this wonderful Library over to Dr. Dane Ward. Dane comes to us from Illinois State University where he earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration and served as dean of Milner Library. We have been working with Dane on transition issues, and I know he will be a caring, smart, focused, and



successful leader. We are fortunate to have recruited him.

I return to my phased retirement work of conducting oral histories with alumni, faculty, and administrators. This work is important and documents a personal and very individual side of Appalachian's history. I am grateful for the opportunity to complete my nearly 45 year career in this manner.

Thank you, Appalachian State, for all you have done for me and my family.

Director of Development

All of us in the Library express our best wishes and thanks to Gina Harwood who has been the Library's half-time Director of Development for three years and has worked with the Library since 2014. Luckily, Gina is not leaving the University. She will be the full-time Director of Development for the Reich College of Education.

Director of Development (cont.)

Gina helped the Library to have many successes in the past three years, including the Library Student Employee Scholarship Program, naming of rooms, support of the Children's Literature Symposium and support for the Richard T. Barker Friends of the University Library. We will miss her enthusiasm, talent, and dedication.

Welcome to our new colleague, Tracey Ford.



Tracey Ford '82, '95 has served as Executive Director for Development at Appalachian for over two years primarily focused on estate gifts and stewarding Legacy donors. In addition to those responsibilities, she will now serve as the Development Officer for the Libraries. Prior

to her role in development, Tracey spent 24 years at Appalachian working in the alumni office followed by serving as executive director in the central University Advancement office during the last comprehensive campaign. Her Appalachian degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Marketing and a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration.

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Student Employee Scholarship Recipient Profile

Introducing Hunter Nicholson



Nicki Lynn Turner Memorial Scholarship Recipient
(2015-16, 2016-17) – sponsored by Ronny and Patsy Turner

“When I look back at all the great things that happened to me while I was at Appalachian, I count my experience working in the University Libraries as one of the best.

At the library I became a better student, learned to study, made friendships to last a life time and developed academic and work skills I know I will take with me into the work force and into the future.

Winning the Nicki Lynn Turner Memorial Scholarship was one of the highlights of my college career! I was so excited to meet my donors, Ronnie and Patsy Turner! They are beautiful, gracious, wonderful people. I was thrilled to be the second in what looks to be a long line of students lucky enough to receive the honor of being the Nicki Lynn Turner Library Scholarship recipient. I am forever blessed to have met them and to have them as a part of my life.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Turner! From you I learned the importance of giving back to a place and to people who gave to me. I won't forget. Thanks for the memories, y'all!

- Hunter Nicholson, Class of 2017



Scholarship Luncheon - Fall 2016

To be a part of our Library Student Employee Scholarship program, click the [link](#) to donate.

April Recap



In April, in celebration of National Library Week April 9-14, 2017, we held a

contest in which we asked our students to watch our web story: [Appalachian State University Libraries Transforms](#) (link is external) to learn more about library services and resources which aim to support our campus communities.

The students were then instructed to write a short story to tell us how libraries have made a difference in your life. The students were given a chance to win a Deluxe VR Viewer. Our winner was Danica Lee! Danica is a biology major in her junior year. She is also the president of the Asian Student Association. Congratulations Danica!



Music Library Database (cont.)

This database includes 38,087 albums, equaling 522,538 tracks, growing regularly.

Please note: Online databases and resources are, in almost all cases, only licensed for use by ASU students, faculty, and staff.



AppHack 8



April saw the 8th annual AppHack code festival organized by the Computer Science Department. For 24 hours, teams of students sequester themselves, participate in workshops and work on developing their own software projects from beginning to end.

The annual event has numerous sponsors, prizes, and participants. The participants utilized equipment borrowed from our Tech Desk, two Wacom drawing tablets which they used to create all their graphics during the event. The participants also used software available in the Game Development Room and the Digital Media Studio, such as Game Maker, Unity, and Adobe Illustrator.

This year, one of the teams consisted of four of our own Tech Desk students. The team, pictured, is Emily Macdonald, Rachel Colby, Laura McGinn, and Hunter McIntyre. They created a click-through adventure game that won 3rd place.



Music Library Database



Did you know the University Libraries has access to the American Song database? Try it out! [American Song](#) (link is external)

American Song, part of Music Online by Alexander Street Press, offers tens of thousands of streaming audio from Colonial to Folk to African American to Country (including Old-Timey) to contemporary music and more. This database allows people to hear and feel the music from America's past. The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included in the database are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and Old Time tunes.

5th Annual British History Lecture



This year's Fifth Annual Appalachian Lecture in British History took place on Thursday, April 27, 2017 in Belk Library and Information Commons.

This year's speaker was Dr. Jason White,

assistant professor of history at Appalachian State University. His talk, "Between Two Worlds: The English Levant Company and the Ottoman Empire,

1581–1688," educated attendees about the Levant Company and imports from the Ottoman Empire.

Dr. White noted that currants were a popular import of the Levant Company. To engage his audience with the feel of the time period, he passed around a box of Zante currants for all to try. Prior to the lecture, The Bill and Maureen Rhinehart Collection books related to the evening's lecture were on display in the Rhinehart Room. Collector and donor Bill Rhinehart was here to participate in the evening's events.



Dr. Jason White lecturing



James T. and Louise Broyhill Family Room Naming



Left to Right: Melanie Broyhill, Louise Broyhill, James Broyhill, Mary Reichel, Interim Dean, Ed Broyhill

Friday, April 28 marked the dedication of Room 421 in the Belk Library and Information Commons in honor of the James T. and Louise Broyhill Family.



The library was the recipient of the James and Louise Broyhill political papers which are housed in Special Collections.

Senator Jim Broyhill was instrumental as a Board of Trustees member in promoting the idea of a new library building as a part of the UNC system priorities for the successful 2001 bond issue which President Molly Broad championed.



His wife, Louise Horton Robbins Broyhill has deep roots in Watauga County. Mrs. Broyhill is a grandniece of Mrs. Emma Horton Moore, Appalachian's first librarian who served the university for 46 years.



Dean Reichel closed her remarks by saying, "We are thrilled to dedicate this beautiful, but practical and useful, room in honor of the James and Louise

Broyhill Family. It is so very meaningful for all of us here."

Friends of the Library Board Chair Martha Marking wins Plemmons Leadership Award



Five Appalachian State University leaders received W.H. Plemmons Leadership Medallions during the “2017 Celebration of Leadership and Legacy,” a banquet held April 21 on campus.

Richard T. Barker Friends of the Library Board Chair, Martha Marking was one of this year’s recipients. Martha serves as a faculty member in the Department of Theater and Dance and is faculty chair of the University’s Early Intervention Team.

The medallion is named for Dr. William H. Plemmons, who served as Appalachian’s second president from 1955 to 1969.

One of Martha’s nominators wrote that “She has established a reputation as a skilled, confidential and impartial resource for our students. Through her work with the Early Intervention Team, she is aware of the unique and evolving challenges of our students, many of whom are first generation college students, and she plays a critical role in providing support to all who are referred to her.”



Plemmons Medallion

May Recap

Congratulations to 2017 Graduates!

Congratulations to all the students who are graduating this May and August, 2017. We especially thank all of our student library employees for their hard work and dedication. Your work in the library is greatly appreciated! You will be missed.



Spring and summer 2017 Library Student Employee Graduating Seniors

Graduating student library employees for 2017

ADMINISTRATION Alana Patterson Tevin Potts Merafe Gedewon Kaleb Langmeyer	APPALACHIAN COLLECTION Brooke Spivey Abigail Altrath Anna Grace Bankhead Riley Tucker Aaron Dickson Graham Shelton Brandi Bounds
ABC/ILL Hunter Nicholson	INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER Alyssa McLeroy Megan Burbank Anthony Puglisi Aregash Theodros
TECH SERVICES Koby Meyer Grant Murray Kendall Rankin Cassandra Mumford Emily Hutchinson Monica Nelson Redondo Jamie Metreaud	LRS - NIGHT SERVICES Kierra Reed Ruben Garratt Hannah Tennyson Reanne Henry Stephanie McCormack David Christiansen Molly Cogburn
STACKS Conner Bridges Elisabeth Moore Karen Ward Khalieb Henry Benton	RESOURCE ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT Kaitlin Berry Jasmine Ogunjimi Chyna Melton Lonnie Bryant
MUSIC LIBRARY Taylor James	
LEARNING AND RESEARCH SERVICES Devon Carter Colin Tate	

June Recap



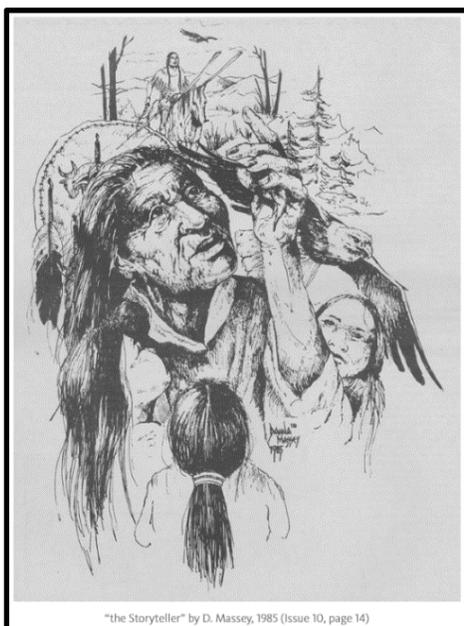
Special collections has a new digital exhibit entitled *Katúah: Bioregional Journal of the Southern Appalachians*.

Katúah is the name for the Cherokees' homeland in the Western North Carolina mountains and adjacent region. The journal, published by volunteer editors between 1983-1993, promoted activism in the region to tackle social, environmental, mental, emotional, and spiritual issues, many of which are still relevant today.

For more details, see this [Special Collections blog post \(link is external\)](#).

The project was a collaboration across four library teams and UNC-Asheville Special Collections:

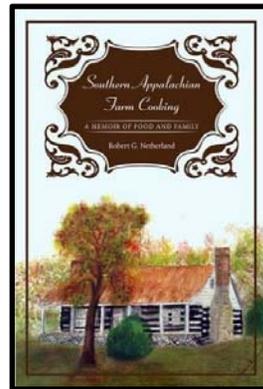
- **W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection:** Fred Hay and Dustin Witsman
- **Digital Scholarship and Initiatives:** Pam Mitchem, Dea Rice, and Matt Ransom
- **Technology Services:** Scott Goldstein
- **UNCA Special Collections:** Gene Hyde
- **Graduate student and Project Leader:** Andrea Leonard, **Resource and Acquisitions Management**



"The Storyteller" by D. Massey, 1985 (Issue 10, page 14)

Upcoming Events – July and August

Summer Author Series – Robert Netherland; July 26 at 3:30pm, Broyhill Family Room, 421



Part cookbook and part memoir, *Southern Appalachian Farm Cooking* blends staples of farm-fresh, Appalachian cuisine with stories of life on a large farm in East Tennessee, where homemade biscuits and harvest vegetables were the fruits of hard work and meager earnings.

In sharing his experiences, Netherland reminds us of a time when prepackaged and plastic-wrapped food didn't line our counters and fill our cabinets, but in their place were baskets of seasonal fruit, canned vegetables, fresh baked breads, and hot-from-the-oven cobblers. *Southern Appalachian Farm Cooking* is more than just a nostalgic memoir of farming and food; it's also filled with healthy, simple, everyday eats for the modern cook.

Library Guide to the 2017 Common Reading Book - One Amazing Thing

Since 1997, incoming freshmen at ASU have been asked to read a book as part of their orientation to Appalachian State University. By participating in the Common Reading Program, students establish a common experience with other new students.



This year's selection is *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. *One Amazing Thing* (Hyperion, 2010) is about nine people from different backgrounds who become

Library Guide to the 2017 Common Reading Book - One Amazing Thing (cont.)

trapped together by an earthquake. They use storytelling to help them survive while they hope and pray for rescue.

The book offers lessons for bridging cultural and ethnic diversity through storytelling; prompts discussions about prejudice, cultural misunderstanding, alienation and interpersonal communication; and offers inspiration for overcoming life's obstacles.

As with Common Reading authors of past years, Divakaruni will speak on campus at Black and Gold Convocation. The 2017 Convocation, which is open to the public, will be on August 21. She will appear at other events that day as well, including a discussion with faculty, a book reading and book signing.

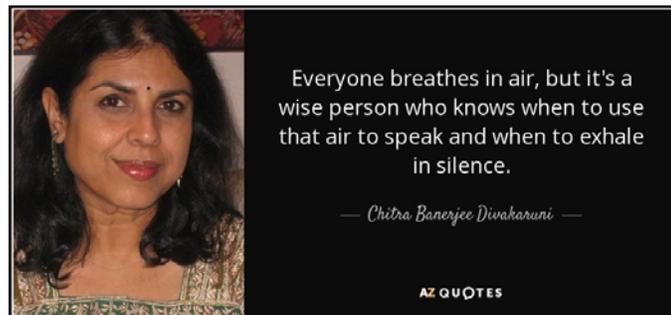
- **Common Reading Program**
- **Common Reading Program Events**
- **Library Guide to the Common Reading Book**

August 21, 2017

- 1:00 p.m. - Black and Gold Convocation, Holmes Convocation Center, ASU
- 7:00 p.m. - Public Reading, Q&A and Book Signing, Blue Ridge Ballroom, Plemmons Student Union

August 22, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. - Public Reading and Book Signing, Watauga County Public Library, Sponsored by Watauga Reads.



Upcoming Events – September

A Novel Experience – Thursday, September 7 at Blowing Rock Country Club at 6:30pm. Details to be announced. For more information call Lynn Patterson at 828-262-2087.



Library Advisory Board Meeting – Friday, September 8, 8:30am refreshments, 9am meeting

Library Student Employee Scholarship Luncheon – Friday, September 8, McKinney Alumni Center, 12 noon.