

## From Dean Sue Polanka:

We had a wonderful and busy summer in the University Libraries! We're excited to share our summer newsletter, highlighting all that we've done to support our mission - to inspire and guide those who pursue knowledge. From new artwork and databases to faculty and staff development and special events, we continue to collaborate across our communities to improve the library experience for our constituents. We wish you a great fall term and look forward to seeing you in our libraries.

## JEWEL DAVIS

Jewel Davis was appointed to serve as chair of the [2026 Randolph Caldecott Award Selection Committee](#). Congratulations, Jewel! We are proud of you!

## LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS WIN AWARDS

We are pleased to announce three of our Library Advisory Council members received awards this summer for their outstanding contributions.

- MaryCraven Poteat received the [2024 Outstanding Alumni Award](#)
- Kay Borkowski was honored with a [Lifetime Community Service Award](#)
- Dr. Bettie Bond named [Boone Parade Grand Marshall](#) and awarded the [Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#)

## JAKI SHELTON GREEN SPEAKS FOR JUNETEENTH

On June 18, the University Libraries had the incredible honor of hosting Jaki Shelton Green for our Juneteenth celebration. The North Carolina Poet Laureate was engaging, enlightening and uplifting. The event was a special treat for all participants.

## BELK LIBRARY BUILDING ART REFRESH

This summer we refurbished the building art in Belk Library. Recent App State graduate Olivia Hoagland led our efforts as curator. Olivia did an amazing job cataloging and refreshing our already extensive Library Art collection. We didn't realize how much art we had until we rearranged it! We are proud of both the project and the outcome.



Interim Chancellor Heather Norris and Jewel Davis



MaryCraven Poteat at Alumni Awards Ceremony



Dean Sue Polanka, Jamie Parson,  
Jaki Shelton Green, Traci Royster

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN THE NEWS

The Special Collections Research Center stayed in the headlines. Faculty member Suzanne Wise, was featured in a news interview about Stock Car Racing. Anna Smith submitted a photo from the University Archives that made the cover of [College and Research Libraries News](#). Special Collections was featured in the Watauga Democrat about Mountain Home Music.

## INDIGENOUS APPALACHIA DISPLAY ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

Special Collections recently installed a traveling exhibit entitled [Indigenous Appalachia](#) on the 4th floor of Belk Library. The exhibit is courtesy of a collaboration with West Virginia University. Please come by and explore!

## CERTIFICATIONS

Several of our library faculty and staff received professional certifications. Congratulations on all your hard work!

- **Kelly Burkett** - Professional Administrative Certification of Excellence (PACE)
- **Andrea Tester** - Professional Administrative Certification of Excellence (PACE)
- **Agnes Gambill West** - Certificate in Art Law from Sotheby's Institute of Art
- **Andrea Howell** - Certified Archivist (CA) from the Academy of Certified Archivists.
- **Mollie Peuler** - Masters in Training and Development and the Quality Masters Certificate from NC State University.

## GRADUATIONS

Three Library staff members earned Masters in Library Science degrees at University of North Carolina Greensboro.

- **Kyle McFarland** – Collection Management
- **Angela Howell** – Special Collections Research Center
- **Shane Watson** – Music Library

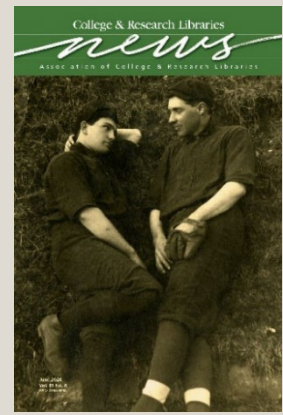
Congratulations on your accomplishments, and we thank UNC Greensboro for educating a new group of library professionals.

## FACULTY PROMOTIONS, TENURE AND APPOINTMENTS

- **Jewel Davis** was promoted to Full Professor
- **Breanne Crumpton** was appointed Associate Professor
- **Dusty Ross** was reappointed to Assistant Professor
- **Whitney Bevill** was reappointed to Assistant Professor

## STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE

Bill Pillow from Resource and Acquisitions Management and Angela Howell from the Special Collections Research Center both celebrated milestone years of service this year. Bill is celebrating 20 years while Angela has 5 years of employment. Congratulations!



College and Research Libraries News



Andrea Tester, Kelly Burkett



Kyle McFarland, Angela Howell, Shane Watson



Jewel Davis, Breanne Crumpton, Dusty Ross, Whitney Bevill



Angela Howell, Bill Pillow

## **INTERIM APPOINTMENTS**

Due to staff vacancies, several library personnel were appointed to interim leadership positions.

- [Pam Mitchem has been appointed the Interim Associate Dean](#)
- [John Wiswell appointed Interim Coordinator of Collections Management Services](#)

We have active searches for these positions. We hope to announce our successful candidates and newly acquired positions in our next newsletter.

## **JENNY COFFEY - NEW ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - IMC**

Jenny Coffey has been hired as an Adjunct Instructor in the Instructional Materials Center. Jenny received her BS in Elementary Education and Masters of Library Science from Appalachian State. Welcome, Jenny!

## **LIBRARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT – HUNTER RINGLEY**

This summer's Library Student Employee Scholarship Winner Spotlight is Hunter Ringley. Ringley is a graduate student majoring in Computer Science. Hunter works in Technology Services where he is supervised by Wil Cummings.

## **INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT – NATHAN RODNEY**

Introducing Nathan Rodney, a graduate student assistant who recently finished his summer internship at the Special Collections Research Center. He is a second-year graduate student with a concentration in public history.

## **INFORMATION LITERACY BASECAMP**

Dusty Ross, Kelly Rhodes and Breanne Crompton organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Information Literacy Basecamp on June 6 at the Valle Crucis Conference Center. This daylong event provides library faculty and staff with the opportunity to gather and share within a learning community.

## **LIBRARY ACCESS FOR NONPROFITS WORKSHOP**

Appalachian State University librarians hosted a one-day workshop on Monday, June 24, 2024. The workshop was tailored to nonprofit organizations in our region to help Western North Carolina nonprofits gain access to valuable library resources.

## **SUMMER TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

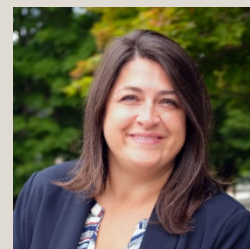
This summer the Technology Services Team presented several interesting presentations/workshops for library staff and faculty. Classes were taught in Incorporating ChatGPT literary instruction, Visualization Wall content instruction, GI demos for library work, accessibility demos for library use and Book Binding.

## **NEW DATABASE (SCOPUS)**

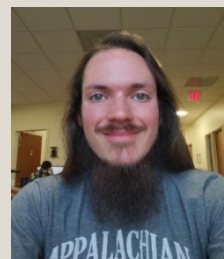
University Libraries is pleased to announce we are offering access to [Scopus](#), a replacement for Web of Science. Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer reviewed literature.



Pam Mitchem and John Wiswell



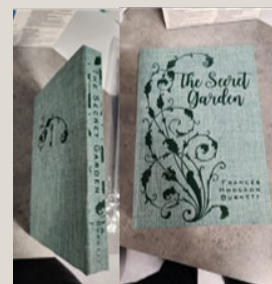
Jenny Coffey, Adjunct Instructor IMC



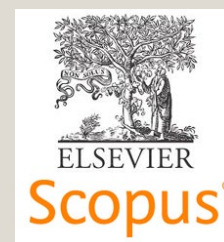
Hunter Ringley, Library Student Scholarship Recipient



2024 IL Summer Basecamp

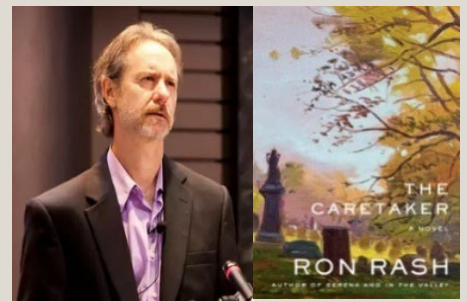


The Secret Garden Book Binding



## RON RASH SPEAKS AT THE APPALACHIAN THEATRE

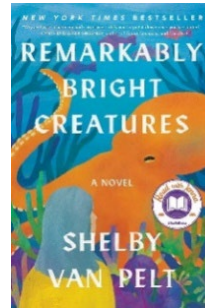
The Watauga County Public Library, Friends of the Watauga County Public Library and the Richard T. and Dorothy B. Barker Friends of the University Libraries co-sponsored a lecture at the Appalachian Theatre featuring Ron Rash on Thursday, August 7.



Ron Rash

## **DEAN SUE POLANKA VISITS LOCAL BOOK CLUBS**

Dean Sue Polanka went on tour again this summer as Tova, a character from the book, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Dean Polanka visited clubs at Hound Ears, Elk River, Linville Ridge, and Grandfather Mountain Country Clubs.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### "CANS FOR THE CAN"

During all the App State Football home games, we will host a collection location for App State tailgaters to donate items to our Food Pantry.

Home games with opportunities to give:

- Thursday, September 19
- Saturday, September 28
- Saturday, October 26 - Homecoming
- Saturday, November 2
- Saturday, November 23

Or donate anytime online at this [link](#). Help us fight food insecurities for our Mountaineer Family.



### Music Humanities Series



"Creative Female Networks and the Musical Career of Tui St. George Tucker"

*Presented: Dr. Reeves Shulstad (HSOM faculty)*

**Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 PM**

Broyhill Music Center  
Schaffel Recital Hall

### TUI ST. GEORGE TUCKER @ 100 SYMPOSIUM

Join Hayes School of Music professors in a celebration of local composer Tui St. George Tucker! A Symposium featuring Research, Original Compositions, and Performances of Tucker's Music will be held in the Hayes School of Music and Special Collections Research Center on September 15-16, 2024.

### *Tui St. George Tucker @ 100 Symposium*

celebrating the groundbreaking  
Blowing Rock composer

**All are invited!** No cost nor registration required to attend.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
2:00-3:30, 3:45-4:45 Papers/Performances  
5:00-5:50 Keynote Event  
8:00 Concert

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
8:30-10:00 Tui St. George Tucker Collection (Music Library)  
10:00-11:00 Performances (including a piece in which everyone can sing)

Learn more at [music.appstate.edu/Tui](https://music.appstate.edu/Tui)

Coordinating Committee:  
Dr. Boye, Dr. Cline, Dr. Shulstad

Tui St. George Tucker, c. 1950s

For a disability accommodation, visit  
[odr.appstate.edu](https://odr.appstate.edu)

### **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE SYMPOSIUM – SPRING 2025**

Stay tuned for details.

### 2024 BELK DISTINGUISHED LECTURE FEATURING BRENDAN SLOCUMB

Officially rescheduled, please find the details for our lecture featuring award winning author and musician, Brendan Slocumb.

**Thursday, October 3 at 5pm**

Broyhill Music Center

Rosen Concert Hall

*Parking available in the Peacock Lot*



Brendan Slocumb

Join the [Friends of the University Libraries](#)