From Dean Sue Polanka:
We Love Spring! The days lengthen, the weather changes, our students spend more time in the libraries and on campus, and we celebrate National Library Week. Spring offered many opportunities for us to collaborate with others within the campus community and beyond. Please find an overview of our efforts in our spring newsletter.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACCOLADES

University Libraries CeLIBration Awards
Our Employee Appreciation Committee hosted our Library Personnel Awards Day on Tuesday, April 30. Check out our colleagues’ well deserved departmental awards.

Faculty and Staff Presentations and Publications
Faculty and staff in the libraries publish on a wide range of topics. Check out their distinguished list of publications and presentations.

Library Student Employee Scholarship Awards
We are pleased to award 27 scholarships for our Library Student Employees for the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations to our winners.
May 2024 Graduates

24 student employees in the Libraries graduated in May, 2024. This year, we awarded our graduating employees silk cords representing their employment in the University Libraries. We will miss them, but wish them good luck in all their endeavors and are pleased to be a part of their App State journey.

OUR LIBRARIES

Black Mountain College Archive Event Recap
We hosted a reception for the Black Mountain College Archive acquisition. The archives offer oral histories and one of a kind documents detailing the curriculum and approach of this remarkable educational center where art flourished.

Collaborations with Art Classes for Building Displays
This semester, the University Libraries hosted a Foundations Art class installation where we invited students to create art pieces to display in the Libraries’ public spaces.

Hickory First Year Wrap-up
In reflection of its first academic year, the Hickory Library and Information Commons achieved numerous accomplishments. From giving tours to community members, to hosting collaborative events, our first year proved extremely successful.

UNC System Shared Library Catalog
The UNC System Libraries have partnered to launch a shared library catalog for discovery access to the incredible resources available within our University System. Over the next three years, 12 system schools will migrate to this catalog, with App State migrating next summer. The new catalog will offer better resource sharing and new tools for discovering the wealth of library subscriptions and materials.

Archivematica
The Libraries now have a subscription to Archivematica, a free and open-source digital preservation system designed to maintain standards-based, long-term access to collections of digital objects.
NEW HIRES, PROMOTIONS, AND PROMOTIONS

Kai Weaver hired as manager in the Makerspace. John Wiswell takes the lead in Collections Management.

Congratulations to several faculty who were promoted by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on March 15th. These promotions are effective on July 1, 2024:
- Breanne Crumpton - Associate Professor with tenure
- Jewel Davis - Full Professor
- Alex McAllister - Full Professor

OUR PROGRAMS AND SPRING EVENTS

Student Art First Night
A night of celebration. The Student Art Contest results are in!

IMC Institute
We offered professional development for educators through a Library Bivens grant to raise awareness and provide teaching strategies for youth literature.

AI Symposium
We hosted a symposium to explore innovations and impacts in generative artificial intelligence.

#IBackApp
University Libraries participated in the eleventh annual #IBackApps on March 6.

Jason Mott Talk and Boards Social
Author Jason Mott and the Department of English join the University Library Boards at a social.

Performance Ticket Checkout Program
The Music Library provides checkout tickets for Carrie the Musical in Valborg Theater.

Library Finals Fest
Finals Fest was a success again! From coloring to therapy animals to snacks, we had something to help everyone relax and recharge.
Library Boards/Council Updates
We put our board members, students, and committees to work this semester.

Scholarship Luncheon
Scholarship recipients and donors gather for our annual spring Luncheon.

Information Literacy Basecamp - June 6
Dusty Ross, Kelly Rhodes, and Breanne Crumpton are organizing the 2024 Information Literacy Basecamp on June 6th. This one-day workshop will bring people responsible for instruction in the library together to discuss pedagogy and practices.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

North Carolina Reads

The Libraries participated in the NC Reads program, a program that features five books that explore issues of racial, social, and gender equity and the history and culture of North Carolina. We look forward to the two remaining events. They are free and open to the public.

- May 29, 2024 – *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
- June 26, 2024 – *Welcome to the Circus of Baseball* by Ryan McGee

NC Poet Laureate - Jaki Shelton Green
Jaki Shelton Green will speak on June 18, 2024 at the University’s Juneteenth Celebration from 11 am – 2 pm in the Parkway Ballroom, Plemmons Student Union.

Library Access for Nonprofits Workshop - June 24
Librarians Ashlea Green, Whitney Bevill, Jackie Eagleson, and John Wiswell will welcome regional nonprofits to campus for a full-day workshop on June 24.
The 2024 Belk Distinguished Lecture featuring Brendan Slocumb has been postponed due to health issues. The event will be rescheduled, with details to be announced at a later date.

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