



## 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.



*Employee Appreciation Celebration*



*2024-2025 Library Employee Scholarship 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.



*Graduation Cord for Library Student Employees*



*Joseph Bathanti, Mary Emma Harris, Provost Heather Norris*



*Student Art from Foundations Class*

## 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](#)

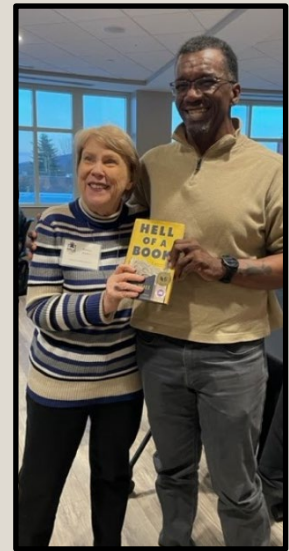
The Music Library provides checkout tickets for *Carrie the Musical* in Valborg Theater.

### [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.



**"i am everything from everyone i've ever loved" by Abby Dent**  
Student Art Contest Winner



Board Member Betsy Alden and author Jason Mott



Library Finals Fest Spring 2024 with students and Teddy, the therapy dog

## [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

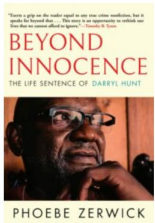
Dusty Ross, Kelly Rhodes, and Breanne Crumpton are organizing the 2024 Information Literacy Basecamp on June 6th. This one-day workshop will bring people responsible for instruction in the library together to discuss pedagogy and practices.



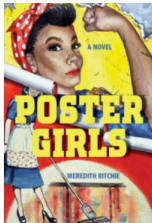
Student Speaker Ivy Molina Herrera and Dean Polanka at the Scholarship Luncheon

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### [North Carolina Reads](#)



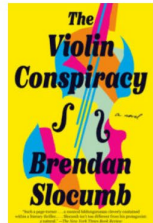
Beyond Innocence: The Life Sentence of Darryl Hunt by Phoebe Zerwick.



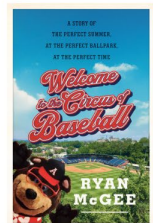
Poster Girls by Meredith Ritchie.



American Refuge: True Stories of the Refugee Experience by Diya Abdo.



The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb.



Welcome to the Circus of Baseball by Ryan McGee.

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.

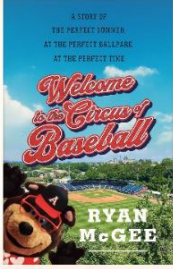

North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

Featuring

Ryan McGee and Dr. Nick Buzzelli in a moderated conversation

Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Scan here to Live Stream:



North Carolina Reads, North Carolina Humanities' statewide book club, annually features five books that explore issues of racial, social, and gender equality and the history and culture of North Carolina. All five books pose critical questions about how North Carolinians view their role in helping to form a more just and inclusive society. Join Phoebe Zerwick and Mark Rabli in this author discussion co-hosted by North Carolina Reads and the Appalachian State University Libraries and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

NC Reads – June 26, 2024



Jaki Shelton Green, NC Poet Laureate

## 2024 Belk Distinguished Lecture

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.



*2024 Belk Distinguished Lecture  
featuring Brendan Slocumb*

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