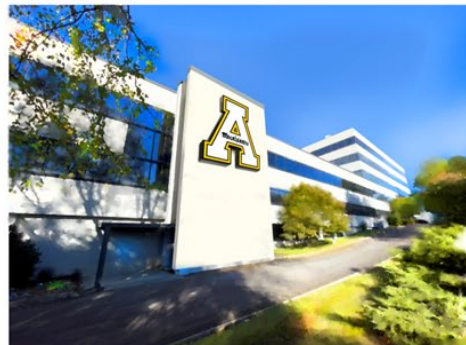


University Libraries

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Belk Library and Information Commons • Nicholas Erneston Music Library • Hickory Information Commons

From Dean Sue Polanka

We had an eventful and impactful Spring. The weather this winter was wonderfully mild, allowing for the continuation of our programs and events. As usual, we stayed busy and made sure to keep the libraries at the forefront of the hearts and minds of the whole campus. We are proud of our many accomplishments.

Please enjoy our 2023 Spring in Review Newsletter.

University Libraries



We had a variety of events, speakers, and activities this spring. We engaged our community both on and off campus and created intellectual spaces for learning and sharing.

Events

Technology Instruction, Classes and Activities

Technology Instruction at the Library

Classes and
workshops for
students, faculty,
and staff



Scan the QR Code
to learn more and
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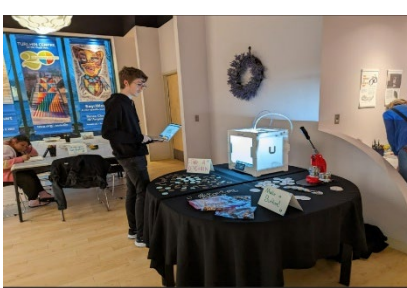
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February 17 - 3D Design
February 21 - Creating Posters & Flyers with
Adobe Express
March 2 - Intro to Papercrafts
March 9 - Worried about ChatGPT? Try the
Library Makerspace
March 22 - Basic Video Editing
March 29 - Designing for the Laser Cutter
April 5 - Soldering Workshop
April 11 - Creating Posters & Flyers with
Adobe Express
April 19 - Basic Video Editing
April 27 - 3D Printer Workshop

We offered 10 different technology instruction workshops with topics ranging from 3D design to video editing. Approximately 200 students joined us. The sessions were a huge success with a request for more sessions in the fall and a list of ideas for future workshops.

First Friday at the Turchin Center – March 3



The Makerspace collaborated with the Turchin Center for first Friday on March 3rd. First Friday Art Crawls take place in Downtown Boone each month (February-December) to encourage visitors to explore all that our downtown has to offer! Businesses, galleries and restaurants often extend their hours until at least 7pm. We love to collaborate with our Town of Boone partners.

Speakers

Children's Literature Symposium

The University Libraries partnered with the Reich College of Education to host the 6th biennial Children's Literature Symposium. This year, the Symposium reached nearly 600 students, teachers and librarians in 3 schools and a public library. Three award-winning children's and young adult authors and illustrators provided transformational learning opportunities for students in 4 counties.



Katie Ives

In collaboration with Campus Recreation, we offered a literary lecture featuring Katie Ives in conjunction with the Banff Film and Book Festival on April 1. Katie was our inaugural speaker for what we hope becomes an annual event. Katie was delightful both during her talk and as she introduced films on Friday night to generate interest in her talk on Saturday.



Programs

North Carolina Reads Humanities Program



North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

featuring
Kianna Alexander and Dr. Hilary Green
author of
Carolina Built

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
6:30 pm
Room 421
Belk Library & Info Commons

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. North Carolina Reads features five books that explore issues of racial, social, and gender equality and the history and culture of North Carolina.

The University Libraries and the Office of Diversity are co-sponsoring the NC Reads program. NC Reads is the North Carolina Humanities' statewide book club that annually features five books that explore issues of racial, social, and gender equality and the history and culture of North Carolina.

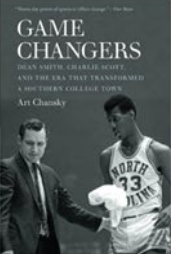

North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

featuring
Art Chansky and Dr. Matt Andrews
author of
Game Changers: Dean Smith, Charlie Scott, and the Era that Transformed a Southern College Town

Monday, March 27, 2023
6:30 pm
On Zoom Only!
Register here:

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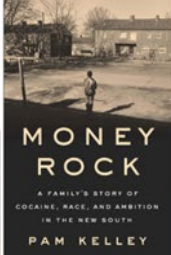

North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

featuring
Pam Kelley
author of
Money Rock: A Family's Story of Cocaine, Race, and Ambition in the New South

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
6:30 pm
Scan here to Live Stream:

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North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

featuring
Joy Jordan-Lake
author of
Under a Gilded Moon

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
6:30 pm
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North Carolina Reads proudly hosts

Author Talk + Book Discussion

featuring
David Menconi
author of
Step It Up and Go: The Story of North Carolina Popular Music, from Blind Boy Fuller and Doc Watson to Nina Simone and Superchick

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
6:30 pm
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Guitar Fest

Ophee Collection

GuitarFest 2023




Hayes School of Music
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GuitarFest 2023




Friday, March 31st, 2:00- 4:30
Erneston Music Library and room 204
Matanya Ophee and the History of Guitar Pedagogy: An Exhibit from the Ophee Collection
at Appalachian State's Special Collections Research Center
Dr. Gary Boye
"The importance of multiple historical score sources."
Dr. Douglas James
The Ophee Collection display is FRIDAY ONLY

Altamira George Thomas Guitars
Waddy Thomson Guitars

Special Collections shared the Matanya Ophee Collection during GuitarFest 2023.



MerleFest

We hosted a booth for MerleFest this year, April 27-30th. Library personnel gave out swag to increase the visibility of the MerleFest Archives at Appalachian State University.

Oral Historian, Mark Coltrain scheduled and completed several oral histories. We look forward to adding them to our already growing collection.

Library Cares

“Library Cares” is a series of events that Appalachian State University Libraries orchestrate every fall and spring semester to support students during the final exam period. These events feature activities like stress relief, therapy dogs, coloring, food and visits from campus administrators. Events are held at Belk Library and the Nicholas Erneston Music Library.



Our People - Faculty/Staff/Students

University Libraries faculty and staff proudly represented themselves and the libraries in various areas on campus.

An Interesting Find

Early 2023, four faculty and staff members from Appalachian State University Libraries traveled from Boone to the Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Lab in Greenville, NC to have five books tested for arsenic. Although a serious issue for Libraries and book preservationists, our staff was able to have a bit of fun while learning vital preventative techniques. Check out the [video](#) created in the Music Library.



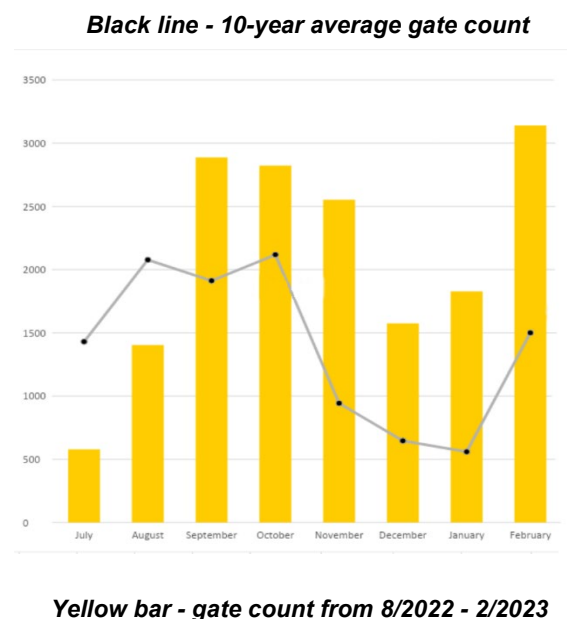
Budget Presentation, April 28

Dean Sue Polanka presented to the University Libraries Budget Report on April 28th. She highlighted our outstanding services, employees, and resources as well as thanking the University for financial support during the year. Great job, Sue!

Job Searches and New Hires

We currently have two more job searches ongoing this spring. The Curator for Distinctive Collections and the Hickory Librarian position. We hope to fill them soon.

After a banner year of new hires, we can see the result of new people in key positions. In our Music Library, our Music Library gate counts have dramatically increased since adding this second librarian. We surpassed our 10-year average by 30-50% in 6 months.





Resource Acquisitions Management Team – Dianna Johnson, Allan Duncan, Leroy Watson, Jason Wolfe, Shannon McCluney, Jon Greene

Years of Service

Library personnel were recognized for their years of service for the University. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication to the University Libraries. Congratulations to all.

Employee Appreciation Committee Awards



Kelly Rhodes – Appalachian Spirit



Hannah Pope – Mountain Mover



Resource Acquisitions Management - Outstanding Team Award

On April 18, the Employee Appreciation Committee, chaired by Jecca Hodges, presented 3 awards for outstanding service for Library Personnel during our Employee Appreciation Day on April 18th. The Appalachian Spirit Award was given to Kelly Rhodes, Information Literacy Librarian. The Mountain Mover Award was given to Hannah Pope, Emerging Technologies Librarian. The Outstanding Team Award went to the Resource Acquisitions Management team.

Committee members include Jackie Eagleson, Mollie Peuler, Dusty Ross, Allan Scherlen, and John Wiswell.

Dean Polanka on the Runway

Sue participated in the [2023 Apparel Design and Merchandising Showcase](#) on April 29th. The Showcase is part of the Department of Applied Design and a highlight of the College of Fine and Applied Arts and its **Connect** Weekend. Sue modeled an original creation by the show's founder, Dr. Anthony Wilson.



Dean Shannon Campbell, Dr. Anthony Wilson and Dean Sue Polanka

3D Scanning

Through Digital Scholarship and Initiatives, we launched a new 3D scanning service, allowing us to fully digitize multiple objects in our collection. Creating 3D models of cultural artifacts, such as the dulcimer from North Carolina folk artist Stanley Hicks, can help to foster learning and provide new ways of engaging with heritage.

The process offers access to resources previously denied to audiences and can help preserve fragile items. Our alumni can engage with the 2007 signed championship football, providing them a visual to boast about their favorite App State football game.



Library Instruction Basecamp Retreat

After a banner year of library instruction, with over 1000 classes and individual appointments, the Instructional Librarians will complete a Basecamp Summer Institute retreat in June.

The purpose of the Summer Institute is to allow all librarians who have instructional responsibilities to gather together to share teaching pedagogies and learn as a community.



Spaces and Programs

Displays on the Visualization Wall

Our updated 1st floor programming space in Belk Library with the visualization wall featured exhibits on Jackie Robinson, multilingual books, horror films, and student fashion design, to name a few. Use this [link](#) to view one of our videos running currently on our visualization wall.



Collaboration Stations



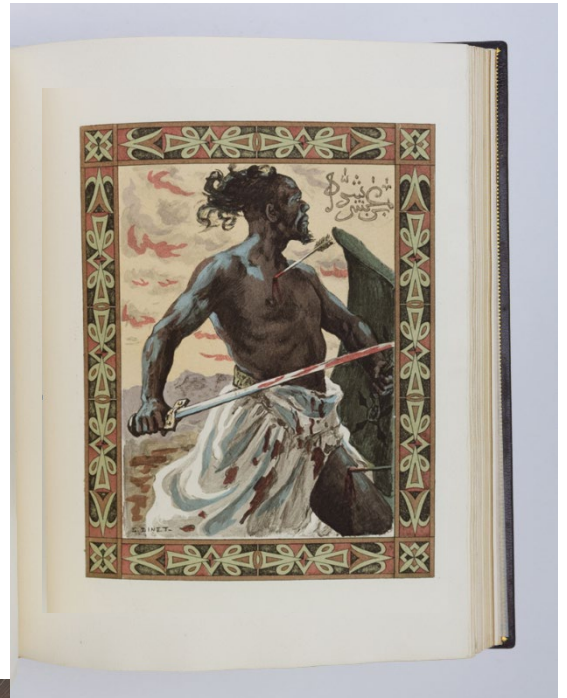
We set up new Collaboration Stations in Belk Library on the main floor of the library by the windows! The first-floor library space is perfect for group projects by connecting to the screens to share content. The stations can connect as many as four computers (or phones!) on the screen at once.

Collections

Rare Books Added to Our Collections

We purchased new international acquisitions for our rare books collection. First is a high-end scholarly facsimile of The Book of Kells. Considered one of the wonders of medieval Europe, the Book of Kells is an illuminated volume of the four gospels of the Christian new testament. Several faculty members requested this volume to support the curriculum in religion, English, and languages.

Also purchased is an 1898 first edition of The Adventures of Antar, a Black Arab Knight. This is a two volume, illustrated, art nouveau book of poetry from the 11th century. Greta Browning displayed the book at the budget presentation for the campus audience.



The Book of Kells



**The Adventures of Antar,
A Black Arab Knight**



Hickory Library and Information Commons - Designed by Students for Students

This semester the Student Library Advisory Board met and helped design the new Hickory Library and Information Commons. We had many brainstorming sessions about furniture, space needs, books, food pantry and other student needs. We are grateful for their input.

Offsite storage in Hickory

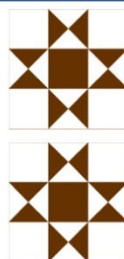
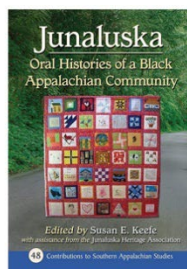
We are in the process of building an Offsite Storage Facility at the NCCET building in Hickory. This facility will house our university archives records - thousands of boxes of campus documentation. Moving these records from several Boone campus storage areas to Hickory will free up space on campus for new, high impact library services to support our ever-changing student and faculty needs. Acquiring resources to support these facility changes is a priority.



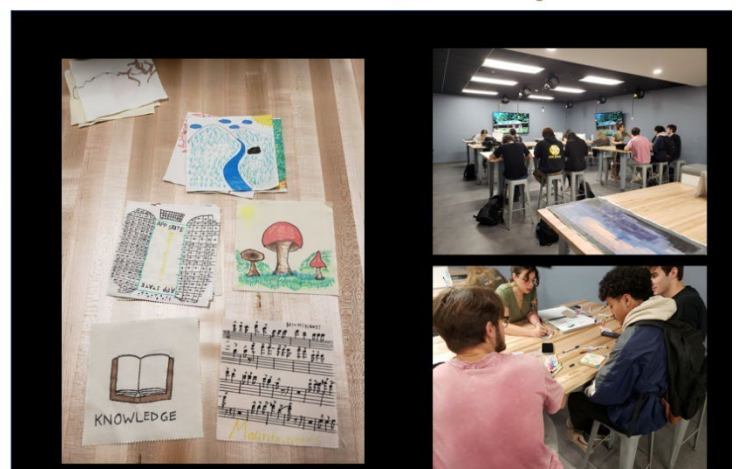
Junaluska History Quilt Project

We continued the discussion of this year's Common Read, *Junaluska Oral Histories of a Black Appalachian Community*.

We met with first year students and created quilt squares to represent the concept of community for our artists.



UCO 1200-Quilt Project



Film Screenings

We partnered with the department of English on the Francophone Film Festival in February.

The University Libraries IDEA committee and Cold Mountain Review also co-presented a screening of the film *Stories of Intersex and Faith* on April 4, 2023 as part of The Diversity Celebration. The film is a documentary exploring the experiences of intersex people who were surgically altered as infants to more closely match the appearance of typical male and female children.



Student Employee Events

We hosted events to honor our Student Employees. We consider our Student Employees essential to our success. Below please find a few of our activities:

Student Employee End of Year Party and Scholarship Announcement

We hosted a Student Employee end of the year party on Thursday, May 4 where we congratulated our graduates and announced our scholarship winners.



Spring Graduations

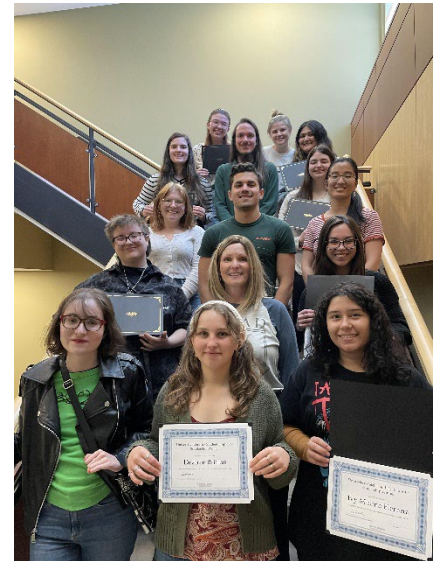
Spring Graduation is always a bittersweet time of year for us. Dean Sue Polanka, and faculty members Dr. Gary Boye, Ken Johnson, Pam Mitchem, Kelly Rhodes and John Wiswell will serve as University Libraries flag bearers for the graduation ceremonies.

We had 22 students employees graduate this spring. We will miss you and wish you good luck in your future endeavors!

Student Employee Scholarships

We are pleased to announce our 2023-2024 student employee scholarship winners. Each student will receive a scholarship worth at least \$1500.00. Our program continues to grow and benefit our multi-talented student employees.

This year we will award 24 scholarships totaling \$39,000. We are proud of our program and our recipients.

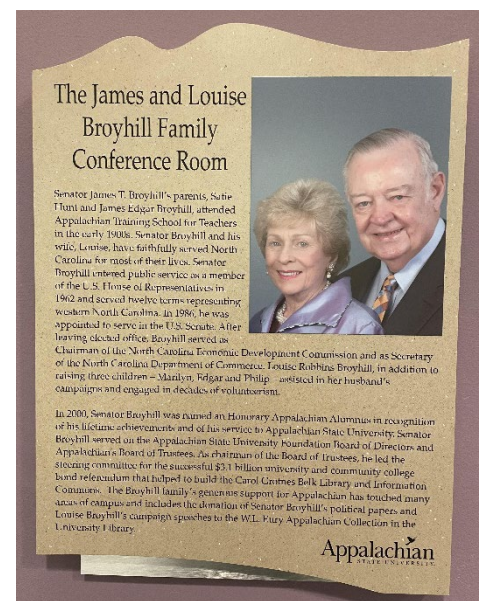


Donor and Fund-Raising Efforts

Our fund-raising efforts and donor engagement continue to be an area we are celebrating. Our donors love our libraries and are committed to our efforts to raise awareness about who we are and how we contribute to the academic excellence of the University.

Senator Jim Broyhill

Long time benefactor, Senator James Broyhill passed away in February. Senator Broyhill and his wife, Louise were unwavering supporters for the University Libraries and Senator Jim will be missed.



#IBACKAPP



With increased efforts, we engaged in #IBACKAPP efforts on April 5. Our focus of support this year were the Library Student Employee Scholarships and the Richard T. Barker Friends of the University Libraries. We also received a large donation this year to support the Stock Car Racing Collection and the Children's Literature Symposium.



The #IBACKAPP fund total for the University Libraries is \$8815 in gifts and 38 total donors. We are pleased to announce we exceeded our goals both in funds raised and donor participation.

Library Advisory Board Meeting



University Libraries Advisory Board Events – April 20 and 21

The Libraries Advisory Board held a social on Thursday, April 20 at the home of board member Bo Henderson. The social was hosted by the Board's vice president, Kelly Deese.

Dr. Betsy Brown Visualization Wall Dedication



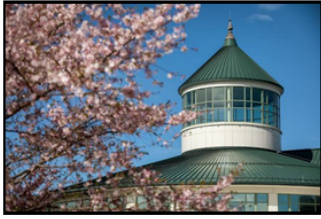
During the board meeting on Friday, April 21, the Visualization Wall, located in Belk Library, donated by board member Dr. Betsy Brown was dedicated.

The wall provides students and faculty with the means of sharing their research, creative works, and scholarship in a public forum. It provides our employees and student

and faculty groups the opportunity to provide multi format programming to highlight a special event or celebration, or bring awareness to a cause.

Dean Polanka and Library personnel demonstrated features and exhibits the wall offers for academic and student use. She thanked Dr. Brown for her contribution.

Scholarship Luncheon



Student Employee Scholarship Luncheon
Friday, April 21, 2023

Welcome

Sue Polanka

Dean of Libraries, University Libraries

Luncheon

Introduction of Scholarship Recipients

Student Remarks

Maggie Nichols

Barbara Frieman Scholar

Reflections

Heather Norris, Provost

Appalachian State University

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Directly after the Board meeting, the group adjourned and attended a scholarship luncheon for our Library Student Employees. Also in attendance were our scholarship recipients, other donors, and library student supervisors.

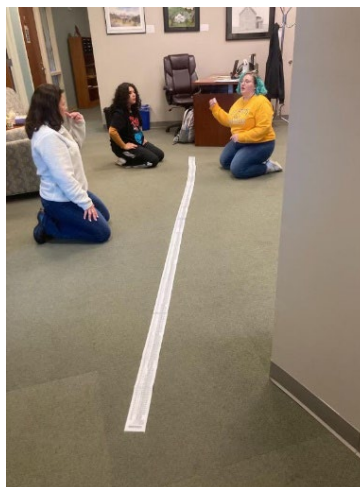


Belk Library Food Pantry

We are so excited to be able to continue to support our food pantry. Currently, the Friends of the Library continuous book sale goes to support these efforts.

We recently restocked the pantry just in time for finals and the end of the year when our students typically have the greatest need.

We support the Belk Library Food pantry to further aid our support for our students.

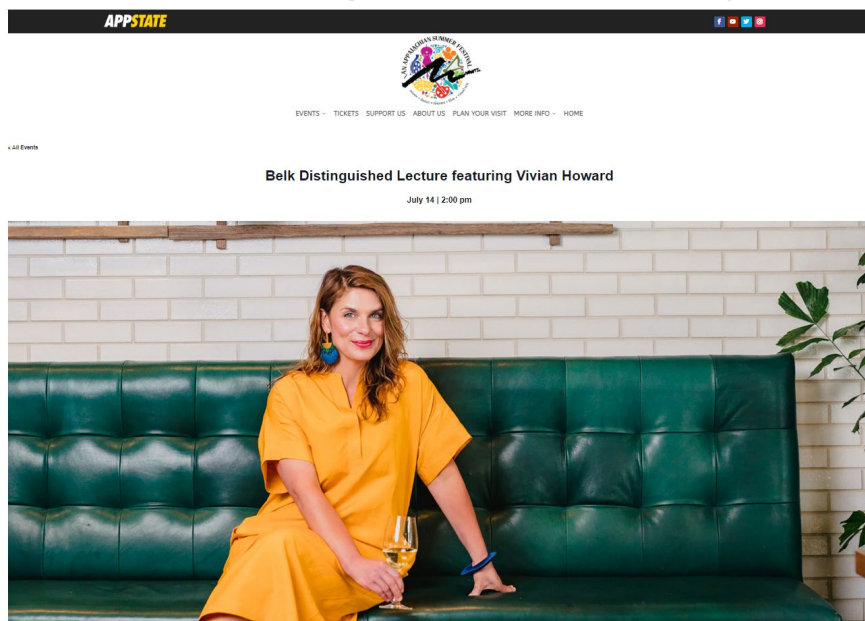


Admin staff reviewing food pantry receipt

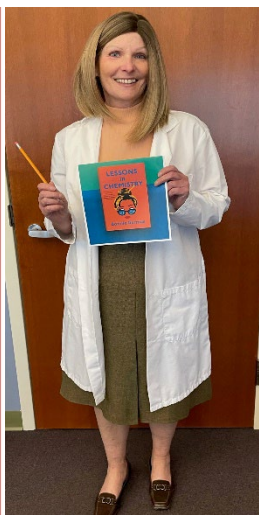
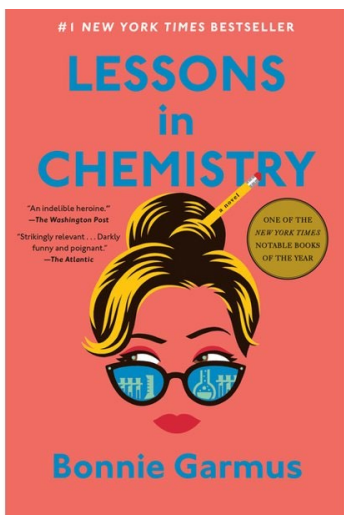
Upcoming Events

We are excited about our upcoming spring events. Please stay tuned for more details.

2023 Belk Distinguished Lecture – July 14, 2023



[Vivian Howard](#) has agreed to be the 2023 Belk Distinguished Lecture this summer. Vivian is an American chef, restaurateur, author and television host. From 2013 to 2018, Howard hosted the PBS television series “A Chef’s Life” focusing on ingredients and cooking traditions. Recently, Vivian released her second cookbook, [This Will Make It Taste Good: A New Path to Simple Cooking](#). We are thrilled to work with her and look forward to the event.



In November, our Stock Car Racing Collection will host a symposium on the Hickory Campus.

And once again, the Dean will be out in costume for our local book clubs. This year, as Elizabeth Zott, the protagonist in the book, [Lessons in Chemistry](#).

Thank you for your support of the University Libraries!