



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER

SPRING SEMESTER IN REVIEW: MAY 2026

Read the University Libraries newsletter to learn more about the Libraries' recent activities and accomplishments.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The Libraries' Spring Semester was full of exciting changes and memorable events. We started by introducing our new friend, Freddie, who is highlighted below. Feature events included the Creative Collaboration Expo, ADM Showcase, and National Library Week and Finals Fest celebrations. We also honored our faculty and staff achievements and celebrated graduating seniors and new scholarship winners. For the fourth year, the Belk Library and Information Commons has been voted the "Best Place to Study on Campus" by our students. Enjoy!



CREATIVE COLLABORATIONS EXPO - APRIL 16, 2026



FEATURING:
INTERIOR DESIGN
SECOND STORY MEDIA
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
HAYES SCHOOL OF MUSIC
FOUNDATIONS OF ART
MAKERSPACE
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
CENTER

The University Libraries' Creative Collaboration Expo highlighted the many collaborations the University Libraries have engaged in over the past year with students and faculty. From partnerships in the arts to student-led initiatives and more, the University Libraries were so pleased to share the impactful work we've accomplished together.



APPAREL DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING SHOWCASE



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



Mid-Semester Reset



National Library Week



Finals Fest



FACULTY AND STAFF

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

Library Faculty and Staff successfully represented the libraries in professional meetings and presentations during our spring semester.

[Learn more here>](#)

PERSONNEL UPDATES

We welcomed new employees and several of our faculty and staff were recognized for outstanding accomplishments.

[Learn more here >](#)

STUDENT EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS

We awarded 31 student employee scholarships for 2026-27 and honored our graduating seniors.

[Learn more here >](#)



JEWEL DAVIS FEATURED IN APPALACHIAN TODAY

Jewel Davis was featured in Appalachian Today for her work chairing the committee that selected the 2026 Randolph Caldecott Medal winner for best children's picture book published in 2025.



RUSSELL PAIGE NAMED STUDENT EMPLOYEE SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Russell Paige was selected as the 2026-2027 Supervisor of the Year by the Office of Student Employment.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Collections



We enjoy sharing and showcasing our collections.

[Learn more here>](#)

Global Music class examining an instrument collection housed in the Music Library.

Music Library gets a new service desk



Student Library Advisory Board



[Learn more here>](#)

New study room murals



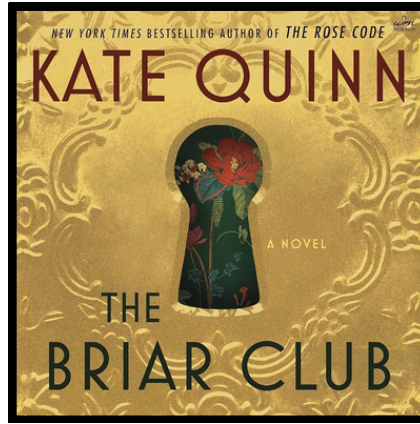
Building Updates

As we look to bring our campus the library of the future, we imagine creative ways to improve our spaces.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS



Watercolor Painting
Tuesday, June 2
[Click here to register](#)



Dean Sue Polanka Presents
The Briar Club: A Novel
Friday, July 24
Watauga County Public Library
2pm



Historic Fort Defiance Tour
Friday, August 14
Details to be announced

2026 BELK DISTINGUISHED LECTURE FEATURING KATE QUINN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6:30PM
DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED



Kate Quinn is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author



Co-sponsored by
The Hughtlene Bostian Frank
Visiting Writers Series
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CELEBRATING OUR NEW FRIEND FREDDIE

Thanks to the Student Library Advisory Board and senior public relations intern, Andie Combs, we introduced Freddie to the Campus Community.



Freddie had many fun adventures and with Andie, helped us increase our social media engagement. Follow us on Social media.



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