



# Dean's Corner

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## *A Word from Dane Ward, Dean of Libraries*



Hello to my new Appalachian Family!

I am Dane Ward, the new Dean of Libraries at Appalachian State University. I come to Appalachian State by way of Illinois State University Normal where I served as the Dean of the Milner Library since 2014. I had a 15-year career at Milner Library which also included service as Interim Director from 2012-14, Senior Associate Dean for Information Assets from 2011-12, and Associate Dean for Public Services from 2002-11.

I can't tell you how thrilled my wife Jenny and I are to be here. We are thrilled to be a part of this esteemed Appalachian State University community. We fell in love with the area on our visit here and are so excited to begin this new chapter of our lives.

I'm excited that my new role at Appalachian will give me the opportunity to get to know many of you and cultivate great friendships with you all. I look forward to meeting and interacting with you all.

*(Dane Ward, September 2017; Chad Mitchell Photography)*

## **July Recap**

### **Building Upgrades and Renovations**

We continued making improvements to our beautiful building. We seek to align space with services we want to provide which are a direct response from students, faculty, staff and patron feedback. Below please find a few photos of recent renovations:

#### **Lower Level**

**Removed compact shelving** and installed seats and tables to provide space for 36 new study spaces

#### **1st Floor**

Constructed RAP rooms; **moved service desk**; face-lift for cyber cafe; lecture hall paint and tech upgrade; **print zone created**; Fox Family Reading Room updated.



## Building Renovations cont.

**2nd Floor** - Installed compact mobile shelving;  
constructed **Writing Center**

**3rd Floor** Added 40 quiet study seats



### 4th Floor

Added three dozen double faced shelving units in Appalachian Collection; added 10 study seats; removed low shelving to open up reading area. Projects to come include lower level video recording studio; archival storage space. We have been in the building 12 years and we are constantly seeking to position ourselves to where the future of libraries are leading.

## August Recaps

### Welcome Back Event – August 30

University Libraries hosted an Open House for New Students: “Discover the Treasures in Your Library” on Wednesday, August 30. The fun and engaging event also served as an opportunity to help new students learn about key resources in the library by traversing our treasure map of stations.

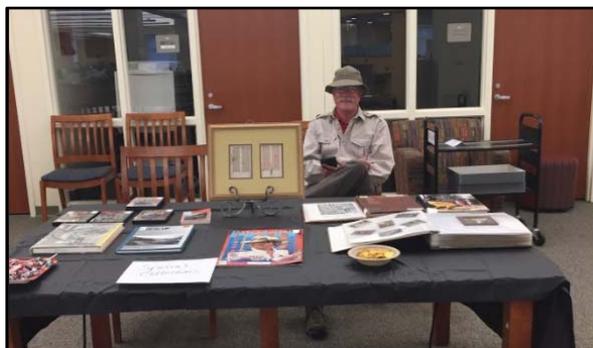


*(Eco Dot Winners - Stephen Turley, Samantha, and Olivia Primm)*

Library Personnel dressed the part as their favorite explorers to help student discover all the spectacular treasures the Library has to offer.

Students who completed each stop on the map were entered into a drawing for the chance to win an Amazon Echo Dot.

“The evening turned out to be a really fun event for all participants,” said Associate Dean, Ericka Patillo. “Library staff got to dress up and help students explore and learn about the services and resources the library has to offer at the same time. We consider that a win-win.”



## Lincoln Heights Digitization Project – August 30



The Appalachian State University History Department and University Libraries has received a National Endowment of the Humanities Common Heritage grant to provide a digitization event for the Lincoln Heights Recreation Corporation. Lincoln Heights is a large Rosenwald school for African Americans in Wilkesboro, NC.



The group hosted a digitization day event in the historic Lincoln Heights Community in North Wilkesboro, NC at the Lincoln Heights, and historic North Carolina Rosenwald School for African Americans.

The event was held to digitize photographs, letters, ephemera, etc. The event consisted of speakers, showing of a film and refreshments. After which, community leaders and individuals brought items to be scanned and digitized.

Pam Mitchem, coordinator of Digital Initiatives and Scholarship said that the digital images will become a part of Special Collections to compliment the Grinton Collection. The images will also be added to the Lincoln Heights Recreation Corporation website. She expressed an interest in a continued partnership involved in preserving and sharing the story of Lincoln Heights Rosenwald school.



## September Recaps

### Novel Experience Fund Raiser – September 7



The Library Advisory Board hosted a Novel Experience fundraising dinner at the Blowing Rock Country Club. The evening featured remarks from award-winning playwright and debut novelist Susan Rivers.

Rivers is the author of *“The Second Mrs. Hockaday”* which has been short listed for the Center for First Novel Prize. Eleven table hosts decorated their tables along the theme of a chosen book. Book and table themes included, *“The Wizard of Oz”*, *“My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She was Sorry”*, *“Blackman’s Coffin”*, *“The Last Girls”* and many more.



The first Novel Experience was held 18 years ago on September 10, 1999 at the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center. The event has a long history of friend and fund raising for the library with a list of long, enthusiastic participants. After a 10 year hiatus, the event was brought back by popular demand. Proceeds for the evening went to support Library Student Employee Scholarships.



## Student Employee Scholarship Luncheon - September 8

University Libraries hosted its' ninth annual Library Employee Student Scholarship luncheon on Friday, September 8 at the McKinney Alumni Center. Scholarship recipients, their supervisors and their donors gathered for lunch to commemorate the special occasion.



Seventeen scholarships were awarded for 2017-18. The scholarships were valued at \$1000 or more. Within the Library Student Employee Scholarship program, the library has 5 Endowed Scholarships and 10 Atrium Scholarships. The Scholarship Program was established because library faculty and staff who work closely with the students realized that many students were struggling to stay in school and needed help.

In 2008, the Library Advisory Board quickly got behind the project and began to fund \$500 scholarships. The program has grown over the past nine years, and 100 students, to date have received over \$75,000.

The Atrium Renewal program was created in order to allow the scholarships to be renewed to enable the donor to support their student recipients over multiple years. With roughly employing 140 students per semester, approximately 14% of library student employees receive scholarships.

To be a part of our Library Student Employee Scholarship program, click the [link](#) to donate or contact Tracey Ford at [828-262-4016/fordtc@appstate.edu](mailto:828-262-4016/fordtc@appstate.edu) to discuss a named scholarship.



## October Recap

### Archives Month Open House – October 4

October was North Carolina Archives Month, and Special Collections at Appalachian State University celebrated with an open house for the campus and the public on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The theme for North Carolina Archives Month was “North Carolina in The Great War.”

We displayed materials from the following collections in the W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection archives:

- Samuel F. Horton Papers (Letters and photographs of a Watauga County resident who participated in WWI)
- Lloyd Franklin Miller and Ola Mains (Miller) Papers (Stereographs) Pictured below. Viewer uses a paper stereoscope to view the images as they were intended to be seen.
- James Thomas Broyhill Papers (Constituents contacted then-Congressman Broyhill to express their views on WWI veterans' benefits)
- Joseph Gordon Greenwood World War I Journal
- Thornton T. Perry, Jr. Papers (Photographs)
- George Antone Furniture Industry Research Papers (while Dr. Antone researched western North Carolina furniture company history, he also captured many WWI headlines and stories)
- Cratis D. Williams Papers (Williams wrote about his experience growing up during World War I in Caines Creek, Kentucky)
- Appalachian Regional Ephemera Collection (World War I poster)



## Digitizing the Watauga Democrat



The University Libraries Digital Scholarship and Initiatives (DSI) team, will be scanning 129 years of the Watauga Democrat and associated publications in collaboration with the Digital Watauga Project.

The Libraries' newspapers, microfilmed many years ago, were inconsistent in quality and missing volumes. The plan to scan original documents will produce a better quality and placing the volumes online will make them easily accessible to the public. DSI has already completed an inventory of the Watauga Democrat archive and recently began scanning the volumes.

The project will result in high quality searchable PDF files that will be made freely available online. The long-term project will likely take several years, but will make easily accessible a rich resource of Watauga County History.

Digital Watauga is a collaboration between the Watauga Historical Society and the Watauga County Public Library to digitize and make available local history collections. The DSI team within the University Libraries engages and partners with the Appalachian community and beyond to support new scholarship in a rapidly changing digital landscape.

DSI and Digital Watauga have partnered to digitize other historical Watauga County collections and will continue this partnership with the Digital Watauga project for many years to come.



## Student Employee Scholarship Recipient Profile



### Introducing Brooke Reaves Bo Henderson/Ed Springs Scholarship Recipient (2017-18)

*"I almost didn't find out I had won the Library Student Employee Scholarship. I had decided to use Reading Day, the day the winners were announced, to move my things out of my dorm. My parents told me that I had received a call from work and to check by and see what it was all about. I was blown away, surprised and honored to be a recipient of a Library Student Employee Scholarship. And I was so glad you didn't have to be present to win!"*

*I was a rising sophomore and just thrilled that I had survived my first year of college. I wasn't expecting to win but was so happy that I did! Meeting my donors, Bo Henderson and Ed Springs at the Scholarship luncheon was a treat as well. I can't believe that Mr. Henderson and Mr. Springs are just genuinely nice people who feel passionate enough about MY success at Appalachian that they are willing to help me financially. They are great people, I feel blessed to have them in my life!*

*I love my job in Special Collections. I work the service desk area and provide assistance to our patrons. I think I'm pretty good at my job too. I even study in Special Collections when I'm not working sometimes. I feel comfortable in Special Collections, I almost feel at home. My supervisor Dean Williams became a constant in my life as a freshman. It's nice to have someone you can count on even when they don't know you are counting on them.*

*I am grateful for my scholarship and my job in the University Libraries. It's the best place on campus!*



**Brooke Reaves, Class of 2020**



## Mary Steps Down

In a transition that can almost be called seamless, Mary Reichel stepped down as Interim Dean of Libraries on July 31.

Mary is finishing the last semester of phased retirement. She stays extremely busy doing interviews with prominent Appalachian alumni, faculty and staff for the Appalachian Memories and Oral History Project. So far she's completed nine oral histories this semester with a few more to go.

Her last day on campus will be December 14. Please say "Hello" to our short timer when you see her out and about.

