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# Annual Statistics 2006-2007

 COLLECTIONS		
<b>Volumes in Library</b>		
Volumes held June 30, 2006		1,761,444
Volumes added during year – Gross	17,773	
Volumes withdrawn during year	<u>2,757</u>	
Volumes added during year – Net	▶ 15,016	
Volumes held June 30, 2007		<u>1,776,460</u>
<b>Serials</b>		
Number of current serials, including periodicals, purchased	12,386	
Number of current serials, including periodicals, received but not purchased (exchanges, gifts, deposits, etc.)	<u>6,190</u>	
Total number of current serials received	▶ 18,576	
<b>Other Library Materials</b>		
Microform units		5,517,096
Government documents not counted elsewhere		97,374
Computer files		7,260
Manuscripts and archives (linear feet)		12,111
<b>Audiovisual Materials</b>		
Cartographic		142,514
Audio		31,386
Graphic		160,692
Film and video		5,745
 EXPENDITURES		
<b>Library Materials</b>		
Monographs	\$ 252,325	
Current serials including periodicals	4,298,138	
Other library materials (e.g., microforms, a/v, etc.)	9,412	
Miscellaneous (all materials not included above)	<u>297,832</u>	
Total library materials	▶ \$ 4,857,707	
<b>Contract Binding</b>		67,771
<b>Salaries and Wages</b>		
Professional staff	2,894,276	
Support staff	1,854,223	
Student assistants (including federal w/s funds)	<u>\$ 303,745</u>	
Total salaries and wages	▶ 5,052,244	
Fringe benefits		1,148,386
<b>Other Operating Expenditures</b>		<u>1,285,229</u>
<b>Total Library Expenditures (including fringe benefits)</b>		<u>\$ 12,411,337</u>

 PERSONNEL		
Professional staff, FTE		59
Support staff, FTE		82
Student assistants, FTE		<u>43</u>
Total FTE staff		184
 INSTRUCTION		
Number of library presentations to groups		343
Number of total participants in group presentations		8,194
 REFERENCE		
Number of reference transactions		27,944
 CIRCULATION		
Number of initial circulations (excluding reserves)		77,915
Total circulations (initial and renewals, excluding reserves)		96,028
 UNIVERSITY CHARACTERISTICS		
<b>Ph.D. Degrees</b>		
Number of Ph.D.s awarded in FY 2006-07		115
Number of fields in which Ph.D.s can be awarded		30
<b>Faculty</b>		
Number of full-time instructional faculty in FY 2007		807
<b>Enrollment – Fall 2006 (Totals)</b>		
Full-time students, undergraduate and graduate		13,611
Part-time students, undergraduate and graduate		4,315
Full-time graduate students		1,531
Part-time graduate students		2,045
 LOCAL ATTRIBUTES		
Physical basis of volume count		
Government documents are included in count of Current Serials		
Fringe benefits are not included in expenditures for salaries and wages		
Law Library statistics are included		
We do not have a Medical Library		
Other main campus libraries are included		
We have only one campus		

## Executive Summary

The following are highlights of the year:

- In the summer of 2006, the University Libraries and the Computer Services jointly rolled out a new and enhanced Research Commons / General Access Lab, offering nearly a hundred computer stations. This Commons has provided a comprehensive learning space that is unique on campus, offering students assistance from reference librarians and Computing Services personnel.
- The Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History was completely renovated with new lighting and new workstations to accommodate the intensive work being done to capture and preserve the history of the state. Thanks to generous support from the Tyson family and other donors the Center is now using state-of-the-art equipment for filming of interviews in high-definition video and for editing of those interviews to make them available via the Internet as well as archiving them for future generations.
- One of the Libraries' most successful outreach efforts was the production of an educational poster series. The first in the series, five posters on *Amazing African American Leaders of Arkansas*, was released in February during Black History month. In March five posters on *Amazing Women Leaders of Arkansas* were released during Women's History Month. Posters included a photograph and biography of the subjects, a detailed lesson plan for the state's school teachers, a time line, and other educational information. Response to the posters was overwhelming, and more than 1,300 poster sets were distributed to schools.
- Dean Allen brought together the deans and directors of University of Arkansas system research libraries to begin some important initiatives that will benefit the students and faculty of all UofA research universities in the state. In June, Dean Allen convened the first meeting of the Council of UofA Research Libraries (CUARL). The Council met again in October to draw up a mission statement and goals and to create five working committees made up of representatives from each UofA system research library. Each committee was given a specific charge in order to make the Council's goals a reality.
- Several oral and visual digitization projects—including a project entitled “Land of the (Unequal) Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas,” the first set in a series of interviews for the President Bill Clinton History Project, and a series of audio files of readings from Otto Rayburn's *Ozark Folk Collection*, originally broadcast on KUAF's “Ozarks at Large”—were either completed or well underway this year.
- The Libraries received \$1,378,196 in cash gifts and endowments this fiscal year, and gifts-in-kind were valued at more than \$90,500. Included in this total cash amount were funds from the Tyson family Foundation earmarked for the Pryor Center, as well as funds from the Goldsby family to purchase equipment for processing and digitizing manuscripts.

- The Library Leadership Council, a group of donors dedicated to the advancement and support of the Libraries, was established this year. The Council opened with fifteen charter members. Members of the Council pledge at least \$1,000 a year to the Libraries. Membership guarantees invitations to special events hosted by the Libraries and planned “members only” receptions and other programs throughout the year.
- The Libraries experienced a record year in the number of exhibits, lectures, and special events offered. The result of these activities, combined with the installation of the new and enhanced Research Commons, was that Mullins Library attracted the largest number of students and visitors in recent years. Mullins Library continues to grow steadily as a popular hub for students to gather to do their studying, researching, and computing, as well as attend the many cultural events offered throughout the year.
- A director of the Pryor Center for Arkansas and Visual History was hired this year. Kris Katrosh came to the Libraries from Little Rock, where he worked for ten years for the Dempsey Film Group.
- A new fine arts librarian was hired this year; she was formerly director of the Joanne Waxman Library in the Maine College of Art, and before that she served as arts and humanities librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Visits to the Web site were up almost 20 percent over last year. The Libraries continue to receive Web site kudos both from on- and off-campus.
- The Libraries experienced almost 7 million remote database requests--more than a 1,000 percent increase in the last five years. Undergraduate (52 percent) and graduate (39 percent) students continue to dominate the remote user population, demonstrating the importance of meeting students and faculty "where they live" with new services such as 24/7 chat reference service and online interactive tutorials.
- The Library once again was voted the “Best Place to Study” on campus by the *Traveler*.
- A library retreat was held at the Rockefeller Conference Center in Petit Jean on May 31 and June 1. Attendees included department heads, faculty, members of the Library Program Steering Committee, and selected staff members. The goal of the retreat was to give library personnel the chance to review progress, identify current trends in libraries, identify the current teaching and research needs of students and faculty, and to look for ways to “re-create” the Libraries as necessary within the next three years.



# Report Narrative

## Collections

In order to cover costs incurred by the continuing and accumulating effect of a 10 percent price increase for journals in recent years the Libraries used funds normally earmarked for books to cover the cost of journal subscriptions this year. The result was a 66 percent decrease in the number of books purchased and a hold on the Libraries' approval plans for books. A total of 4,828 book titles were added as compared to 12,097 titles the previous fiscal year.

The Libraries subsequently initiated a review and evaluation of the journal collection, with particular focus on the actual use of these research resources, particularly the most expensive journals, which are in most instances—though not exclusively—journals supporting science programs. In the review process, faculty and subject librarians began working together to determine which journals are most used and which subscriptions might reasonably be canceled to free up funds for needed books. The Libraries' highly efficient interlibrary loan and document delivery service (on average, delivery within 24-hours) will greatly offset any resulting inconvenience to researchers. The Libraries are committed to adopting a review cycle for journals to refocus collection policies on an annual basis. Savings from the journal review, as well as a boost in the Libraries' base budget this coming fiscal year will facilitate purchasing books systematically.

Journal holdings increased this year by over four hundred titles, with a total of 18,576 over last year's total of 18,173. The print journal holdings made up 58 percent of the collection, and electronic holdings 42 percent. This is a 5-percent increase in electronic holdings from the previous year.

On May 2, 2006, U.S. Senator John Cronyn and co-sponsor U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman introduced the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006 in the U.S. Senate. Several organizations, including the Greater Western Library Alliance, of which the University Libraries are a member, recently endorsed the bill, as did Provost Smith on behalf of the University of Arkansas. In July 2007 the House of Representatives approved a measure directing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide free public online access to agency-funded research findings within 12 months of their publication in a peer-reviewed journal. With broad bipartisan support, the House passed the provision.

## Electronic Collections & Services

This year, the Libraries purchased the database *World Wide Political Science Abstracts*, an index to scholarly literature on all aspects of politics and government, and *Black Women Writers*, a new collection from Alexander Street Press. When complete, *Black Women Writers* will offer more than 100,000 pages of poetry, prose, and essays by authors from more than 20 countries. The database currently contains 6,000 pages of works by authors such as Harriet Jacobs and Nikki Giovanni.



Through participation in several collaborative efforts and organizations, the Libraries have gained access to new digital research collections. The Center for Research Libraries (CRL), an international not-for-profit consortium of colleges, universities and libraries that collects scholarly research resources not widely available in this country, has begun an ambitious digitization program that provides fragile and rare materials online to member libraries such as the UA Libraries. These new “e-collections” include Chinese political pamphlets published in the 1940s and 1950s, slavery and manumission records from Timbuktu, Brazilian government documents, pamphlets and periodicals from the 1848 French Revolution, Mediterranean maps, and extensive collections of South Asian and African materials.

In partnership with other members of the Great Western Library Alliance (GWLA), the Libraries are contributing to the new TRAIL project. TRAIL –the Technical Report Archive and Image Library -- is a collaborative project to digitize, archive, and provide persistent and unrestricted access to federal technical reports issued prior to 1975. GWLA and CRL are collaborating on this pilot project. The Libraries also hope to contribute to GWLA’s Western Waters initiative.



In January, the Libraries debuted a new linking service, *Find it!* which allows students and faculty to locate full-text articles and related resources quickly from within dozens of library databases—without the extra step of checking holdings in our online catalog. The *Find it!* service uses records for more than 25,000 electronic journals, books, and conference proceedings held by the Libraries to offer appropriate online copies when a user locates a citation in a research database. If the item is not owned by the University Libraries, *Find it!* will allow users to send the citation information directly to an interlibrary loan form without retyping. *Find it!* has already greatly enhanced access to and use of scholarly electronic journals held by the Libraries. Faculty immediately reported time savings with the *Find it!* links. For example, a research associate in Walton College of Business wrote, “I love the flying pigs! Huge time saver, even for veteran researchers. Whoever implemented this should receive a medal!” However, the true beneficiaries of the *Find it!* project should be students trying to navigate a sea of information sources. If a scholarly journal article from Science Direct is just as easy to find as a popular magazine piece in ProQuest, students will no doubt make more use of the Libraries’ research holdings. Thus, the Libraries hope that allowing quick access to the right full text will expand the number, depth, and quality of research resources used by students.

The Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History was authorized by the William J. Clinton Foundation to conduct a series of in-depth interviews to document the life of former President Bill Clinton. The Center announced the release of the first set of twenty-eight interviews in the President Bill Clinton History Project at a press conference in Little Rock on January 30. The Project is outlined in five phases: the Hope / Hot Springs years; the Georgetown / Oxford / Yale years; the post-college years when Clinton was teaching at the University of Arkansas School of Law and serving as attorney general; the gubernatorial years, and the post-presidential years.

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1957 integration crisis in Little Rock, the University Libraries launched a digitization project entitled “Land of the (Unequal) Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas.” Project staff members in Special Collections are busy identifying and digitizing one thousand original documents, illustrations, and audio recordings, emphasizing the 1957 Little Rock Central High School integration crisis. The Project also includes materials from earlier and later eras so that the events can be placed in their historical context.

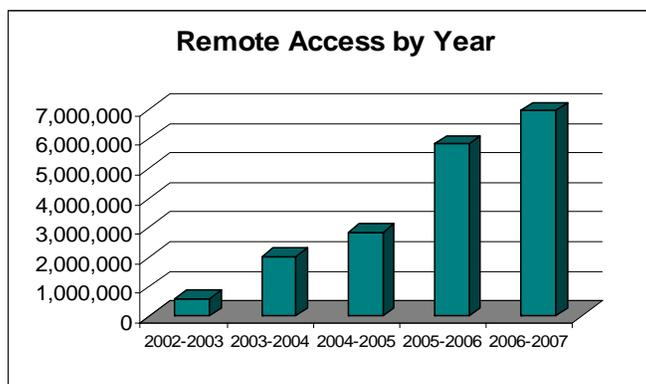
The Libraries collected and posted on the Libraries' Web site audio files of readings by Ethel Simpson from Otto Rayburn's *Ozark Folk Collection*, originally broadcast on KUAF's "Ozarks at Large." This marked the Libraries' first venture into "podcasting."

### Use of the Collections

Use of online collections continued to grow this year. Indeed, in the last decade, database searches have grown by almost 400 percent. In addition, more than 1.57 million documents (articles or chapters) were retrieved from library databases—a slight increase over the previous year. Even more remarkable is the change over time, with a 371 percent increase in the number of articles retrieved since fiscal year 2001.

Year	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	Cumulative
Articles	334,105	585,058	837,802	863,007	928,414	1526,289	1,574,124	1240019
Change		75%	43%	3%	8%	64%	3%	371%

An increasing percentage of library use is from off-campus or "remote" computers. During the year, the Libraries experienced almost 7 million remote database requests--more than a 1,000 percent increase in the last five years. Undergraduate (52 percent) and graduate (39 percent) students continue to dominate the remote user population, demonstrating the importance of meeting students and faculty "where they live" with new services such as 24/7 chat reference service and online interactive tutorials. Students with busy lives outside of campus—including study-abroad students—seem especially appreciative of their ability to work from any location in the world with a network connection.



The top databases used by students and faculty are: Ebsco (general subject areas), ProQuest (general subject areas), Lexis Nexis (law, government, business, news), and FirstSearch (various subject areas), as well as electronic journal packages such as JSTOR (arts & sciences), IEEE (engineering), ScienceDirect (science, social sciences, and medicine), Blackwell (sciences), Wiley (sciences), the American Chemical Society, and the American Institute of Physics.

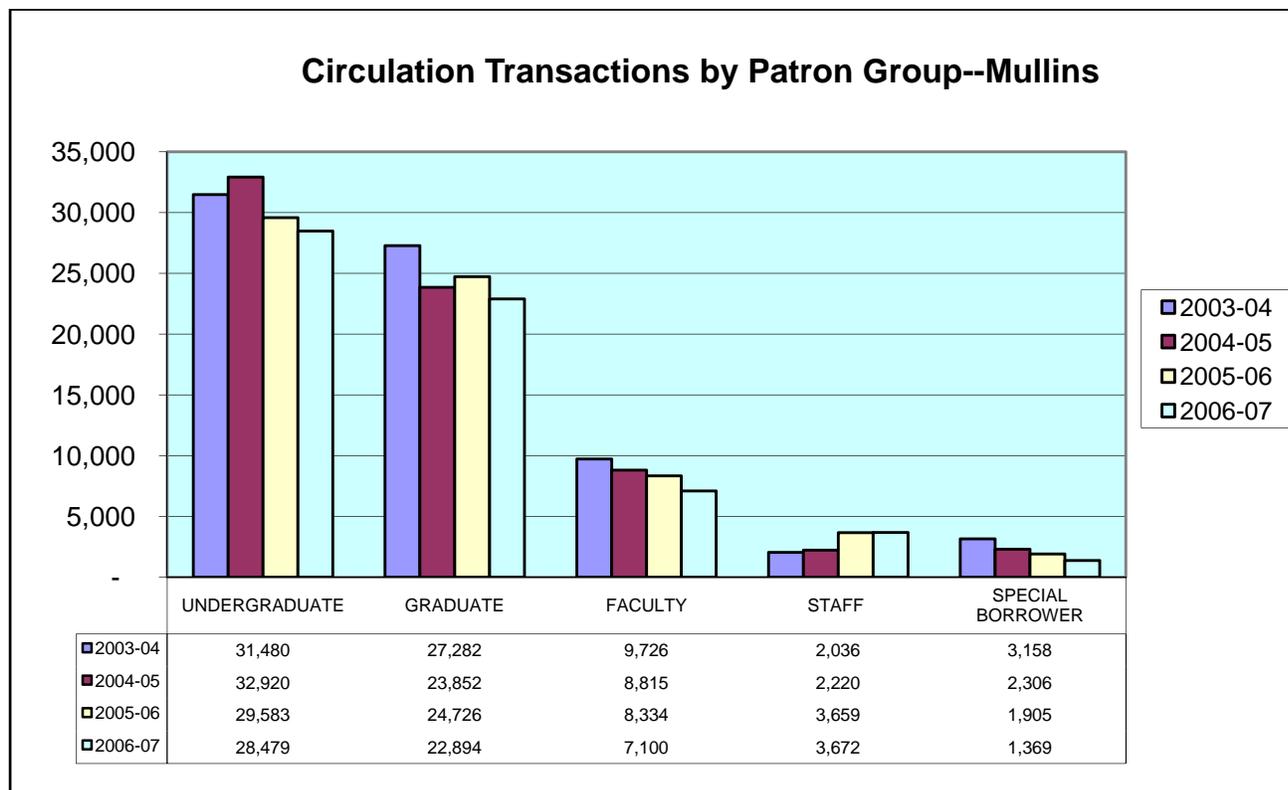
Visits to the Web site were up almost 20 percent over last year. The Libraries continue to receive Web site kudos both from on- and off-campus. For example, during this fiscal year, the Webmaster at HPER (the Health and Physical Recreation Building) used the Libraries' hours database as a template for their site, and South Arkansas Community College Library asked to use the Libraries' electronic resources module as a model for their own database pages.

The Libraries developed a Web page called “Collection News” to promote the Libraries’ collections and services. In addition, a new system for describing, scheduling, and promoting open drop-in class sessions was also made available.

## Use of Print Collections

The checkout of print and other special format materials within Mullin Library collections dropped by 6.9 percent this year, although the total of renewals of checked-out materials remained unchanged. The drop in circulation transactions was noticeable for almost all the library user groups: undergraduate, graduate, faculty, and special borrowers.

The Libraries’ 16-week checkout policy for students, faculty, and staff was one of the reasons for lower circulation transactions per student and continued low circulation-renewal ratios. Interlibrary loan requests per student remain higher than the ARL (Association of Research Libraries) average. That ratio suggests that students and faculty had greater need for resources that are not currently available in the Libraries’ collection. These data continue to affirm the vital role of the interlibrary loan service as a gateway to gain access to vast resources beyond the local collections.



While use of library print resources decreased, door counts reveal that the Libraries continued to draw in a large number of students as a popular place for studying, researching and computing. The installation and expansion of a Research Commons (see section below on “Technological Improvements” for a fuller description of the Commons) created a close connection between the library and the rest of the

campus and gave students a greater and easier opportunity to access the Libraries' numerous electronic resources.

<b>DOOR COUNTS</b>			
	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
WEST ENTRANCE	361,963	421,240	445,447
EAST ENTRANCE	285,897	330,396	320,495
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>647,860</b>	<b>751,636</b>	<b>765,942</b>

The number of students and faculty using the Chemistry/Physics Library increased by 33.6 percent and patron-staff interactions went up 33 percent over the previous year. The number of circulation transactions also increased by 9 percent, and in-house use went up by 7 percent over the previous year.

Special Collections assisted 2,263 researchers this year and conducted instructional sessions and follow-up consultations for 14 University classes. Forty-three per cent of the researchers were students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university; fifteen per cent were affiliated with other universities and colleges; fourteen per cent were from businesses, media, government agencies, libraries or museums; and the general public comprised 28 per cent. Special Collections materials were cited in 13 books, 4 theses, 11 papers, 2 book chapters, 46 journal/periodical articles, 79 web sites, 16 film, television or radio broadcasts.

*Like Grass Before the Scythe: The Life and Death of Sgt. William Rimmel, 121st New York Infantry*, a book containing the text of original letters housed in Special Collections and edited by Robert Patrick Bender, appeared in print in March; it was published by the University of Alabama Press. These letters reveal the wartime experiences of a young Union soldier serving in the Army of the Potomac's 6th Corps during the crucial middle years of the American Civil War. Bender first became aware of the collection while a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas. Although the collection proved unrelated to his dissertation research, he believed that the quantity and quality of the letters warranted their publication as a full-length edited manuscript.

## **Services**

### **Information Services**

A dip from the previous year in use of overall reference services, including reference desk inquiries, telephone calls, e-mail queries, and other off-desk consultations illustrate patterns of use similar to those at other academic libraries across the United States. These patterns are largely the result of the Libraries' increasing presence on the Web of research databases, as well as attendant virtual services, such as 24/7 chat reference, that provide assistance to students and faculty using these resources.

The days of numerous itinerant professors and students who browse the stacks for books and journals looking for an epiphany to elucidate their topic, are largely a thing of the past. Today, faculty, students, and staff want resources and services quickly, and increasingly in electronic form. The Libraries continued membership in a group of academic libraries across North America that offers online, real-time ("chat") reference service twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. With this membership, the UA community can now access an online librarian around the clock; use of this service grew at a modest pace

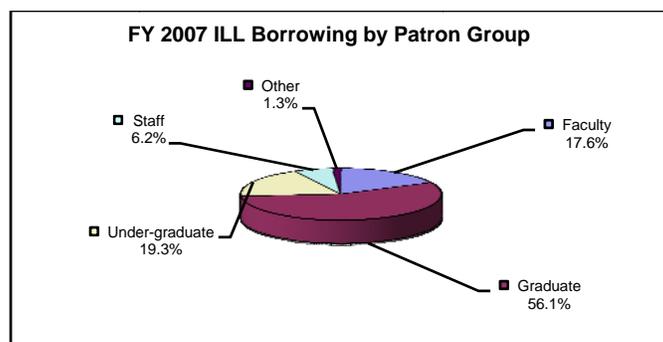
this year, and UA librarians made every effort to keep the quality of its virtual services high, in both accuracy and response rate through frequent monitoring and follow-up. Reference librarians also experimented with online networking as an avenue of reference work, in an effort to meet patrons--especially students—on their terms and keep up with current technologies. Several librarians maintained Facebook pages for professional use, and three librarians are designing a MySpace page for Mullins Library.

Library personnel across several service and collection areas re-evaluated the current structure of government documents information and services. In light of changes occurring in the way documents are distributed and in the goal of the Federal Depository Program to accelerate the migration from print to electronic formats whenever possible, the decision was made to mainstream the service components into central Reference Services, while the technical and processing activities were integrated into Collection Management Services and Systems. More work is needed in determining specific details of this arrangement and will be continued into the next year. The GIS and Maps services continue to be provided by the Map librarian through Reference Services.

## Interlibrary Loan

In the fall the Libraries started a pilot project involving free desktop delivery of articles or book chapters from the Libraries' own holdings. The response from the small group of participating faculty members was very positive. As a result, the service will be extended in the coming year to all faculty members.

Graduate students continue to be by far the heaviest interlibrary loan users with 19,430 requests, followed by undergraduates with 6,495. Faculty requested 6,109 items.



Borrowing requests declined substantially, with 5,853 fewer transactions recorded than the previous year. Indeed, a steady decline in overall transactions has been observed over the past three years, probably due to several factors: the increased availability of full-text online resources, easier access to such resources through the new *Find It!* function within research databases (see section above entitled "Electronic Collections & Services."), library instruction programs, and effective reference services that help students and faculty find readily materials through the Libraries' resources.

## Instruction

Not surprisingly, the Libraries found that there was a positive outcome of library instruction to small groups of motivated students, especially graduate and Honors students. Other factors associated

with effective classes were opportunities for hands-on experience finding resources in electronic databases, the presence of the librarian for guidance during the hands-on period, and the presence of engaged, supportive professors. There was especially a direct correlation between effective classes and hands-on practice—suggesting the clear and continued need of additional computer-equipped instruction rooms.

The Libraries conducted an instruction self-audit in the spring semester, analyzing the kinds of academic classes librarians taught and exploring ways of assessing the instruction. Feedback on instruction sessions was positive overall, but it became clear that a more rigorous assessment will have to be conducted in the future. Figures for instruction were similar to those in the previous year: 7,298 students in 298 sessions overall (as compared to 8,089 participants in 340 sessions the previous year). Several librarians also created Web-based “flash” tutorials now available via the Libraries’ Web site.

The Performing Arts and Media Department of the Libraries began codifying procedures and policies and started using WebCT as a method for informing students of upcoming musical and theatrical events and in providing an online manual with tutorials. Several videos and crossword puzzles were created, and quizzes were implemented for enhanced training and evaluation. The methods used by the department were presented in a poster session at the biennial meeting of the Association for College and Research Libraries.

## **Technological Improvements**

Aside from the routine tasks related to technology in the Libraries, such as technical literacy training, maintenance of the online catalog, computer and server administration, and collaboration within and outside of the Libraries; the larger focus was on three primary goals: 1) better integration with Campus Computing and Networking Services, 2) a renewed emphasis on instructing library personnel about software and hardware, with an eye toward greater productivity and security; and 3) developing a digitization program.

In the summer of 2006, the University Libraries and the Computer Services jointly rolled out a new Research Commons / General Access Lab, offering nearly a hundred computer stations. This Commons has provided a comprehensive learning space that is unique on campus, offering students assistance from reference librarians and Computing Services personnel. Two collaborative workstations in the Commons are designated for multi-media applications or group projects and include assistive software for students with disabilities. Some of these workstations have larger monitors and space for two to four students to sit and work on joint research projects.

The Libraries incorporated two campus resources into their infrastructure: campus active directory (AD) and LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol). For several years the Libraries were running their own active directory, which controlled access to computers, authentication to networked resources, and overall structure of LAN computing in the Libraries. The Libraries’ adoption of the campus AD in May facilitated access to shared campus resources and removed a level of unnecessary redundancy within the campus computing infrastructure.

The advantages of the University’s adoption of the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (AERON) were explained to the University campus community in the Walton Reading Room of Mullins Library in December. AERON will provide 2,000 times the bandwidth now available to University researchers through high-speed DSL or cable service. Governor Huckabee was a special guest, who along with Dr. Linda Beene of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and UA chancellor

John White, explained the importance of AREON for Arkansas' economic development and the ways the network can enhance both research and teaching.

## **Facilities**

The Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History was completely renovated with new lighting and new workstations to accommodate the intensive work being done to capture and preserve the history of the state. Oral interviews with persons around the state are still recorded in the traditional method and transcribed for future generations, but thanks to generous support from the Tyson family and other donors the Center is now using state-of-the-art equipment for filming of interviews in high-definition video and for editing of those interviews to make them available via the Internet as well as archiving them for future generations.

As a result of the joint venture with Computing Services and the Libraries to provide a Research Commons, the costs of public printing that had been supported by the Libraries has now shifted to Computing Services, which now covers the expense with funds approved from the student technology fee. It is hoped that this shift will save the Libraries over \$30,000 per year.

A major task this year was the remodeling/renovation of the Chemistry Library which has now been renamed the Chemistry and Biochemistry Library. More computers, seating, and public service will now be available to faculty and students in the Chemistry and Biochemistry building. Because the building is on the National Historic Register, renovations attempted to restore the look and feel of the original WPA-era building so wood trim and terrazzo flooring add to the beauty of the facility.

With funding from the Thomas Goldsby family, a large format scanner was installed to support scanning of large format materials such as maps for students, faculty, and other researchers.

The Fine Arts librarian entered a national contest for a "Library Makeover" sponsored by Demco, a company that sells library supplies. The proposal for a makeover of the Fine Arts Library ranked 15<sup>th</sup> among the entries received. Investigation is now underway to determine if any of the ideas generated in the proposal can be implemented by the libraries.

During the summer of 2006 the Libraries renewed a four-year contract with Xerox by replacing eleven old analog copiers with five new digital copiers. Demand for photocopying services continued to decrease for the past few years largely due to the free network printing available from the new Research Commons in the library and the easy access of journal articles in digital format that can be either downloaded or printed freely.

In the fall, the library staff began to use a handheld scanner for tracking materials transferred into the new off-site storage facility (LISA). The technology and cutting-edge device enabled staff to link items immediately to a shelf location and to update the system in a matter of seconds.

## **Strategic Goals**

A library retreat was held at the Rockefeller Conference Center in Petit Jean on May 31 and June 1. Attendees included department heads, faculty, members of the Library Program Steering Committee, and selected staff members. The goal of the retreat was to give library personnel the chance to review progress, identify current trends in libraries, identify the current teaching and research needs of students and faculty, and to look for ways to “re-create” the Libraries as necessary within the next three years. A revised mission statement was crafted, as well as new and revised strategic goals and objectives. The work of the coming fiscal year is to determine how the goals and objectives can best be carried out within the three-year time-frame and to assign personnel to the various tasks needed to make the goals a reality. Responses of those attended the retreat were very positive; everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to put forth their ideas and to get to know their colleagues better. A special attempt was also made to involve those who did not attend the retreat.

## **Diversity**

To support the University’s and Libraries’ goal of enhancing diversity, the new position of Librarian in Residence was prepared for advertising, and a search committee was identified. The successful candidate will be hired at the beginning of the fall semester 2007.

The Libraries’ director for Human Resources attended several workshops to network and gain insights into the recruitment and retention of diverse employees. These workshops covered topics such as religious traditions and stereotypes, success in recruiting individuals from underrepresented groups, individuals with disabilities, Latino diversity, domestic partnership rights, visa policies and regulations, and mental health issues of employees. She and another UA librarian also attended the national First Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, sponsored by the five ethnic caucus associations of the American Library Association.

The Libraries submitted a revised diversity goals statement to the provost, who responded with suggested revisions. The Libraries will submit the statement incorporating the provost’s recommendations in the coming fiscal year.

## **Preservation**

Several digitization projects were underway this year (see section under “Collections” above). In addition, internal procedures were created for documenting digitization decisions and workflow for images, audio, and video.

Two of the goals of the newly formed Council of UA Research Libraries (CUARL)—see below in section “Collaboration, Partnerships, and Outreach” for a description of the Council—are to provide public access to selected unique collections and archives from each of the UA research libraries through digitization projects and to develop collaborative disaster planning relating to virtual and physical collections.

## **Human Resources & Personnel Development**

The 2007 theme for National Library Week was “Come Together @ Your Library.” The University Libraries celebrated by creating a poster based on the national theme with photos of four library personnel in a vintage Beatles pose. The Libraries also celebrated National Library Workers Day with an ice cream social for faculty and staff, hosted by the dean and associate dean. This year’s event included the announcement of the winners of the first annual Library Employee Awards, which were Rookie of the Year Award, the Extra Mile Award, the Keystone Award, and the Team Project Award.

A peer Researchers Group continued activities this year. Originally established in 2005, this group—consisting of any interested library employee--discuss various topics related to research activities and provides a venue for those who would like to have a group of peers to review and discuss their books, articles, presentations, poster sessions, etc., before their work is actually submitted or presented to a publisher or conference. Those who have thus far taken advantage of this venue have commented that the opportunity to have their work reviewed and vetted by some friendly peers has been very helpful to them.

## **Collaboration with Graduate School and Honors College**

The Libraries continued its program of hiring six graduate students to assist librarians in reference and collection development work in the areas of education, agriculture, and engineering.

The dean and associate dean of Libraries, together with the associate dean of the Honors College, visited the campuses of the University of Houston and Rice University to investigate their libraries, which were constructed to house both their library and Honors College facilities. The Libraries are contemplating a similar “marriage” when a future west addition to Mullins Library is constructed.

The Libraries had the assistance of four Honors College interns this year in Special Collections. They assisted manuscript processors in working on various manuscript projects, including the Diane Blair Papers, the John Paul Hammerschmidt Papers, the Fay Jones Collection, the Larry Vonalt Papers, Cynthia Rodes Smith Correspondence, Henry and Katie Wood Collection, John M. Page Correspondence, the 20th Century Club Collection.

The Honors College provided funding for equipment and the Libraries paid for wiring to allow technological upgrades in all group study rooms. This included the installation of new projectors and interactive audio visual/computer podiums and flat screen televisions to interface with laptop computers, allowing students and other campus groups to display Web pages or to practice multi-media presentations.

The literature librarian gave two presentations (one on preparing students for the research paper and the other on faculty expectations of college students with regard to literature and composition) to pre-AP middle- and high-school teachers at the Summer AP Institute hosted by the Honors College in July. The literature librarian also participated in a mock-interview of a UA Honors student who was a candidate for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

## **Cultural Enrichment**

To provide the faculty, staff, students, and the general public with interesting, thought-provoking, and entertaining free lectures and exhibits, several special events were hosted by the University Libraries during the year. Highlights of these events include:

**Lecture by a forensic anthropologist:** In October, Murray K. Marks, a forensic anthropologist at the University of Tennessee and an alumnus of the University of Arkansas, spoke on the subject of “All That Remains: Forensic Anthropology and the Medicolegal Investigation of Death” to a crowd of students and visitors in the Helen Robson Walton Reading Room. Marks is also curator of the Forensic Anthropology Facility in Knoxville, a unique and controversial facility that gained the popular nickname “The Body Farm” from the title of a best-selling crime novel by Patricia Cromwell.

**Exhibit of three-dimensional art:** Fall opened with “Eight Etchings, Four Cabinets,” an exhibit by Tim LaTourette, shop supervisor and instructor at the School of Architecture. The appropriately-titled exhibit included wood cabinetry and copperplate etchings. The cabinets were three-dimensional, actual working pieces placed on pedestals to enable viewers to admire and operate their smooth mechanisms by opening the cabinet doors, which produced a movement of a focused or central piece. Three cabinets also featured copperplates recycled from past printmaking projects inserted as door panels.

**Art exhibit celebrating American Indian Heritage Month:** The Libraries hosted an exhibit honoring the legacy of the Bacone College Art Department in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Art Department there was founded in 1935 during an era when Indian artists were transforming their art, from what had been a form of religious expression and a type of shorthand used mainly to record personal and tribal histories, into a modern graphic art style. “Raising the Standard for Indian Art: The Legacy of Bacone College” gave an overview of the Bacone style and its evolution.

**Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.:** The Libraries partnered with the UA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee to host three University lectures in the Walton Reading Room. Speakers included: Joyce Elliot, who served as the representative from District 33 in Little Rock in the Arkansas House of Representatives; Joe Seabrooks, UA assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and Sybil Jordan Hampton, former director of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

**Lecture and art exhibit celebrating Black History Month:** The Libraries joined with the Center for Arkansas and Regional Studies to host a lecture by Susan Marren, UA associate professor of English, who has published on Armstrong, entitled “Taking Care: The Photography of Ralph Armstrong.” The lecture was complemented by an exhibit of some of Armstrong’s photographs on the Lobby Level of Mullins Library. The exhibit was entitled “Something for the Record.” Robinson’s works include photographs of scores of houses, churches, schools—many of them just before their demolition.

**Visits from Egyptian and Russian Librarians:** The Libraries hosted two international groups of librarians touring facilities throughout the United States this fall. On September 14, seven librarians from Egypt, visiting under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, toured the Fayetteville Public Library, the University of Arkansas Libraries, and the University of Arkansas Press. The librarians were examining issues in contemporary librarianship such as information and technology services, public access and databases, services for diverse ethnic populations, community partnerships for cultural events and educational programs, digitization projects, Internet and print trends, and freedom of information and privacy issues. On October 5, the second group, made up of five library administrators from Russia, visited the Fayetteville Public Library and the archives in Special Collections at the University of Arkansas 5. The Russians were delegates in the Open World Program and were hosted in Arkansas Libraries by the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System and the National Peace Foundation.

**Archives Week Open House:** In October, Special Collections held an open house, which was attended by nearly one hundred people from the library, the university, and the general public.

***Celebrating historic preservation:*** In March, Special Collections and the School of Architecture co-sponsored a conference on historic preservation entitled *The Architecture and Landscapes of Arkansas: A Heritage of Distinction*, which culminated in a banquet and tribute to UA emeritus professor Cyrus Sutherland. Attendance for this event was well over a hundred people.

***Photograph Exhibit:*** The Libraries featured an exhibit this year of large format images from Rice University professor Geoff Winningham's collection of photographs owned by the University Libraries entitled "The Vernacular Architecture of Arkansas: Photographs by Geoff Winningham." The photographs were from a survey of the vernacular architecture of Arkansas commissioned by the First Federal Savings and Loan of Little Rock in 1980 and 1981. Included were photographs of residences, churches, stores, cabins, garages, barns, businesses, outhouses, and bridges.

***Sharing a celebration:*** In April the Libraries sponsored a reception to welcome Kris Katrosh, the Pryor Center's first full-time director. The reception occurred in conjunction with the first meeting of the Pryor Center's advisory board and the University's *Towers of Old Main* event.

***Mathematical art object displayed:*** Members of Pi Mu Epsilon (the undergraduate math club) assembled a model of a four-dimensional polyhedron, the runcinated dodecaplex, in November in Mullins Library. Chaim Goodman-Strauss and Luca Capogna, professors of mathematical sciences, organized the volunteers, which also included art and architecture students, passers-by, and math enthusiasts. After assembly, the model was suspended with fishing line in the east spiral staircase of Mullins Library.

***"The Path that Light Takes":*** This was an abstract art exhibit of paintings featuring calming colors and shapes by Megan Chapman, who received her B.F.A. from the University of Oregon. Chapman uses brush and overlay techniques to create pleasing textures that add dimension to the pieces so that they appear not as flat canvases but, but as windows opening into deep and evocative places.

## **Collaborations, Partnerships, & Outreach**

This year, the dean brought together the deans and directors of University of Arkansas system research libraries to begin some important initiatives that will benefit the students and faculty of all UofA research universities in the state. In June, Dean Allen convened the first meeting of the Council of UofA Research Libraries (CUARL). The Council met again in October to draw up a mission statement and goals and to create five working committees made up of representatives from each UofA system research library. Each committee was given a specific charge in order to make the Council's goals a reality. The goals of CUARL are: 1) to develop shared collection development resources, 2) to provide public access to selected unique collections and archives, 3) to provide a Web portal dedicated to education and reference resources, 4) to develop collaborative disaster planning relating to virtual and physical collections, and 5) to implement shared staff development programs. The representatives on the Council also plan to work together to provide each other guidance in finding opportunities for fundraising. Each committee will submit a final report in September of next fiscal year. By the end of the fall semester 2007 action plans pertaining to each goal should be up and running.

In March, the Libraries joined the consortium Libraries Very Interested in Sharing (LVIS). This consortium includes over 2,400 worldwide members who agree to loan most materials at no charge. The resulting overall net savings for the Libraries was over four thousand dollars.

One of the Libraries' most successful outreach efforts was the production of an educational poster series. The first in the series, five posters on *Amazing African American Leaders of Arkansas*, was

released in February during Black History month. In March five posters on *Amazing Women Leaders of Arkansas* were released during Women's History Month. Posters included a photograph and biography of the subjects, a detailed lesson plan for the state's school teachers, a time line, and other educational information. Response to the posters was overwhelming, and more than 1,300 poster sets were distributed to schools.

The Libraries continued to provide strong support to other Arkansas libraries through interlibrary loan lending. Walk-in borrowing at the Circulation Desk by ARKLink cardholders, for example, totaled 471 lending requests. Loan requests received from Arkansas libraries made up a full 24 percent of the total interlibrary lending requests for the year.

In order to gain greater insight into the library needs of students, the Library Student Advisory Committee was established with nominations made from the Division of Student Affairs, the Honors College, and the Graduate School. Two meetings were held with the committee. Two projects were identified for the group: assistance with a student survey and assistance with getting students to buy in for a student library fee. After initial data was gathered on library peers who assess student library fees, however, the decision was made not to pursue the student library fee project at this time.

Throughout the year, librarians worked with various campus units, including Student Affairs and the Graduate School, staffing orientation tables and giving presentations to groups of potential and incoming students introduced them to the personnel, services, and resources of the Libraries. This work contributed to the recruitment and retention goals of the University. Librarians noted better interaction with visitors to the table sessions for new undergraduates. One of the reference librarians devised an outreach grid in the spring semester to map out the various University offices with which the Libraries interacted to keep track of these relationships. The plan is to devise a more systematic approach to the Libraries' work with these units and to develop a tighter relationship with them in future months and years.

A remarkable private art collection of British self-portraits belonging to Ruth Borchard of London was exhibited in the Walton Arts Center this year in what was the first stop on its inaugural United States tour. Entitled "Face to Face," the exhibit was displayed in the Joy Pratt Markham Gallery and the Cynthia H. Coughlin Gallery August 21 to November 25. On October 5, the Libraries sponsored a reception at the Walton Arts Center for Katherine Hallgarten of London, whose mother Ruth Borchard collected the works.

The Libraries coordinated with the International Office to design special tours and orientation for international students.

Cooperative activities with the Quality Writing Center and the Enhanced Learning Center were conducted this year to support tutoring by providing information sessions to the tutors on the library services available to support their work.

The head of Special Collections and the Manuscripts and Archives librarian were instrumental in program planning for Arkansas Statehood Day sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society. Both also gave presentations at the celebration.

## Development and Fundraising

### Cash Gifts

The Libraries received \$1,378,196 in cash gifts and endowments this fiscal year, and gifts-in-kind were valued at more than \$90,500. Included in this total cash amount were funds from the Tyson family Foundation earmarked for the Pryor Center, as well as funds from the Goldsby family to purchase equipment for processing and digitizing manuscripts.

The Libraries undertook two initiatives this year in the area of fundraising. The first involved a library appeal coordinated by the Annual Fund, the third in a series. With a tagline of “Turning Pages, Opening Minds,” a brochure featuring Dean Allen was mailed to more than 22,000 households. Altogether, the appeal garnered \$53,235 from 732 households, 26 percent of which were first-time donors to the Libraries.

The second initiative was the establishment of the Library Leadership Council, a group of donors dedicated to the advancement and support of the Libraries. The Council opened with fifteen charter members. Members of the Council pledge at least \$1,000 a year to the Libraries. Membership guarantees invitations to special events hosted by the Libraries and planned “members only” receptions and other programs throughout the year.

In April 2007, the Libraries received a donation of \$500 from Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a student music service fraternity, for the purchase of teaching and training materials in music. These materials will be housed in the general collection.

### Gifts In Kind

Forty-three manuscript collections were donated to the Libraries this year, including the papers of long-time UA history professor **Thomas C. Kennedy** and the papers of **James J. Johnston**, a Searcy County historian and genealogist. Johnston’s papers include important and rare information on his home county.

**The Vernie Bartlett Papers** were donated this year and include materials from Bartlett’s school activities in Newton County, years in the Armed Services as a decorated World War II veteran, and most significantly a large portion of correspondence, hand-written sermons, and photographs stemming from forty years as a rural Presbyterian minister in Arkansas.

**Charles Sharum’s WWII POW journal** was donated this year. Sharum, born in Fort Smith, was captured by the German Army after his plane was shot down over during a mission to Berlin in May 1944. He was held as a Prisoner of War in various German camps until his liberation by Russian troops in May, 1945. Sharum died in Springdale in 1992. He kept a journal during his captivity and managed to hide it from prison officials. The journal contains poems, notes, and drawings of Sharum and his fellow prisoners. His widow Marcella Sharum, when donating the journal, was pleased to know that her husband’s legacy would be preserved in the University Libraries’ Special Collections.

In addition to the manuscript collections, a total of 139 books were donated to the Arkansas and Rare Book collections. Among additional books donated was a collection of 275 gift volumes received from **Richard W. Davies**, executive director of the Department of Parks & Tourism. These books deal with the silversmith industry and the emigration of Huguenots to the United States. In addition, **Samuel Kupper** of Spring, Texas, also donated 772 books and materials related to Chinese history, politics, and current affairs.



## Personnel Accomplishments

### Refereed Publications

**Compton, Ellen** (Special Collections). “Blanche Hanks Elliott”; “The Ozark Society”; “Euine Fay Jones.” Entries written for the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

**Dillard, Tom** (Head, Special Collections). “Hay Watson Smith.” Entry written for the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

**Lewis, Todd** (Special Collections). “Elias Camp Morris.” Entry written for the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

**Dong, Elaine** (Cataloging) and **Tim Zou** (Head, Access Services). “In Search of a New Model: Library Resource Sharing in China—A Comparative Study,” International Federation of Library Associations Annual Conference 2007: 1-19. Online article. [http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/096-Zou\\_Dong-en.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/096-Zou_Dong-en.pdf).

**Ganson, Judy** (Director, Collection Management & Systems). "Library Collection Development Policies: Academic, Public, and Special Libraries." *Reference & User Services Quarterly*. 45:3 (Spring 2006): 267-267.

**Nutt, Timothy** (Special Collections). “William Chesley (Will) Faucette.” Entry written for the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

**Salisbury, Lutishoor** (Head, Chemistry & Biochemistry Library) and Amresh Tekawade. “Where is Agricultural Economics and AgriBusiness Research Information Published and Indexed? A Comparison of Coverage of Web of Knowledge, CAB Abstracts, EconLit, and Google Scholar.” *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*. 7:2/3 (2006): 126-143.

**Stark, Geoffrey** (Special Collections). “William Lee Cazort.” Entry written for the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

### Non-Refereed Publications

**Compton, Ellen**. “Robert McClure McElderry,” Pack n’ Paddle, *Ozark Society Newsletter* June.

**Dillard, Tom W.** “Remembering Arkansas,” *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, A series of 50 weekly

columns (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007).

**Dixon, Janet.** “Map Collection Management Discussion Group,” *Base Line—A Newsletter of the Map and Geography Round Table* 28:2 (April 2007):10-11.

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**Jones, Phillip** (Head of Reference) and Kristine K. Stacy-Bates (Iowa State University). “Establishing Virtual Reference through Partnership: The GWLA Model,” in *Brick and Click Libraries: Proceedings of an Academic Library Symposium*, ed. by Frank Baudino and Connie Jo Ury (Maryville, MO: Northwest Missouri State University): 94–99.

**Salisbury, Lutishoor.** [Report of] “FAN [Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition] Contributed Papers Session.” *Food for Thought*, 37:1 (2006), 19-21.

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**Conway, Cheryl** (Head, Cataloging/Acquisitions). *Education for Library Cataloging: International Perspectives*. ed. by Dajin D. Sun and Ruth C. Carter. New York, NY: Haworth, 2006 in *Library Journal* 131:20 (December 1, 2006):172.

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**King, Michele** (Head of Special Collections Cataloging Unit). *I am a man!* by Steve Estes. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2005 for the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America.

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**Dixon, Janet B.** "Historical Imagery Collections in Spatial Library: Key to Discovery of Past Landscapes." Conference Abstract in *Geoscience Information Society Newsletter* 221 (August 2006): 6.

**Jones, Phillip.** Abstracts of four articles from *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 64.2 (Summer 2005), four articles from *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 64.3 (Autumn 2005), five articles from *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 64.4 (Winter 2005), six articles from *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 65.1 (Spring 2006) in *America: History and Life* database.

## Grants/Fellowships/Awards

**Elaine Contant** was accepted into The National Scholars Honor Society.

**Tom W. Dillard** (Special Collections) was Principal Investigator for a grant on "Land of (Unequal) Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas," funded by the Arkansas Humanities Council, Feb. 1.

**Jan Dixon** was granted promotion to full librarian / full professor.

Dixon, John C., **Janet B. Dixon**, and Jack Cothorn received a grant of \$42,064 from NASA / Arkansas Center for Space and Planetary Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for the project “Development of a Geospatial Digital Library Collection of Historic Remotely-Sensed Imagery.” Collaborative project of the Geosciences Department, University Libraries, and Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies.

**Lutishoor Salisbury** received a BioOne fellowship (\$450.00) to partially cover costs for attendance at the 6<sup>th</sup> BioOne Publishers and Partners Meeting, Washington DC, April 11. She also received a supplemental AgNIC Cooperative Grant of \$1,000.00. September 2006.

Annual Library Staff Awards: **Kimberly Rolfe** (Circulation), Rookie of the Year; **Gwyneth Jelinek** (Circulation), Extra Mile Award; **Angela Hand** (Cataloging), Keystone Award; **Sarah Makowski**, Outstanding Service Award; **Angela Hand, David Lacy** (Shipping & Receiving), **Erin Wilson** (Binding), **Gregg Doty** (Serials), and **April White** (Fine Arts Library), Team Project Award.

University Service Awards: **Michele King**, Twenty Years; **Judy Culberson**, Forty Years; **Melissa Gatlin**, Twenty-five Years; **Vera Ekechukwu**, Twenty Years; **Michele Tabler** and **Ellen Williams**, Fifteen Years; **Todd Lewis** and **Kareen Turner**, Ten Years.

### **Presentations**

**Alberta Bailey** (and **Judy Ganson**). Presenters. “Growing the Collection Development Team: An Integrated Approach.” Arkansas Library Association, Fayetteville, October 10.

**Anne Marie Candido**. Presenter. “Toward College Research” Pre-AP middle school and high school literature teachers, Summer Advanced Placement Institute, July 12.

**Steve Chism**. Presenter. “Henry Stringfellow’s Relationship with the Black Community of Hitchcock, Texas: 1874–97.” Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Hitchcock, TX, June 16.

**Ellen Compton**. Co-Presenter with **Tom W. Dillard** and **Timothy G. Nutt**, “Preserving the Architectural and Landscape Record,” at the conference “The Architecture and Landscapes of Arkansas: A Heritage of Distinction,” UA School of Architecture and the University of Arkansas Libraries, March 2.

**Elaine Contant** (and **Lynaire Hartsell**). Presenters. “Traveling with Laptops and Going Wireless.” Arkansas Library Association Paraprofessionals Conference (ALPS); (and **Mary White**). Presenters. “Regular Expressions.” Arkansas Innovative Users Group (Ark IUG).

**Donna Daniels** (and Steve Cramer, University of North Carolina at Greensboro). Presenter. “A Sleeping Giant? Collection Development for Retailing Studies.” Twenty-Sixth Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, Charleston, SC, Nov. 10.

**Tom W. Dillard.** Presenter. “Turning Points in Arkansas: How Leadership or its Lack has Impacted Arkansas History,” Leadership Arkansas Conference, Hot Springs, Sept. 27; Luncheon speaker, American Oral History Association, Little Rock, Oct. 27; Presenter, “Some Amazing Washington County Lawyers,” Washington County Bar Association, Fayetteville, Dec. 4; Presenter, “Ten Amazing African American Arkansans,” Fayetteville Public Library, Feb. 13; Co-presenter with Harriet Jansma, “Arkansas Landscape History: More Than a Beginning,” *The Architecture and Landscapes of Arkansas: A Heritage of Distinction*, UA School of Architecture and the University of Arkansas Libraries Special Collections Department, March 2.

**Janet B. Dixon,** Jackson D. Cothren, John C. Dixon, and Charles Calhoun. “Historical Imagery Collections in Spatial Library: Key to Discovery of Past Landscapes.” Presentation and abstract No. 112964 at Geoscience Information Society/Geological Society of America Conference, Philadelphia, October. **Janet B. Dixon,** and Shambamuto, Bezeil, John C. Dixon, Jackson D. Cothren, Charles Calhoun. Poster presentation, “Digitization and Georeferencing of Historical Remotely Sensed Imagery,” Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Space and Planetary Sciences, Arkansas Center for Space and Planetary Sciences, Fayetteville in July; **Janet B. Dixon** and **Sarah Santos** organized the fifth annual GIS Day (geographic information systems) for campus and community GIS users and researchers, November 15.

**George Fowler,** Larry Banks, and Paul Marinko. Presenter. “Turnkey vs. Software-Only.” Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, May 17.

**Tess Gibson.** Poster Session. “Cancelled Requests: A Study of Interlibrary Lending,” Brick & Click: An Academic Library Symposium, Maryville, MO, November 3.

**Usha Gupta** and **Lutishoor Salisbury.** “Information Literacy Skills and Undergraduate Students Reactions to the Use of Subscription Databases in the Sciences.” ALA Poster session presented at the American Libraries Annual Conference in Washington DC, June 25.

**Phillip Jones** and Kristine K. Stacy-Bates, Iowa State University). Presenters. “Establishing Virtual Reference through Partnership: The GWLA Model.” Brick and Click Libraries Academic Library Symposium, Maryville, MO, November 3.

**Patricia Kirkwood** (Collection Development) and Daureen Neddill, University of Utah. Poster session. “A New Way to Retrieve Old Critical Information—TRAIL—Technical Report Archive and Image Library.” Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, June 5.

**Lora Lennertz** (Performing Arts & Media). Poster presentation “Navigating a Sea of Information: Tools for Training Student Assistants,” Association of College and Research Libraries, National Conference, Baltimore, March 30; Invited presenter, “Disaster Preparedness in the Post-Katrina World.” Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference. October 8.

**Timothy G. Nutt.** Presenter, “Arkansas Treasures in Your Attic: Collecting Books on the Natural State,” Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville, Arkansas, February 25; Presenter, “A

History of the Fourche River Lumber Company,” Perry County Historical Society, Perryville, Arkansas, May 9.

**Lutishoor Salisbury.** Presenter. “Undergraduate Life Sciences User Preferences for Sources of Scholarly Material: Implications for Instruction and Other Library Services.” USAIN National Conference, Delivering Information for the Life Sciences, Ithaca, New York, October 10. Presenter, “Information Seeking Pattern and ‘Googlization’ of Information: Implications for the Semantic Organization of the Web.” 1<sup>st</sup> IEEE International Conference on Digital Information Management (ICDIM 2006), Bangalore, India, December 7, 2006; (and **Usha Gupta**) “Information Literacy Skills and Undergraduate Students Reactions to the Use of Subscription Databases in the Sciences.” ALA Poster session, American Libraries Annual Conference, Washington DC, June 25.

**Mary Walker** (Cataloging Acquisitions) and **Elaine Contant** (Systems). Presenters, “Regular Expressions in the Innovative Interfaces Library System,” Arkansas Innovative Users Group conference, Little Rock, June 29.

**April White.** Presenter. “Faire Use and Fair Guides? Mullins Library and E-reserves,” Arkansas Innovative Users Group (IUG) Meeting, Arkadelphia, AR. December 6.

**Tim Zou.** Presenter, “Enhancing Service Desk Management with Schedulesource.” Brick & Click: An Academic Library Symposium, Maryville, MO, November 3.

### **Library or Education Outreach/Performances/Creative Work**

**Anne Marie Candido** served as University advisor to pre-AP middle school and high school teachers at the Summer AP Institute, July 10-14; she; she participated in a mock interview of a UA student applying for a Gates scholarship to study in Cambridge, England; she served on the Paul and Theresa Cronan Scholarship Committee, in affiliation with St. Thomas More University Parish, to grant scholarships to worthy student applicants attending the University of Arkansas.

**Andrea Cantrell** (Special Collections) served as judge at the Northwest Arkansas Regional History Day Competition, Springdale, AR., March 2.

**Ellen Compton** and **Anita Mysore** (Special Collections) gave a presentation, “Charles J. Finger,” and “Charley May Simon,” at the Root Elementary School, Fayetteville, March 26.

**Tom W. Dillard** gave a presentation called “Resources for Teaching Arkansas History: A Workshop” on Statehood Day for the Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville, June 16; he also served as master of ceremonies at the Washington County Historical Society Ice Cream Social in August; he was consultant for recreating a historically-accurate heritage garden at the Winthrop Rockefeller Center, Petit Jean Mountain, Morrilton, November 17 - Jan. 19.

**Mikey King** answered telephones in October and April for KUAF pledge drives.

**Deb Kulczak** sang in the University of Arkansas Master Chorale/Schola Cantorum performances of Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," Feb. 17, and Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. John Passion," April 21.

**Arthur Morgan** (Web services) taught an online course, Survey of English Literature, The Beginning through the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, for the Continuing Education Division.

**Karen Myers** (Reference) sang in the University of Arkansas Master Chorale / Schola Cantorum performances of Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," Feb. 17, and Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. John Passion," April 21.

**Timothy Nutt** was playwright and actor for the re-enactment "1837 Knife Fight Between Reps. John Wilson and J.J. Anthony in the State House" on Statehood Day for the Washington County Historical Society, June 16; he was judge for the Historical Papers Category, Northwest Arkansas Regional History Day competition, March 2.

**Janet Parsch** (Director for Organizational Development) gave a presentation on her Peace Corps experience in Benin, West Africa, to 600 seventh-grade students in classes held throughout the day at J.O. Kelly Middle School, Springdale, March 8; she participated in three performances as member of UA Master Chorale (including Mozart, Lauridsen, and Bach).

**Lutishoor Salisbury** was an invited presenter: 21<sup>st</sup> century information for instruction and research at the University of Arkansas. She also gave a presentation Plant Pathology Departmental Seminar, Feb 13. "Food Science Faculty Publications: A Citation Analysis and Their Characteristics. Presentation," Department of Food Science Faculty Seminar, April 23.

**Diane Worrell** (Special Collections) served as judge for the Historical Papers Category of the Northwest Arkansas Regional History Day Competition in Springdale, March 2; she also served on the Advisory Panel, Fulbright Concerto Competition hosted by the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and the City of Fayetteville, March 29.

### **Outside Committees/Professional Positions Held**

**Carolyn Allen.** Member, Gala Committee for the American Heart Association; Member, Washington Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, Chair, Washington Regional Medical Center Foundation Board Eagle Awards Committee, Member, Gala Steering Committee for the Washington Regional Medical Center Foundation Board; Member, Walton Arts Center Foundation Board.

Chair, Committee on Status of Academic Librarians, Association of College and Research Libraries; Member, Board of Trustees, AMIGOS, and vice-chair; Past Chair, Greater Western Library Alliance; Established and chairs Council of University of Arkansas Research Libraries (CUARL).

**Ellen Compton.** Reviewer, *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* (online), <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>; Member, Program Planning Committee, Arkansas Women's History Institute, *Sitting Down for What's Right: The Struggle for Women's Equality and Civil Rights in Arkansas*, March 3.

**Elaine Contant.** Treasurer, Conference Committee, Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals (ALPS); Member, Technology Roundtable, Arkansas Library Association (ArLA).

**Cheryl Conway.** Member, Digital Initiatives Committee, CUARL (Council of University of Arkansas Research Libraries).

**Tom W. Dillard.** President, Arkansas Studies Institute, a non-profit corporation; Editor-in-Chief, *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*, Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System; Humanities Scholar, Frontier Days Grant Project, Arkansas Humanities Council, Cabot School District, Cabot, Ark., October; Member, Bridge Fund Advisory Board, Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock; Member, Board of Directors, Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville.

**Donna Daniels** (Collection Development). Member, Business Reference in Academic Libraries Committee, Business Reference and Services Section, Reference and User Services Association, American Library Association; Exhibits Chair, Conference Committee, Arkansas Library Association; Member, Executive Committee (and Past President), ARKLink.

**Tom W. Dillard.** Editor, *Fleur de Lis: Journal of the Society for Louisiana Irises*, Society for Louisiana Irises, Lafayette, Louisiana, 2006-07; Session chair and commentor, "Preserving the History of Arkansas Journalism," American Oral History Association, Little Rock, Oct. 27; Tom W. Dillard (Special Collections). President, Arkansas Studies Institute, a non-profit corporation; Editor-in-Chief, *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*, Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System; Humanities Scholar, Frontier Days Grant Project, Arkansas Humanities Council, Cabot School District, Cabot, Ark., October; Bridge Fund Advisory Board, Arkansas Community Foundation, Little Rock; Board of Directors, Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville.

**Janet Dixon.** Executive Board, American Library Association (ALA), Map and Geography Roundtable (MAGERT); coordinator, Research Libraries Collection Management Discussion Group, ALA MAGERT; co-chair, Task Force on Library Security for Cartographic Materials, ALA MAGERT (co-organized ALA conference program "Library Security for Maps").

**Elaine Dong.** Member, CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) Awards Committee, American Library Association.

**Judy Ganson.** Secretary and Board Member, ESIG (NSF EPSCoR Science Information Group); Member, Advisory Committee, UA Self-Study; Co-chair, Resource Sharing and Collection Development Committee, Council of University of Arkansas Research Libraries.

**Tess Gibson.** Chair, Interlibrary Loan Code Revision Subcommittee, STARS Codes, Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee, STARS (Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section), RUSA (Reference and User Services Association), American Library Association; Member, Cooperative Collection Development Committee, CODES/STARS, RUSA, American Library Association; Member, Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee, STARS, RUSA, American Library Association.

**Lynaire Hartsell.** Chair-Elect, Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals (ALPS), Arkansas Library Association; Secretary, Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals, Arkansas Library Association; Member, ALPS Conference Committee, Arkansas Library Association.

**Usha Gupta.** Panel speaker, discussion, “Publish or Perish.” Arkansas Library Association 2006 Conference, Fayetteville, October 8.

**George Fowler.** Member, Disaster Recovery Committee, Council of University of Arkansas Research Libraries.

**Beth Juhl.** Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Academic Librarianship*; Webmaster, Web sites for ARKLink and the Arkansas Innovative User’s Group.

**Kris Katrosh** (Special Collections). Treasurer and Member, Board of Directors, Arkansas Humanities Council; Arkansas Humanities Council Representative, Southern Humanities Media Fund; Member, Executive Committee, Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute.

**Patricia Kirkwood.** Session Moderator. “Perceptions of Women’s Success in STEM.” American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, June 27.

**Deb Kulczak.** Chair, Resources and Technical Services Division, Arkansas Library Association; Chair-Elect, Arkansas Innovative Users Group; Co-coordinator, Technical Services Round Table, Music Library Association.

**Elizabeth McKee.** Chair, Committee on the creation of a UofA Gateway to K-12 Educational Resources, Council of University of Arkansas Libraries; Editor, *Arkansas Publications Index*.

**Timothy Nutt.** Editor, *Pulaski County Historical Review*, Pulaski County Historical Society; Editor, *Flashback*, Washington County Historical Society; Assistant editor, *Fleur de Lis: Journal of the Society for Louisiana Irises*, Society for Louisiana Irises, Lafayette, Louisiana; Moderator, “Highlighting Arkansas Archives: Manuscripts Dealing with Civil Rights,” Arkansas Historical Association, April 27; Designer of Powerpoint Presentation to the Fayetteville Advertising and Promotions Board for the book *It Happened on Dickson Street* by Tony Wappel and Ethel Simpson, May 14; Timothy G. Nutt (Special Collections). Special Projects Editor, *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*, Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System; Member, Board of Trustees, Arkansas Historical Association; Member, 2007 Annual Conference Planning Committee, Arkansas Historical Association; Chair, Westbrook/Gingles Awards Committee, Arkansas Historical Association; Executive Board

Member, Washington County Historical Society; Executive Board Member, Society of Southwest Archivists.

**Necia Parker-Gibson.** Editor, *Behavioral and Social Sciences Librarian*; Panel speaker, discussion, "Publish or Perish," Arkansas Library Association 2006 Conference, Fayetteville, October 8.

**Janet Parsch.** Treasurer, Ozarks Returned Peace Corps Volunteers; Chair, Staff Development Committee, Council of University of Arkansas Libraries (CUARL); Co-chair, Organizational Development Discussion Group, American Library Association.

**Lutishoor Salisbury.** Past-President, United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN); Chair, USAIN 2007 Nominations Committee; chair, USAIN 2007, By-Laws and Procedures Committee; Member, Steering Committee, Greater Western Library Alliance Bioengineering Cooperative Taskforce; Chair, SLA/FAN Division, Strategic Planning Committee; Co-chair, SLA/FAN Division, 2007 Contributed Papers Committee; member, NSF/NSDL 2007 Annual Meeting Planning Committee; Member, NSF/NSDL Collection Development Advisory Council; Judge, Middle and Junior section of the NW Arkansas Science and Engineering Fair, March 2.

\_\_\_\_\_. Member, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International. (CABI). North American Advisory Board; Member, International Advisory Board, International Food Information Service (IFIS); Member, BioOne Library Advisory Board; Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Agriculture and Food Information*; Editorial evaluator, *Bulletin of the International Association of the Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD)*.

**Kareen Turner.** Secretary, Library Support Staff Interest Roundtable (LSSIRT), Americal Library Association; Member, ALPS (Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals) Conference Committee, Arkansas Library Association.

**Mary Walker.** Member, Acquisitions Committee about Technology, American Library Association; Member, Speakers Bureau, Council of Regional Groups Committee, American Library Association.

**Diane Worrell.** Member, Publications Committee, Arkansas Liaison, Society of Southwestern Archivists.

**Juana Young.** Member, Library Administration and Management Association, Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation Section: Using Measurement for Library Planning Assessment Committee, American Library Association; Member, Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network Utilization Planning Group (state of Arkansas).

**Tim Zou.** Member, International Interlibrary Loan Committee, STARS (Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section), RUSA (Reference and User Services Association),

ALA; Member, Scholarship Committee, CALA (Chinese America Librarian Association), American Library Association.

### **Campus Committees/Activities/Position Held**

**Carolyn Allen.** Member, Silas Hunt Awards Selection Committee, University of Arkansas Member, 2010 Commission.

**Alberta Bailey.** Coordinator of library participation, New Faculty Orientation, August 15, Clarion Inn, Fayetteville.

**Andrea Cantrell.** Elected Member, Faculty Senate.

**Steve Chism.** Academic Convocation Committee.

**Ellen Compton.** Facilitator for visit of Russian librarians to the University of Arkansas campus, October 5.

**Beth Juhl.** Library representative, Computing Activities Council.

**Cheryl Conway.** Member, University Committee on Committees.

**Elaine Dong.** Member, University Artists and Concerts Committee.

**Judy Ganson.** Member, University Self-Study Committee.

**Tess Gibson.** Member, General Education Core Curriculum Committee.

**Angela Hand.** Library representative, Staff Senate; Member, Staff Senate subcommittees: Elections, Finance, Legislative, and Internal Affairs; traveled to Little Rock with a group of Staff Senate representatives to discuss higher education issues with legislators, February 27.

**Dave Schimid.** Member, Staff Senate.

**Mikey King.** Member, Catastrophic Leave Bank Committee; Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

**Deb Kulczak.** Member, Campus Emergency Preparedness Committee and Faculty Panel, Complaint Procedures for Undergraduate Students.

**Necia Parker-Gibson.** Member, Faculty Panel, Complaint Procedures for Undergraduates Committee.

**Janet Parsch.** Chair, Landscape and Grounds Committee; Coordinator of the PigTrails map project, UA Wellness Committee; Board Member and Treasurer, Foundation for International Exchange of Students.

**Lutishoor Salisbury.** Member, Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure; at-large member, Faculty Senate; Faculty Senate Representative, Campus Council.

**Mary Walker.** Member, University Committee on Child Care Issues.

**Juana Young.** Member, *Ad hoc* Committee to develop implementation plan for remuneration of elected campus officials (as recommended by the Task Force on Faculty Governance) for Faculty Senate, March.

**Tim Zou.** Member, Technology Fee Review Committee, Administrative Board, University of Arkansas; Member, Faculty Senate.

## **Personnel Changes**

### ***Newly Appointed Personnel***

**Ana Maria Alarcon**, circulation assistant, August  
**Cynthia Arnold**, serials receiving assistant, April  
**Margaret Boylan**, head of Fine Arts Library, January  
**Amy Brown**, performing arts supervisor, June  
**Allon Callahan**, circulation assistant, August  
**Sherea Dillon**, agriculture graduate assistant, August  
**George Fowler**, head of Library Systems, September  
**Lynn Hodges**, assistant director, Pryor Center, June  
**Kerry Jones**, Hammerschmidt papers processor, December  
**Kris Katrosh**, director of Pryor Center, January  
**Burmshik Kim**, physics graduate assistant, August  
**Venkata Kolipaka**, engineering graduate assistant, May  
**Mary Lee**, circulation assistant, March  
**Dawn Lingelbach**, development secretary, January  
**Scott Lunsford**, associate producer for media production and services, July  
**Case Miner**, Hammerschmidt papers processor, December  
**Samantha Pruitt**, circulation assistant, November  
**Steve Sharp**, engineering graduate assistant, January  
**Julia Sonka**, cataloging assistant, June  
**Sarah Spiegel**, serials receiving assistant, January  
**Tony Stankus**, life sciences librarian, June  
**Elaine White**, interlibrary loan assistant, February  
**Quantrell Willis**, education graduate assistant, August

### *Transfers/Promotions*

**Ana Marie Alarcon** was promoted to Fine Arts Library assistant, October.

**Jan Dixon** was promoted to librarian, June.

**Elizabeth Floyd** was promoted to interlibrary loan assistant, August.

**Donna Johnson** was promoted to Fine Arts Library supervisor, July.

**Norma Johnson** became reference librarian, July.

**Arthur Morgan** was promoted to Senior Library Assistant, September.

**Brandon Oberg** was promoted to serials receiving assistant, April.

**Janet Parsch** became assistant to the head of Special Collections, April.

**Tyneshia Reynolds** was promoted to periodicals and course reserves assistant, June.

**Lutishoor Salisbury** was promoted to head of Chemistry Library, January.

**Jeremy Smith** was promoted to Chemistry Library assistant, August.

**Sarah Spiegel** was promoted to serials claims agent, February.

**Felicia Thomas** was promoted to Hammerschmidt papers archivist, August.

**Carol Warriner** was promoted to continuations receiving assistant, September.

**April White** was promoted to Fine Arts Library assistant, May.

