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# THE FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



Lisa Tatham accepts the Friends Award from UL Dean Sara Bushong

## Tatham Receives Friends Award

The Friends of the University Libraries honored Lisa Tatham, administrative office secretary, as the recipient of the 2011 Friends of the University Libraries Staff Award.

Tatham has worked at BGSU for 15 years and has served as the administrative secretary 1 in the Dean's Office for eight years. Her nominators commented that her "positive attitude and actions definitely encourage comradeship amongst the staff."

The Friends of the University Libraries is a membership-based group that supports the programs and activities of the Libraries by giving scholarships to students and employees, purchasing special equipment, sponsoring special events and contributing to the aesthetic appeal of the Libraries.



### Get Connected!

Want to hear about what's going on at the University Libraries? Meet up with us on our "Bowling Green State University Libraries" Facebook page or follow "bglibrarian67" on Twitter to learn about new books, resources, services and upcoming events.

### Friends Membership Levels

**Jerome** \$1,000 or more  
**Laureate** \$500-\$999  
**Nobel** \$100-\$499  
**Pulitzer** \$35-\$99

The Friends of the UL is a 503(c)(3) organization. The cost of your membership, therefore, is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. To join The Friends, please visit [www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/about/page40963.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/about/page40963.html) or call 419-372-2856.

## University Libraries Seeks Support

Gifts to the Libraries help preserve the past, honor the present and envision the future. To support the University Libraries' resources and programs, please call 888-839-2586.

## Telefund Campaign Returns

The University Libraries' first Telefund campaign was launched in the spring of 2011 and will resume again in January 2012. If you receive a phone call from our enthusiastic student callers, please take a few minutes to talk to them and consider making a gift to the University Libraries.

## Calling All Former Library Student Employees!

Keep your former library colleagues up to date about your achievements, career, honors and activities by submitting information for inclusion in the next edition of *Bibliofiles*. Accomplishments can be sent to [libadmin@bgsu.edu](mailto:libadmin@bgsu.edu).

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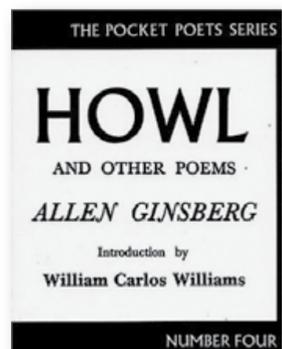
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## 'Howl' Presentation Denotes Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Hosted by the Friends of the University Libraries during the last week of September, this year's speaker, Dr. Phil Dickinson, provided a presentation and reading of Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*.

Published as part of his 1956 collection of poetry titled *Howl and other Poems*, the poem is considered to be one of the great works of the Beat Generation. Because *Howl* contains many suggestive references and strong language, it was seized by customs officials when being imported from the printer in London. A subsequent obscenity trial was brought against the poem's domestic publisher.

Dickinson is a lecturer, associate chair and undergraduate coordinator in the English department, with research interests that include authoritarian movements/nationalism, Vietnam War studies, contemporary American fiction/culture and trauma theory.



## Book Cart Drill Team Prevails Again

The Jerome Rollers Book Cart Drill Team ruled the school at the BGSU Homecoming parade. The Drill Team is comprised of library staff who march in formation with their book carts, spreading the word about the library. The light-hearted, but precise group performs annually at the parade and decorates its carts in imaginative themes. In the past, the team has won the Best University Office and Most Spirited Awards at the BGSU Homecoming parade. This year they won the "Best Office Group" plaque.

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## New Spaces, New Places to Study, Socialize & Snack

After years of planning, students can now pick up coffee or a snack, sit with friends in the café or study quietly in individual study carrels in the Wm. T. Jerome Library.

Construction of Thinkers Café was completed at the beginning of fall semester. The space for the café was the previous home of the library Reserve Room. This space was transformed with new carpet, comfortable furniture and café-style tables and chairs. Thinkers Café, which is part of the Chartwells Outtakes brand, features grab-and-go salads and sandwiches, candies, frozen entrees, coffee, cold beverages and more. Adjacent to the cafe is the newly refurbished media room, which offers additional booth-style seating, tables and viewing stations.



(Above) Quiet study is easier in new private-study carrels

The eighth floor of the Wm. T. Jerome Library was renovated to create additional places for quiet study. The floor contains a variety of furniture, including leather easy chairs, tables and individual study carrels with power. The space provides an excellent location for solitary study and is within easy access to the University Libraries' extensive collections.

In addition, the Wm. T. Jerome Library is the new home of the Learning Commons, making the one-stop shop for tutoring assistance more accessible and more central to campus. The Learning Commons includes:

- » 13,565 square feet of study space
- » 38 desktop computers
- » 22 laptop computers for student use
- » 1 Smart Board
- » 1 60-inch monitor for presentations and collaboration



Thinkers Café features food and beverages and space to socialize

The Learning Commons - which includes assistance in Math and Statistics Tutoring, Study Skills, Writing and a Tutorial Center for any subject area - is a great resource for students.

"Students now have new places to go for academic support, study spaces and to socialize with friends," said Sara Bushong, dean of University Libraries. The renovations were revealed to campus during an open house on Sept. 7.



The Learning Commons offers tutoring and academic support to students.

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## Dean's Letter Happy New Year!

On behalf of the University Libraries (UL) faculty and staff I am pleased to share information in this issue of *BiblioFiles* highlighting recent library activities, new spaces and innovative services.

Summon, the new “power” search tool, is revolutionizing the way library users discover information, and the instruction librarians have been actively introducing its functionality to the campus community.

The William T. Jerome Library facility experienced a great deal of construction over the summer months. The much-anticipated Thinkers' Café, an Outtakes facility, opened its doors at the start of fall semester. Students and faculty have a new space in which to meet, greet, study and enjoy refreshments. As we expected, the café is very popular and appreciated. The eighth floor was renovated to include more modern, quiet study spaces.

The Learning Commons, a one-stop shop for tutoring assistance, moved from Moseley Hall to the first floor of the William T. Jerome Library and is a wonderful academic support resource for students.

The campus landscape has certainly changed over the past few months. Two new residence halls and dining facilities have opened, the Stroh Center is hosting athletic events and concerts, and the Wolfe Center for the Arts opened in December.

I invite you to return to campus and experience the new facilities and to visit the new spaces within the University Libraries.

All the best,  
Sara Bushong, *Dean*

## 'No Impact Man' Visit Highlights Common Read

Programs related to the Bowling Green State University Common Reading Experience were featured in October, including a visit from the *No Impact Man* author, Colin Beavan.



Beavan's book, *No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet, and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process*, chronicles the year he spent living in New York City using no electricity, plastic, automobiles, toilet paper or other staples of modern life in an effort to lighten his environmental “footprint.”

Students met in breakout groups on Opening Weekend to discuss his book. “Faculty have also incorporated *No Impact Man* into their courses, giving students even more opportunity throughout the semester to explore many of the important issues raised,” said Colleen Boff, interim associate dean of University Libraries.

The book has made a big impact on at least one student. Abbey Tobe is attempting to live a year in a residence hall trash-free and is sharing her experience online.

“My blog is for my Honors project, which was inspired by *No Impact Man*. I am an environmental science major, so I wanted to do something for a project to show change and not just talk about it. After reading *No Impact Man* last summer, I was inspired to try a similar, but less extreme project for my senior year. The blog is documenting the experiences I've had and will have over the next several months. I am excited for this project and anticipate the challenges I will face in completing it.” To read her blog visit <http://tobe-no-waste.tumblr.com/>.

Some of the goals of the Common Reading Experience are to promote critical thinking, have students read beyond textbooks and create a sense of community. Books must relate to the human experience and be of interest to both men and women.

## University Libraries Unveil New Search Tool



Searching for a book, journal, article, magazine or e-book in the University Libraries extensive collection just became easier. The library recently introduced the new Summon™ discovery service.

The new search engine is located on the library home page and can be accessed using any Web browser, mobile device or tablet.

“Getting started is often the most difficult part of the research process,” said Sara Bushong, dean of the University Libraries. “With the Summon service as the ‘digital front door’ to the library, users can discover relevant, authoritative content in our collections that is freely available to our students and faculty—anytime, day or night.”

## Parmer Receives State Award

The Government Documents Round Table of Ohio presented the Clyde Award to Coleen Parmer, professor emeritus, University Libraries, in June. The Clyde Award is “given by Ohio GODORT to a member of the organization for outstanding achievement(s) or service in the field of government information in Ohio or in the national or international document community.”

In presenting this award, the organization cited Parmer's role as a founding member, her leadership role as past secretary/treasurer, program chair and president, as well as her exemplary record of service to committees of the organization. It also noted her role in increasing the knowledge in the field of government documents librarianship through publications and presentation at the local, state and national level.

Parmer was presented an engraved bowl in commemoration of the award. The permanent award, housed at the State Library of Ohio, is a larger engraved pewter bowl with the names of all recipients.

## Thank You, Class of 1971

In addition to seeing old friends during the BGSU reunion weekend, the Class of 1971 left a lasting legacy to the University Libraries through a 40th reunion class gift.

In 1971, the Wm. T. Jerome Library offered a new social space for interesting discourse and academic research for the student population. In 2011, the Class of 1971 paid homage to that memorable part of their college experience by establishing the Class of 1971 Library Enrichment Fund.

During Homecoming weekend, the Class of 1971 hosted a dinner where University Libraries Dean Sara Bushong was presented a gift of \$20,000. In addition, library student employee Thomas Ware '11 spoke about the effect the library has had on his education and how he has benefited from its resources. Class members also attended a breakfast hosted in the new library café and then had a campus tour.

The University Libraries selected Serials Solutions® Summon discovery service because it offers library users a familiar Web-searching experience as well as powerful features such as:

- » A single set of relevancy ranked results – easy to navigate and narrow using multiple methods such as filtering, faceting and sorting;
- » The ability to limit results to “scholarly” publications, including peer-reviewed material;
- » The ability to limit results to items immediately available full-text online;
- » The functionality to cut and paste citations or export citations in preferred styles;
- » Help through “Did you mean?” alternative guidance for misspellings, etc.;
- » Assistance by providing recommendations for relevant databases or other resources to search.

“We're excited to offer this new service to our researchers,” continued Bushong. “The information professionals at our library take great pride in selecting high-quality content to support the research needs of our students, faculty and staff, and we look forward to patrons experiencing an easier method of discovering and using these valuable resources.”



*The Nickerson Collection in the Historical Collections of the Great Lakes includes more than 300 original vessel drawings like the one pictured above.*

## Nickerson Collection Joins BGSU Great Lakes Marine Art

The Historical Collections of the Great Lakes (HCGL), a part of the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University Libraries recently received a donation of the Vincent Douglas Nickerson Collection of Great Lakes marine art.

The Nickerson Collection includes more than 300 original vessel drawings dating from the 1880 to 1910 period and is one of the most, if not the most, extensive body of work of a Great Lakes marine artist in a public institution. The Nickerson Collection was donated to BGSU by Ellen Drouillard Boruff of Bloomington, Ind., formerly from the Cleveland area.

Nickerson was born into a maritime family in the Cleveland area in 1843. His father was a vessel agent and captain and his mother was from the Laffrinier shipbuilding family of Cleveland. His career as an artist spanned the years from 1880 to 1910. Most of his clients were connected to the maritime industry (vessel owners, agents, captains, etc.) and expected accurate details. The collection consists of original perspective drawings, many in color, prepared to provide the details needed for the paintings Nickerson was commissioned to produce. These drawings often provide scale drawings as well as color schemes of Great Lakes vessels from the 1840s to 1910.

In many cases his drawings are the only known details available for a particular vessel. Only a small number of Nickerson's finished paintings survive, adding more significance to this collection. He died June 13, 1910, in Cleveland.

HCGL staff are compiling a detailed inventory of the collection and identifying items that may require conservation. As soon as the inventory and conservation process is completed the collection will be available for research.



*The Wm. T. Jerome Library has been an important facility on campus for more than 40 years. Because the Class of 1971 felt a connection to the library, a \$20,000 reunion gift was presented from the class during Homecoming 2011.*

## Libraries' Resources Help Database Rock On



The University Libraries has partnered with Adam Matthew Digital to publish *Rock and Roll, Counterculture, Peace and Protest: Popular Culture in Britain and America, 1950-1975*.

This database utilizes UL resources from the Browne Popular Culture Library and the Music Library & Sound Recordings Archives. It will feature music, politics, fashion, youth culture, the introduction of television, campaigns for black power, civil rights and women's liberation.

Sound recordings archivist Bill Schurk is also serving on the publications editorial board. This project has been in progress for three years.

Adam Matthew Digital publishes online primary source collections and works with the leading libraries, archives and scholars from around the world. The results are creative resources that offer powerful research and dynamic teaching for universities, colleges and libraries.

For more information about the database, visit <http://www.amedu.com/Collections/Rock-and-Roll.aspx>.

## New Staff Debut

**Dr. Marcia Suter** joined the University Libraries in September as interim chair of the Library Teaching & Learning Department. Suter, a 1973 graduate of BGSU, brings a wealth of library administrative experience from her former positions with The University of Toledo, most recently as associate professor and associate dean of the University Libraries; and, previously as director of library services, main campus libraries, eLearning and academic support; interim assistant dean for access and information services of the University Libraries; chair of the University Libraries faculty; and director of the Learning Resource Center. She co-chaired the North Central Association Re-Accreditation Steering Committee for the University of Toledo. She also is experienced with strategic planning, space planning, instruction and collection development.

**Colleen Boff** was appointed to interim associate dean in August. In her new position, Boff supervises the Northwest Ohio Regional Book Depository, coordinates the assessment of library operations and services; works with campus constituents to develop and enhance programs and services for students, faculty and the community; assists with developing, implementing, and assessing the annual and strategic planning initiatives as well as policies and plans that support the research and curricular needs of the University community; and plans and oversees UL capital improvements and other operations-related projects.

**Katie Mihaly** began employment as the library associate 2 (reserves supervisor) in August. Mihaly comes from the Carlson Library at the University of Toledo, where she supervised the circulation desk as well as OhioLINK processing functions, and was responsible for course reserves and processing interlibrary loan articles.