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Letter from the Dean

Greetings from the University Libraries!

I am pleased to present you with the latest edition of Bibliofiles on behalf of the University Libraries.

The past few months have been exceptional for the University Libraries. We have added several new talented staff members, continued to acquire valuable research material to assist our students and faculty, and we were ranked #11 on the list of the Top 50 Most Amazing College Libraries by College Rank.

Continuing our mission of providing superior academic services for students, Dr. Paul and Marty Stiffler recently provided a generous $250,000 gift to the Learning Commons. Their gift will provide financial support for students who work as writing consultants, peer subject tutors and academic skills consultants within the Learning Commons.

The first edition of Shane has found a new home at the Browne Popular Culture Library. Dr. Gary Hoppenstand donated this rare book along with other first edition westerns from his personal popular fiction collection.

Our Electric Guitar exhibit was a popular destination bringing in scholars and researchers from the Electric Guitar in Popular Culture conference. The exhibit featured photographs and graphic arts from the University Libraries’ Archival Collections and Branches.
The Friends of the University Libraries continue to support the mission of the library recognizing the scholarly endeavors of our faculty and students. This spring, we honored more than 60 faculty members for their scholarly work at the Authors and Artists Celebration and one student, Kasie Durkit, for her scholarly research entitled “Cowboys, Yankees and Women: Regional Political Attitudes Towards Women in the Public Sphere 2000-2010.”

Our student employees continue to be an integral part our day-to-day operations and serve as the face of the library on campus. Each year we honor student employees with a recognition event and encourage them to stay connected with the library after they graduate. Two of our students were recognized, undergraduate student, Jordan Fitzpatrick and graduate student, Rebecca Denes, for their exemplary service to the UL.

As we look to the next year, we are planning some new enhancements to bring functionality to student study spaces and building facilities, establishing priorities for the Wm. T. Jerome Library 50th anniversary campaign, and programming to continue our library’s mission.

I thank each of you who continue to generously support the University Libraries. I encourage you to visit our tent during the Homecoming game this year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about the University Libraries’ collections, programs and services.

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First Sergeant Matt Eversmann
The University Libraries are proud to sponsor a dinner and presentation featuring First Sergeant Matt Eversmann (Ret.), hero of the epic film, Black Hawk Down, and the Battle of Mogadishu, as this year’s Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories event. We welcome individuals and organizations to join us for this special evening in BGSU's Bowen-Thompson Student Union Grand Ballroom. To learn more about Matt Eversmann or how to register,
Digital Humanities Lab benefits faculty, student projects
Python, Ruby, Ruby on Rails and Mallet are some of the new names introduced recently at the University Libraries’ Digital Humanities Lab. The lab, now offered through the Student Technology Assistance Center (STAC) has expanded its offerings to include a wide variety of technology tools for faculty and students working on digital humanities projects at BGSU.

Driving Toward A Dream
Basil Alholaily came from Saudi Arabia to Bowling Green State University to pursue his dream of a college degree. Little did he know that during his time in the United States he would get a chance to fulfill a childhood dream as well. A UL student employee, Alholaily, graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in technology, mechanical design, and was selected to participate in a Ford Motor Company commercial where “dreams meet opportunities.”

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