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A Message From the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In this edition of the Bowling Green State University Libraries newsletter, I encourage you to act on your ideas for philanthropic giving to the Library. BGSU is halfway through our **Changing Lives for the World** campaign and now is the ideal time to show your continued support of the University Libraries.

We are asking our BGSU family to support our great University as we begin the largest comprehensive campaign in history. We ask that you join us in this capital campaign as we prepare the next generation of teachers, thinkers, entrepreneurs, healers, heroes, risk-takers and dreamers. Together, we can set BGSU's future for the next 100 years.

For those of you who have already given, thank you for your continued support. Private support helps us create new spaces, programs and services to support our patrons. I encourage you to take a few minutes during your next campus visit to stop in



College Alumni Awards



Ohio History Fund

and explore one of our special collections, attend an event or just walk within the building.

It is a great honor and privilege to lead and represent all the faculty, staff and student employees who make up University Libraries! All of us take great pride in the active role we play in fulfilling BGSU's mission. With your support, we will continue serving the University community and all the students at BGSU.

Sincerely,



Sara A. Bushong
Dean, University Libraries

Announcements

Promotion

Linda Rich, Coordinator of Reference Services, Library Teaching and Learning, was recently promoted to the rank of Professor at the May 4 Board of Trustees meeting.



#BGSUOneDay



UL host Popular Culture
Association/American Culture
Association Research Institute



Record Listening Club

Awards and Recognitions

BGSU annually recognizes the value and support rendered by all faculty and staff in accomplishing its mission of providing the best possible environment for the student population. The following UL employees were recognized for their years of service at BGSU:

Chris Hesterman, Learning Commons, 10 years
Seneida Howard, Access Services (retired), 30 years
Stefanie Hunker, Browne Popular Culture Library, 20 years
Mardi Losoya-Rush, Cataloging and Technical Services, 30 years
Chris Miko, Library Teaching and Learning (retired), 32 years
Jennifer Nyiri, Library Teaching and Learning, 10 years
Heidi Popovitch, Administrative Office, 10 years
Rudy Ramos, Library Information Technology, 15 years
Bill Schurk, Music Library and Bill Schurk Sound Archives (retired), 50 years
Vicki Seifert, Curriculum Resource Center, 10 years

Sandra Sandor Kerbel Librarian Professional Development Award

Lola J. Kerbel established this award in memory of her daughter Sandra Sandor Kerbel, a BGSU alumna and academic librarian. Because of her generosity, three UL team members have been able to add new skills to our resources:

- Susannah Cleveland – to attend the Library Management Skills Institute I in Bloomington, Indiana
 - Amy Fry – to present at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference in Indianapolis
 - Edith Scarletto – to attend the ACRL Immersion Teacher Track Professional Development in Burlington, Vermont
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Student Scholars

The UL Scholarship Committee awarded \$1,000 scholarships to seven student employees. These funds were collected from donations made by UL donors and UL employees. Receiving a scholarship provides necessary financial assistance for our students as they continue pursuing their education at BGSU.

Jessie Walton
Ashley Gearheart
Elizabeth Helms
Chaska McGowan
Katherine Monnin
Mark Richards
Monica Yost*

**In addition, Yost was selected received the Stearns Family Scholarship for her work within the Music Library.*

New Staff

UL welcomes the following new staff:

Lindy Eynon

Library Associate, Center for Archival Collections, Micrographics Lab

Che Gant

Librarian in Residence, Library Teaching and Learning

Kailey Snyder

Senior Library Associate, Northwest Ohio Regional Book Depository



Che Gant



Lindy Eynon

Researching the Romance Conference

In 1997, the Browne Popular Culture Library at Bowling Green State University held one of the first academically oriented conferences on the genre of popular romance fiction. Titled “Re-Reading the Romance,” the event included authors and academics from around the country sharing their experiences and love for the genre. A follow-up conference, “Romance in the new Millennium,” was held in 2000, featuring even more thoughtful looks at romance.

Since then, the romance industry has grown to more than \$1 billion per year in sales, and the study of popular romance has grown by leaps and bounds along with it. On April 13-14, the Browne Popular Culture Library hosted a conference titled “Researching the Romance.” The conference was hosted in the Jerome Library and the Wood County District Public Library. Guest of honor was 2017 RWA Nora Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Beverly Jenkins. Jenkins has published more than 30 novels, and is well known for the level of detailed research she puts into her books, making her the perfect guest for this conference. She delivered the closing keynote address on Saturday as well as signing books. Also attending were Dr. Kate Brown, assistant professor of political science at Huntington University in Huntington, Indiana and Dr. Eric Selinger, professor of English at DePaul University and executive editor of the Journal for Popular Romance Studies.

Ohio Digital Network brings Ohio to DPLA

In March, OhioLINK announced that more than 50,000 new materials from the Ohio Digital Network are now discoverable in **Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)**. Led by the **State Library of Ohio** and in partnership with **OhioLINK**, the **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)**, and the **Ohio History Connection**, the Ohio Digital Network builds on strong digital collection efforts across the state, including extensive digital

collections at OhioLINK member institutions, Ohio Memory, and the Ohio Digitization Hubs project. As part of this project, University Libraries highlighted a portion of **sheet music**.

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