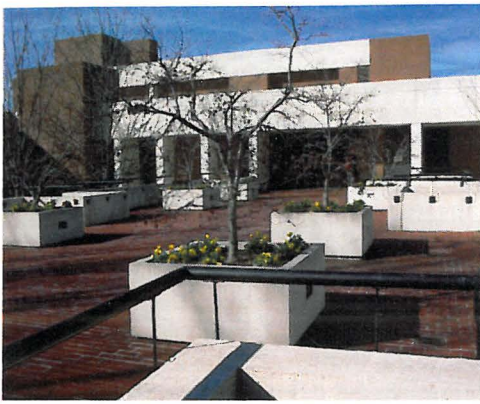


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Notes from the University Librarian



As of the middle of January, I will have been University Librarian at W&L for six months. Thanks to the warm hospitality of W&L faculty, students and staff, I feel very much at home here and I've especially enjoyed learning more about our institution, and about its current issues and challenges. W&L is a unique and precious place, with a great heritage, and I'm proud to be a part of it and of its future.

Many of you have told me how pleased you are with the Library's collections and beyond that, with our ability to get you what you need even in cases where we don't own the item. I'm delighted that you have been served so well by the Library staff and of course, with the support of the Administration, we plan to continue that tradition!

Conversely, we've heard from some of you that the Leyburn Library building no longer meets your needs – built in 1979, it's showing its age and lacks the amenities you'd find in a more modern building. I believe the *Ring-Tum Phi* recently suggested that we "botox" Leyburn!

My own dreams go beyond cosmetics: I'd like to see Leyburn get a significant "facelift," a renovation to transform it into a 21st century library/teaching/learning center. These sorts of projects don't happen overnight, but we're beginning to investigate the possibility and you'll be hearing more about this in the months ahead.

If we haven't yet met, please feel free to come by the University Librarian's office and say hello!

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Jim Green Makes Annual Donation to Leyburn Special Collections

Vaughan Stanley, Special Collections Librarian, looks forward to Jim Green's (L'84) annual visit. "Mr. Green has thousands of books in his personal collection. For ten years, he has graciously shared his rare book collection with W&L. He has donated hundreds of valuable rare books. Like Santa Claus he appears at the end of every year with beautiful gifts."

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation to the Library may contact 540/458-8640 for additional information.

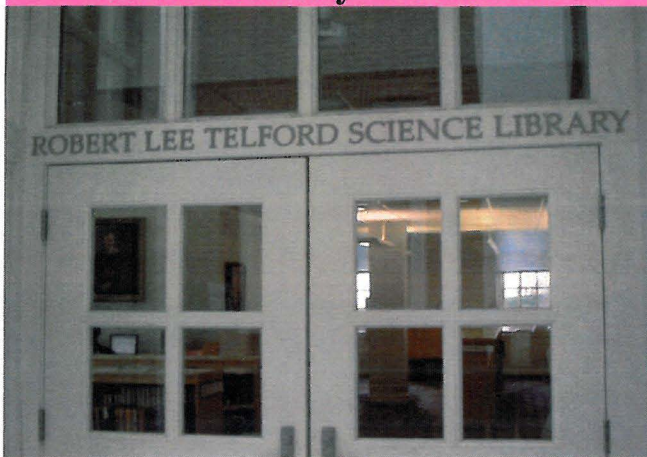


1848 Washington Printing Press Restored



Back in the days when our Journalism School required "press time" as part of its program, students used this beautiful 1848 Washington hand press under the supervision of C. Harold Lauck. No longer a school requirement by the end of the 1960s, the press was taken apart and later moved to the library. It took the enthusiasm of David Clinger '55 to put the press back in working order. Currently an amateur printer in Richmond, Clinger learned the art of printing on this very press, and hoped to see it restored by his 50th reunion. A grant from Clinger and fellow Journalism graduate Lewis Cope '55, together with Clinger's own physical work on the press, made this wish come true. We look forward to a renewed interest in hand press printing! A brochure on the Press is online in the "How To" section of the library website.

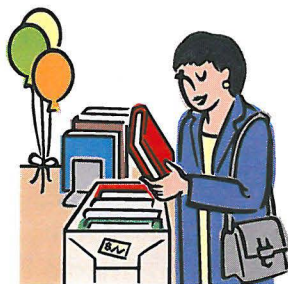
Science Library Has a Name



In grateful recognition of over 30 years of support, in September 2004 the (former) Science Library was named the Robert Lee Telford Science Library. Mr. Telford ('22) was a self-made man and engineer who nurtured philanthropic work. Mr. Telford started, and his foundation continues, generous donations to the sciences at W&L, including the Telford Professorship and the Telford Lecture Series.

Book Sale a Hit...Again!

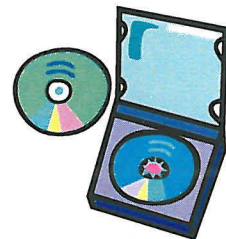
"This year's book sale was another big success for the patrons of the Library," says Laura Turner, Acquisitions Librarian. "We made over \$2400; that money will be used to purchase library materials that are not in the current budget." Browsers walked out with some great bargains in books...a bibliophiles dream!



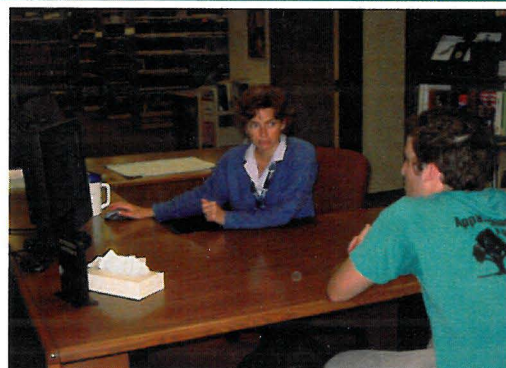
Donations for next year's Parents' Weekend book sale are accepted all year long at Leyburn.

Audiobooks on CD Now Available

Leyburn Library now has books on CD for those late night sessions and road trips home. Currently there are 50 titles, with more coming. Browse the new titles on the Main level of the library behind the elevator.



Reference Area Expands to Better Serve our Users



Recognizing the need for consulting with students and faculty about their reference needs and requests, a bigger desk and more flexible computer monitor were installed. The bigger space allows one or more users to converse with the librarian at a time. The monitor swivels, allowing greater access by all interested parties.

Laptops available for Checkout at Leyburn Circulation Desk

For students needing a laptop computer for a short time, they can borrow one at the Circulation Desk of Leyburn Library.

Loans are for four hours at a time.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR LIBRARY STAFF!

