



# LIBRARY LETTERS

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## Not a Quiet Summer!

While many students and faculty have been off campus for the summer, Library staff have been busy sprucing up the downstairs and the Annie catalog. Watch for these changes next time you're in Leyburn:

**New study rooms:** 401A and 401B have been configured to allow multiple students to study in these areas. The walls are freshly painted and art work has been hung to brighten the rooms.

**New QUIET room:** Room 321 has been designated a room for quiet study, contemplation, reading, or other quiet occupations. No technology of any kind – computers, phones, iPods, to name a few – is allowed in this room unless the devices are turned off.

**New Study areas:** Carrels and tables have been rearranged to offer more study options in more places.

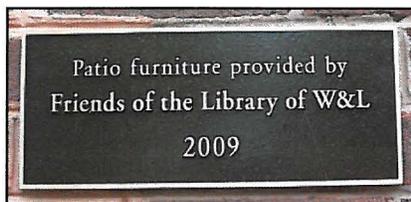
**WebBridge changes in Annie:** For those of you who use WebBridge extensively, you will notice a new look. In Annie, WebBridge provides links directly from the Annie record to additional sources. New access buttons have been added and features highlighted. If you have questions about the new look, see any Reference librarian.

**New Librarian:** While we have been busy moving furniture, scheduling wall-painting, and selecting art work, we also have been searching for a new Technology Coordinator. Yes, Kyle Felker has left us to return to graduate school. We'll let you know when we have a new face around Leyburn.



*Faculty were the first to enjoy the new tables and chairs.*

**New Patio Furniture:** And last but not least, the Friends of the Library purchased new umbrella tables and chairs for the patio on the Elrod Commons side of Leyburn. The furniture was installed shortly after June graduation and has been quite popular all summer.



## Art Exhibits

With the renovation complete on the Main level, the walls and display cabinets were awfully empty. Working with the Reeves Center and the Art Department, Humanities librarian Yolanda Merrill has secured Chinese export porcelain for display and student art work to hang on the walls. These exhibits will change over time. Additionally, the two cabinets closest to the Information Desk have exhibits showing the building of the Leyburn library in the late 1970s, and "THE BOOK" that was returned after 145 years of absence. Please see Yolanda Merrill if you have exhibit or display ideas.

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## Food for Fines Update

You may recall that in March the University Library began collecting canned goods in lieu of student fines. Any cans collected were given to Campus Kitchens. The program was a roaring success! "We took large shipments (10+ bags each) to Campus Kitchens at least 4 times," according to Elizabeth Teaff, Access Services Manager. It was such a success that the program will continue through the next academic year. Remember: it is just for overdue fines owed by STUDENTS, and not for lost-book fines. Keep those canned goods coming in.



## Coordination with ITS

In case you haven't picked up on it, there is a much closer work relationship between the University Library staff and Information Technology Services staff. Over the last several years this has become a very common trend among college libraries. Information comes in many forms and from many sources, many of which are digital. When the renovation of Leyburn's Main level was being designed it was decided to add more computer functionality into the plan and to add space for ITS staff to support the increased computer availability. The new central Information Desk houses both library staff supporting traditional and new library functions – circulation, ILL, research help, large format scanning and printing – but also ITS staff to support personal computer usage and service. Academic Technology Services staff (the group that supports classrooms and meeting rooms and Sakai) have offices in Leyburn, including ATS manager Julie Knudson. Both Library and ITS staffs are learning new ways to collaborate in supporting the information needs of the campus community.

## Budget Cuts Aid Environment

In keeping with the University's request that all departments trim their budget line items, *Library Letters* will be available online from now on. This will save us printing and postage costs. Be sure to take advantage of its ready-access at your desk, no more wondering "where did I put it?" Just go to the NEWS section of the Library's home page and click on the listing to see a pdf version of the newsletter. We will archive previous issues, too.

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## Finding What's New @ the Library

If you aren't in the habit of checking the NEWS column on the library's home page (<http://library.wlu.edu>), you should be. Senior Reference Librarian Dick Grefe updates this column frequently with information about new acquisitions, sorted by department. The News page ([library.wlu.edu/about/librariansnews.asp](http://library.wlu.edu/about/librariansnews.asp)) also tells you how to find the latest DVDs that have arrived.

Another helpful hint from the Library home page, go to the Annie catalog and select *New Items in the W&L Library Collections*. On the next page, select *Request e-mail notifications*, define your request and you will be notified automatically when items on your topic(s) have arrived. What could be easier?

## Faculty Pubs Storage and Retrieval

Would you like to increase exposure and impact for the articles you have written? Access to the world via the Internet can do just that, and University Library personnel can provide the method.

Adding your articles to the W&L digital repository, a center for "digital objects" created at W&L, will make them searchable in Google Scholar and other search engines, and this may enhance the impact factor of your publication by increasing its accessibility and visibility to a wider audience.

Some faculty have already volunteered articles for the Institutional Repository. Many publishers allow articles in pre- and/or post-refereed status to be added to institutional repositories.

If you are interested in this project, please contact Elizabeth Teaff at [teaffe@wlu.edu](mailto:teaffe@wlu.edu) or John Tombarge at [tombargej@wlu.edu](mailto:tombargej@wlu.edu) or call x8645.

## Update from the University Librarian

Welcome back to campus! This month's Library Letters brings news of many improvements to library facilities and services, both physical (updated study rooms downstairs) and digital (changes to make Web-Bridge clearer and easier to use). Libraries have always been compelled to change with the times, delivering information in the ways and forms our users require, but today we need to enhance our physical and internet spaces as well. Today, more people use the Library via the web than walk through our doors. Yet, judging by the buzz in the buildings when school is in session, the library remains critical as a campus space. Certainly the response to the 2008/09 renovations in Leyburn Library demonstrated that, given comfortable and functional places to work, collaborate and study, students and faculty will come.

As I informed you in a letter last spring, in light of a predicted shortfall in revenue for fiscal year 2010, the University asked all departments to make cuts in travel, entertainment and office supplies in order to avoid more radical cuts. In addition, the University Library was asked to make a 15 percent reduction in acquisitions (books, videos and other one-time purchases) and subscriptions (journals and databases). The total cut to the Library's operating budget was approximately \$216,000.

We trimmed our budget by making cuts in other operating lines and thus kept the reduction in subscriptions to 12 percent. Still, some journal and database cancellations will have to be made, and I remind you

that the Library will not be able to say "yes" to every request for a new subscription. While librarians continue to make every effort to build a collection that supports critical academic needs, we ask for your help in making sure that the titles you request for fiscal year 2010, in particular journals and databases, are essential ("need to have" as opposed to "nice to have."). Your judicious requests for acquisitions and subscriptions will help all of us through this difficult time as we strive to maintain the quality of our holdings and the services we provide.

And remember, items not in our collection may usually be obtained quickly through interlibrary loan and document delivery. We hope that you will continue to use these services, which are unimpaired by the current budget cuts.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with your information needs and concerns, and have a great academic year!

Merrily E. Taylor  
University Librarian



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### The Library says Good Bye to Kyle Felker as he heads off to grad school.

*Best wishes to Kyle on his new adventure.*



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