Our user population seems to be made up equally of student groups working together on projects and single scholars poring through their notes or finishing up assigned reading. Access to computer workstations is at a premium, and group study rooms are fully booked. Groups of students working together on a project or the single scholar poring through his notes or finishing up her assigned reading seem to make up equal parts of our users.

This time next month, calm will reign in Joyner Library giving our staff and librarians the opportunity to work on getting ready for the start of a new academic year. Summer is the best time to contact us to make arrangements for a library instruction session for your classes, update your reserves list (both print and electronic), or to suggest a new title for the collections. It is also a great time to visit us to check out our new collections or catch up on your professional reading.

In this issue, Jan Lewis, our Associate Dean, discusses the results of our most recent faculty survey. Satisfaction with our services has increased since we conducted the previous survey in 2008. We are delighted that you continue to see the Library as relevant and responsive to your needs. But the thing all of us here at Joyner want you to know and remember is that we are here for you, and we encourage you to contact us with your requests for service, books or other materials.
Joyner Library's Reserve System for Faculty

The end of the semester is quickly approaching. Do you have reserve material that is no longer needed?

Would you like to have your reserve materials processed before the start of the summer semester?

If so, please contact Sherry Bingham, Reserves Manager, binghamsm@ecu.edu to remove, retain, transfer, or add material. Reserve forms are online at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/reserves.cfm.

Joyner Library Hosts First “Edible Book Festival”

A grilled mockingbird, a chocolate pie representing “The Help,” and a battle scene constructed with Peeps and graham cracker fortress walls from “A Storm of Swords” by George R.R. Martin were some of the creations submitted for the first Edible Book Festival at Joyner Library held March 31. With 26 entries and 80 attendees, the event raised $300 for the library’s preservation and conservation fund. The fund provides equipment, tools, and materials to ensure that collections are available for future generations.

WINNING ENTRIES
- Most Edible: “Rabbit Finds a Way” created by Dana Raper, based on the book with the same title by Judy Delton.
- Least Edible: “The Tiny Seed” created by Tracie Hampton, based on the book of the same name by Eric Carle.
- Wittiest: “To Grill (Kill) a Mockingbird” created by Victoria Sexton, based on the book “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee.
- Best Youth Entry: “Insects” created by Shawn Bingham, based on the book with the same title by Jenny Tesar.
- Best in Show: “Four Mice Deep in the Jungle” created by Jane Lawrence, based on the book with the same title by Geronimo Stilton. 

Civil War Exhibits

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Joyner Library is presenting two exhibits focusing on the war in, and its effects upon, the state of North Carolina. The first exhibit, “The Civil War in North Carolina, 1861-1865,” can be viewed in Joyner’s Special Collections department located on the fourth floor and will run from March 19th through August 10th. This exhibit explores multiple facets of this divisive and devastating war in North Carolina.


The exhibit, created by Amanda Keeny and Dale Sauter, is open to the public and can be viewed during normal operating hours.

The second exhibit, “The Civil War in Eastern North Carolina: The 1862 Burnside Expedition,” can be viewed in the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, located on the third floor. This exhibit explores the history of the series of coastal battles fought between February and June of 1862. The exhibit is open to the public and can be viewed during North Carolina Collection’s normal operating hours. The exhibit was created by Fred Harrison.

Conrad Sharpe Endowment

Music lover and generous Joyner Library donor, Conrad Sharpe (shown center), passed away on Sunday, March 11, at the age of 74 after an 18-month battle with cancer. Conrad will be memorialized through the Conrad Sharpe Music Library Fund, an endowed fund established with the planned gift of $50,000.00.

The proceeds of this endowment will be used for Music Library-related projects ranging from the purchase of new materials to the hiring of graduate assistants.
Celebrating Earth Day

On Sunday, April 22nd, the Joyner Library Green Task Force challenges you to do one green act in honor of Earth Day. It can be as simple as taking a shorter shower, buying local produce, recycling the Sunday paper, or reusing a piece of tinfoil.

Earth Day film Tapped
Friday, April 20th
12pm - 1:30pm in Presentation Practice Room (#1415)
http://www.tappedthemovie.com/

Is water a basic human right?

The documentary, Tapped, explores the issues surrounding the bottled water industry and the privatization of water.

GTF Initiatives Include
Joining the campus water bottle refill station project. Stations will be placed on the first, second, and third floors.

Wine cork collection from Joyner Library employees for shipment to a company that recycles them to make shoes.

Facebook page updates with relevant articles and tidbits on "how to stay green".

Participation in the ECU Sustainability Fair on April 17th

Assistance with the annual SPA trash pick-up day

Replacement of Interlibrary Loan single-use, printed paper straps with reusable ones.

Managing the recycling program during the Paraprofessional Conference

Joyner Library recently purchased The Making of the Modern World, Parts I and II (MOMW). These databases focus heavily on all aspects of history in the Atlantic world, with special emphasis on economics, business and the development of modern capitalism. Part I covers years 1450-1850, while Part II covers 1851-1914. Both parts are integrated seamlessly and allow access to over 64,000 titles. The material included comes from the collections created by Herbert Somerton Foxwell, a British economist from the 19th and 20th centuries, who believed "that matters economic are at the center of modern society." Foxwell’s collections later became the basis for the Goldsmith’s Library of Economic Literature and the Kress Library and form the core of MOMW.

Books, serials, pamphlets and broadsides are included in the databases, which are full text searchable across a total of almost 12 million pages. Search results are, by default, arranged by ascending date, but can be rearranged to emphasize descending date, author, title or relevance.

Gale Cengage, the maker of these products, includes several research tools: an introduction, historical context, frequently asked questions and a chronology. For more information, contact Virginia Bacon baconv@ecu.edu or Cynthia Shirkey shirkeyc@ecu.edu.

W. Keats Sparrow Award

Guidelines:
Papers must include a research component, using Joyner Library’s resources, and must be written for an English 1100 or 1200 class during the Summer 2011, Fall 2011, or Spring 2012 semesters

Prizes:
First Place $200
Second Place $150
Third Place $100

Entries Due:
Friday, May 4, 2012 by 5:00pm

Application Form: https://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/Reference/Instruction/awards.cfm
Did You Know? Librarian Liaisons.....

- Work with departmental library representatives to develop print/electronic collections
- Maintain contact with the department regarding library resources and services
  AND offer services such as:
  - In-depth research consultations for subject area resources; and
  - Curriculum-integrated library instruction for the department/program.

Click here for the list of librarians ready to assist you.

Highlights from the 2011 Faculty Survey

During the fall semester, 416 faculty members in the Division of Academic Affairs participated in a library survey.

Survey highlights include:

- 74% of faculty use online library resources at least weekly.
- 63% visit Joyner Library at least once a month.
- "Usually" was the most common response of faculty to the question whether Joyner has the books they need: the mean score on this item rose from 3.65 in 2008 (last faculty survey) to 3.82 in 2011.
- However, when the Library doesn't have the books, faculty seldom request that the Library purchase them. We are committed to providing the materials needed by faculty. Please tell us what you need: contact your liaison librarian or complete this form.

- The highest satisfaction levels are for:
  - Delivery of PDF articles from Joyner Library print journals
  - Library instruction sessions for your classes
  - Borrowing books/articles from other libraries
  - Library staff assistance.

- Overall satisfaction levels for services, collections and resources were higher in 2011 than in 2008.

- Faculty are interested in Joyner expanding these services:
  - Integration of library resources and services more fully into Blackboard and other campus courseware
  - Student consultations on finding and evaluating scholarly research materials
  - Faculty assistance with integrating library research skills into the curriculum
  - Streaming media.

- Office delivery of books is a desired new service.

The Library’s greatest contributions include helping faculty keep current in their fields and being more productive researchers.

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey. Results will help the Library with its strategic planning, budgeting and assessment activities and will be used to improve services. If you’d like more information about the survey results, please contact Jan Lewis, Associate Dean, at 328-2267 or via email: lewisja@ecu.edu.

Joyner Library Acquires A Civil War-era Letter

Taking part in the donation of Annie Bogart’s 1865 letter to Joyner Library’s Manuscripts and Rare Books Department are (from left) Eleanor Rollins, assistant director of special collections; Maury York, Penelope Rodman, Melody Hinds Moen and Kathleen Hinds Kennedy. Rodman is the great-niece of Annie Bogart, while Rollins, Moen and Kennedy are Bogart’s great-great-nieces. (WDN Photo/Vail Stewart Rumley) Link to blog post
Panel: Faculty Authors and Journal Publishing

Why did Oxford mathematician Timothy Gowers call for a boycott of publishing giant Elsevier? How did his boycott not only garner nearly 9,000 signers by early April, but also capture the attention of the Chronicle of Higher Education, the New York Times, Wired, and Forbes? Gowers’ complaints focused on Elsevier’s (1) “exorbitant high prices;” (2) bundling of journals into “Big Deals,” and (3) its support of the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), the Protect IP Act (PIPA) and the Research Works Act, all of which Gower maintains will unnecessarily restrict access to information. In response to concerns expressed by researchers, Elsevier withdrew its support for the Research Works Act on February 27. The same day, the bill effectively died. The underlying issues, however, live on.

On Monday, March 19, four ECU professors spoke on a panel designed to engage fellow faculty in some of these issues:

- Journal pricing: especially how large commercial presses compare to university or association publishers.
- Bundling: how do we know whether ECU’s “Big Deals” are good deals for our university?
- Publication practices in the disciplines: is the literature of a discipline concentrated in the hands of just a few publishers? There are alternatives, ranging from SCOAP3 to BioMed Central, and faculty do have a role to play in controlling the literature of their disciplines.
- Evaluating a publisher: what factors come into play when faculty members select a journal and/or publisher to disseminate their work?

Salman Abdulali, Professor of Mathematics, Laura Gantt, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Burrell Montz, Professor and Chair of Geography, and Mark Sprague, Associate Professor of Physics were members of the panel. Joseph Thomas, Associate Professor in Academic Library Services, moderated the lively discussion that explored some of the complexities of the topic. Comments from attendees expressed surprise at the costs of journal access for ECU, and interest in further discussions on how faculty select publishers. The panel was sponsored by the Faculty Senate Libraries Committee and the administration of Joyner and Laupus Libraries. For more information, contact Joseph Thomas at thomasw@ecu.edu. To suggest topics for future panels, contact Jan Lewis at lewisja@ecu.edu.