

ENGAGEMENT · COLLABORATION · INNOVATION

Vanderbilt Libraries Contributions to the Educational Mission and the Academic Strategic Plan

Spring/Summer 2018

The Libraries Mission Statement

The Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries are fundamental to the university's goal of advancing scholarship and learning. We collect, preserve and make accessible a wide variety of resources, we partner with faculty and students to shape research, and we encourage the development of informed scholars and engaged citizens.

RESEARCH

Spring Semester Buchanan Library Fellowships

This spring, four Buchanan Library Fellows developed an exhibition that explores propaganda housed in the Special Collections Library. *Under the Influence: The Power of Propaganda* interpreted propaganda about war, college recruitment, oppression, and the environment. Another cohort of six undergraduates learned to solve practical spatial problems using cutting edge Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools. Students identified interdisciplinary questions amenable to spatial solutions, learned how to collect and curate geographic information, and designed real-world mapping applications. Buchanan Fellows identified key issues in their campus and volunteer work—everything from Vanderbilt theatrical performances to Fire Department EMS call data –or turned to social justice issues and politics— Open Table Nashville data; Salafi-jihadist training camps in Libya; and poverty alleviation initiatives in Mexico—and projects that mapped family histories. The results show the range of ways that geographic data can be used across disciplines.



Photo by Steve Green



Cultural Heritage in the Age of Big Data



The Vanderbilt University Libraries hosted a national symposium on June 1, 2018, titled *Cultural Heritage in the Age of Big Data*. The symposium brought together archivists, librarians, digital humanists, and public historians to discuss the ethical implications of preserving and providing access to culturally-sensitive materials online. Speakers included Jay Clayton (Vanderbilt University Curb Center), Kate Hennessy (Simon Fraser University), Ben Rydal Shapiro (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University), and Ethan Watrall (Michigan State University).



Librarian Interviews Faculty Members about Their Research

For several years, **Chris Benda**, librarian for theology and religion, has been interviewing faculty in Vanderbilt University's Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion about their new publications. In his latest interview, Chris talked with Volney Gay, professor of psychiatry, religious studies, and anthropology, about his teaching, research, and clinical work over the more than 40 years he's been at Vanderbilt. The video is on Vanderbilt's Arts and Science playlist on YouTube.

Audio conversations: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/faculty-staff/interviews/index.php>.

Volney Gay interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkKQtDSC8Ro>



TEACHING & LEARNING

Libraries Improving the Way Faculty Create Course Reading Lists

Over the summer, library staff have been migrating our course reserves system. This new system will allow faculty to create their course reading lists with links to our catalog, electronic resources, and even websites, and then send that list to the library for processing with the click of a button. Starting August 1, 2018, faculty will submit reserve reading lists for both print and electronic resources through their course in Brightspace.

Stats:

4199 total **course readings** in Brightspace last year

429 librarian-created research guides covering 66 subjects

105 course/program specific research guides



Libraries Publish Open Access Journals

The libraries publish five journals using Open Journal Systems, a journal management and publishing system developed by the Public Knowledge Project. The latest journal, *Vanderbilt Lives*, is an annual publication of creative nonfiction essays by Vanderbilt undergraduates that welcomes submissions discussing, demonstrating, or celebrating the diversity and breadth of experiences of students' lives both before and during their years at Vanderbilt. The inaugural issue was published in May, and can be read at

<http://ejournals.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php/VanderbiltLives>.



Student Athlete Library Initiative Report

The libraries' partnership with student athletics is now approaching its fourth year. There are two parts to the collaboration: summer tours and orientation for the first year athletes and satellite reference service at the athletic study halls. In the summer, students receive an in-depth orientation to the library website, databases, and services followed by a database "scavenger hunt"/competition. During fall and spring semesters, librarians with a laptop have a "reference service" set up in the study hall. **Kate Costin, Deborah Lilton, Ramona Romero, Rick Stringer-Hye, and Pam Morgan** staff the service.



New Databases

Planning a trip abroad and need to learn a new language? **Transparent Language** includes a variety of self-guided activities that focus on vocabulary and grammar essentials, as well as general background knowledge of a language and its culture.

<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/eres?id=1573>

Statista is a portal with a wealth of user-friendly (and downloadable, in multiple formats) compilations of data and statistics from numerous international agencies, organizations, and sources, including media, consumer, and market data not always covered in government and NGO sources. Is 2018 really one of the biggest years ever for blockbuster movies across the US and Canada? Where in the world is it most expensive to rent a two-bedroom apartment? How much does each member of NATO spend on its own defense, including by GDP share? *Statista* covers these questions and much more.

<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/eres?id=1497>



EXPERT SERVICES

New Library Staff

Sam Douglas, Collections Maintenance Coordinator/Circulation Assistant

Sarah Dunaway, Research Services Librarian, Lecturer in Law

Kasia Gonnerman, Director of the Central Library

Rachel Lavenda, Curator of Special Collections

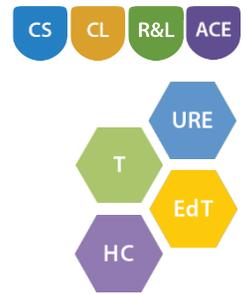
Kelly LaVoice, Business Information Librarian for Collections

Matthew McGlasson, CBO

Kathy Turbeville, Mail Assistant

Andrew Wesolek, Director of Digital Scholarship & Scholarly Communications

Ashli Wells, ILL Loan Assistant, Law Library



Staff Changes

Philip Walker named Director of Eskind Biomedical Library

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2018/06/27/walker-named-director-of-eskind-biomedical-library/>

Benjamin Darling has accepted the position of Reserves and Media Coordinator for the Central Library

Deborah Lilton Wins Campus Advocacy Award

From the Vanderbilt Office of LGBTQI Life, "The recipient for the LGBTQI Life Advocacy of the Year Award is Vanderbilt Libraries' **Deborah Lilton**. Deborah's office is a brave space for students who seek her assistance. She also volunteers with local groups who serve LGBTQ+ people in need, such as the TN Prison Books Project." We congratulate Deborah on this recognition of her work with students.

Libraries Introduce Formal Rank and Promotion System

The Vanderbilt Libraries hires and promotes exceptional Librarians who not only show promise when first hired, but also grow in their professional roles. Librarians are expected to make sustained and increasing contributions to the missions of the Libraries and University, as well as to their profession throughout their careers. Last October, the provost and council of deans approved a four-tiered system of rank and promotion for Vanderbilt's professional librarians to be implemented in the 2018-19 academic year (FY19). The libraries currently rank 49th among our 123 peers in the Association of Research Libraries, but lag behind in the 25th percentile in librarian salaries. This professionalization of librarians, as well as institutional support of library collections budgets, will only improve this ranking over time. The libraries will introduce a formal Rank & Promotion system for professional librarians beginning September 1, 2018. The committee that labored long and hard on the details of the process was led by **Bobby Smiley**, Associate Director, Divinity Library.

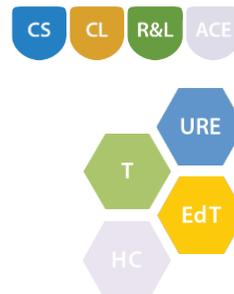
5 questions with... Elisabeth Shook

The ASERL Scholarly Communication Interest group runs a series of blog posts profiling scholarly communication librarians at member institutions. Our own **Elisabeth Shook** was profiled on May 5th.

<http://www.aserl.org/2018/05/5-questions-with-elisabeth-shook/>

Massey Law Library Hosts University of Washington Intern

The Massey Law Library hosted an intern from the University of Washington's School of Information Law Librarian program June 21-July 12, 2018. Matthew Neely worked alongside law librarians to complete several projects, including reassessing the reference collection, creating a self-directed library tour for incoming students, and increasing the visibility and accessibility of the law leisure collection. This on-site practicum is one of the final requirements for completion of Matthew's degree.



Library "Superheroes" Make Digital Collections Accessible Worldwide

This has been a year of major progress in making our digital collections more accessible. Thanks to the dedication and efforts of four library "superheroes" our Colombian collections are getting used in Colombia, Israel, France, Brazil, New Zealand and many other places. Alejandro Botia has taken up the challenge of creating metadata for all of the Helguera pamphlets in the collection. Professor Raquel Rincon, retired lecturer in Spanish and Portuguese, has been volunteering her time in Special Collections this spring creating metadata for the Helguera oversize pamphlet collection. Two other dedicated graduate students have been working on the organizing, processing, and creation of an online finding aid to the Manuel Zapata Olivella Papers in preparation of the digitization of these portions.



CAMPUS COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Vanderbilt Libraries Host Inaugural Edible Books Festival

The library hosted its first Edible Books Festival, where the worlds of food and books collided in creative and delicious ways.

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2018/04/04/vanderbilt-libraries-host-inaugural-edible-books-festival/>

Photos of the winning entries:

<https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2018/04/edible-book-festival-winners/>

Photo by Steve Green



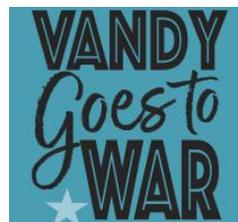
Vandy Goes to War Exhibit Opens

An exhibition in honor of the centenary of Vanderbilt's foray into the First World War between 1917-1918 is now open in the Central Library lobby through Homecoming Weekend, October 16th, 2018.

The Library is grateful to our colleagues in the Vanderbilt Reserve Officer Training Corps who helped plan this exhibition and programs.

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2018/07/11/vandy-goes-to-war-exhibit-opens-in-central-library/>

<http://www.wsmv.com/story/38639444/vanderbilt-universitys-war-history-on-display>



Vanderbilt Libraries Host *The Sound of Silent Voices*

As part of the community-wide programming for the Violins of Hope, the Vanderbilt Libraries hosted *The Sound of Silent Voices* on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the Central Library's Community Room. Special thanks go to the Wild Bunch Lecture Fund and the Manus Family for their support of this program.

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2018/03/23/blair-library-honor-violins-of-hope-project-with-series-of-upcoming-performances/>



Shake It at the Bard's Birthday Bash!



Vanderbilt Libraries, the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, and members of the Vanderbilt community threw a big birthday party for William Shakespeare on April 23, 2018.

Photos by Joe Howell



<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2018/04/11/celebrate-shakespeares-birthday-on-library-lawn>



High School Interns Find Opportunities in the Library



Two high school interns worked in Special Collections this summer as part of Opportunity NOW, a job readiness program organized by the Mayor's office. **Kathy Smith, Rachel Lavenda, Molly Dohrmann, Jim Thweatt, and Laura Matthews** mentored Kena Cheatham and Rana Naeim on working in a library setting, cleaning and preserving rare books, and creating bibliographic entries of the books. The interns worked on a collection of books from the University of Nashville (1826-1909) library. Peabody College traces its roots to the University of Nashville. This is the second year that Special Collections Library has partnered with Opportunity NOW

to help youth develop career skills. *Photo by Molly Dohrmann*



Law Librarians Host Regional Conference

Law librarians from Vanderbilt joined their colleagues from Belmont University and local law firms to host the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference in April. Andrea Alexander, head of faculty services & lecturer in law at the Alayne Queener Massey Law Library, served as co-chair of the local arrangements committee, working with law librarians **Meredith Capps, Christy Ryan, Deborah Schander, and Mark Williams.**



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