

# ENGAGEMENT · COLLABORATION · INNOVATION

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

Summer/Fall 2017

## RESEARCH

### Libraries and the Office of Inclusion Initiative and Cultural Competence host collection brown bags

This fall, the libraries joined with the Office of the Dean of Students department of Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence to provide brown bag lunchtime programs connecting collections with month-long awareness themes. Latin American studies bibliographer Paula Covington spoke for September's Hispanic Heritage month at the first event, which drew 32 students. Future events will be on activism and Native Americans.



### The George Clulow and United States Playing Card Co. Gaming Collection focus of NPR spot

Hear [NPR](#) talk with University Librarian Valerie Hotchkiss about the newly acquired gaming collection.

My VU article – [Vanderbilt now home to extraordinary gaming collection](#)

### Television News Archive receives Mellon grant to explore the future of broadcast news

The Mellon Foundation awarded the [TV News Archive](#) a generous grant to explore the future of broadcast news and its preservation. A national conference and workshop will take place in Spring 2018.

### Provost supports collection development initiative

The [Library Collections Initiative](#) is a Chancellor and Provost funding program aimed to support research and scholarship through investments in the permanent and special collections of Vanderbilt's Jean & Alexander Heard Libraries. In a competitive process during the 2017-18 academic year, the Office of the Provost will award new funding for the library to secure and acquire new collections. The program is intended to augment library acquisitions for research. Successful proposals from teams of faculty and librarians will acquire materials that enhance our position as an innovative research university by providing new primary sources and research collections.

### ILL statistics for lending & borrowing

**15,366**

**BORROWING**

8,355 COPIES

7,011 LOANS

Received from  
other libraries

**15,584**

**LENDING**

6,268 COPIES

9,316 LOANS

Supplied to  
other libraries



COPIES = Articles & Book Chapters

LOANS = Books, Theses & DVDs

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### Student athletes show competitive spirit in library workshop

During the past summer, library staff had the opportunity to take part in [Vanderbilt Athletics' Summer Bridge program](#), a variety of workshops designed to assist new student-athletes in their transition to academic and athletic careers at Vanderbilt. The students paid several visits to the library, twice for tours and then again for an orientation to the library catalog and databases, followed by a competition to test their knowledge. This marks the third year Vanderbilt Athletics has included the libraries as part of their summer orientation, and library staff look forward to seeing the students next summer.



### Library Fellows participate in immersive learning

The Library Fellows program has been revamped to increase student interactivity, focus staff time, and align the program more closely with the University's immersive learning program. Library Fellows will attend 10 seminar-style classes taught by library staff over the course of a semester. The fall 2017 class, *The Once and Future Book*, introduces students to the history and parts of the book using materials from the libraries' special collections. Six undergraduates, accepted as Fellows for the fall class, are working with Osher Lifelong Learning students and library staff to curate an exhibition on a book history topic.



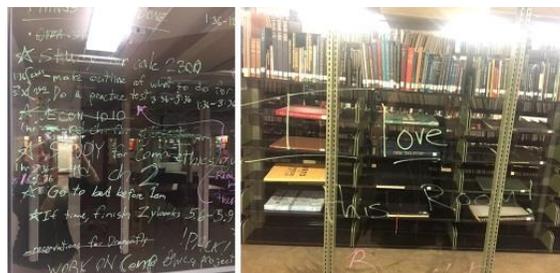
### Library on location

Four Vanderbilt Libraries are participating in a new initiative called "Library on Location." Every Wednesday during the Fall semester from 6-9 PM, a library table will "pop-up" at a different location on campus each week. Library staff will provide information about the libraries and encourage students to participate in an interactive activity. "Library on Location" will use Facebook and Twitter to promote the event. Follow the event on Twitter ([#VandyLibraries](#)) or on the Library's Facebook page.



### Students love "The Think Tank"

Redesigned space on the 6th floor of Central Library has become a popular study space for students. In addition to comfortable chairs, movable study tables, adjustable lighting and ample power supply, markers are available for writing on the glass windows. What do our students think about the space? "I Love This Room" seems to be a common sentiment.



## EXPERT SERVICES

### **New integrated library system to roll out in Fall 2018**

The Libraries will be working hard over the course of the coming year to get ready to implement a new integrated library system. Identified as a chief goal in the *Future of the Libraries* report, a new online library catalog will improve the way faculty and students access information resources and will enhance research. During the coming year, librarians will work with focus groups and individual students and faculty members to design the best possible system for roll out in Fall 2018.

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### **Cliff Anderson lectures in Taiwan**

Clifford B. Anderson, associate university librarian for research and learning and professor of religious studies in the College of Arts and Science, spoke at an international conference in Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China) on September 23, 2017. The title of the conference was *500 Years of Reformation: Faith, Reform & the Challenges of Ideology*. Anderson spoke *On Thinking Theologically in Emergencies*. The proceedings of the conference will be published in Chinese translation in early 2018. For more information about the event, please see [http://www.taiwancpt.org/events/files/forensic\\_theology\\_conference.html](http://www.taiwancpt.org/events/files/forensic_theology_conference.html).

While in Taiwan, Anderson also participated in an interfaith dialogue group at the German Institute of Taipei and delivered a guest lecture in a course on theological anthropology at Tainan Theological College and Seminary in Tainan, Taiwan.

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### **Philip Walker selected for NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellowship**

Philip Walker, interim director of the Eskind Biomedical Library, has been selected as a fellow in the 2017-2018 NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellows Program, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries. The program prepares emerging leaders for director positions in academic health sciences libraries through a year-long mentoring relationship with a director of another library and a curriculum focused on developing leadership knowledge critical to enhancing the value of libraries in their institutions. In this highly competitive program, Philip will be one of ten fellows and mentors from academic health sciences libraries across the U.S. who will begin their work together in November. Since the program began in 2002, 49% of all fellow graduates have assumed director positions. More information is available at <https://aahsl.memberclicks.net/leadership-fellows-program>.

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### **Digital scholarship librarian aids digital literacy initiative**

Librarian Suellen Stringer-Hye introduced tools for working with linked data and the semantic web to students at the Writing Studio who are participating in the Pāṇini Project. These tools include Neo4J and Scalar which are built on the foundation of mathematical graphs, the underlying conceptual framework of many modern technologies such as the web itself. Graphs are well suited to humanities research as they allow for more flexible data structures and are particularly useful for the participants in the Pāṇini Project as the project is formulated to allow for exploration and discovery and the unfolding of knowledge as students evolve their research. The Pāṇini Project also encourages students to look for the interconnectedness between various domains of knowledge and graph structures are ideal for encoding these relationships.

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### Librarians star in Peabody College's new online degree programs

Librarians Kate Costin and Leslie Foutch were asked to contribute videos to Peabody College's new online degree programs for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in school counseling and the Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.). Peabody College has partnered with 2U, a digital education company based in Maryland, to create course content for both degree programs. Kate and Leslie were each asked to contribute a short welcome video, introducing themselves to the incoming online students. Their videos encouraged students to reach out to their respective subject librarian for assistance and stressed that many of the Libraries resources are available remotely through the Libraries website. Both Kate and Leslie are excited to partake in this new endeavor at Peabody.



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### Library staff present on data management

Veronica Ikeshoji-Orlati and Elisabeth Shook presented at the Clinical Research Center's Research Skills Workshop. They discussed the various grant requirements regarding data management, writing a data management plan using the DMP Tool, and depositing data in a repository. As a result of the workshop, Veronica and Elisabeth were asked to write a blog post for [edgeforscholars.org](http://edgeforscholars.org).



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### New library staff

- Meredith Capps, foreign and international law Librarian (Massey Law Library)
- Amy Corbitt, curriculum materials center and reserves coordinator (Peabody Library)
- Honora Eskridge, director Science and Engineering Library (Stevenson Science and Engineering Library)
- David Golann, subject librarian for psychological sciences and special education (Peabody Library)
- Kashif Graham, collections maintenance coordinator (Central Library)
- Christy Ryan, head of technical services (Massey Law Library)

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## CAMPUS COMMUNITY & BEYOND

### Eskind Biomedical staff participate in faculty resource fair

The EBL reference staff participated in the School of Medicine's [first annual faculty resource fair](#). They staffed a table with a laptop and an iPad for demonstration and also answered numerous renovation questions.



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### GIS coordinator contributing to Advanced Accessibility Task Force

Lindsey Fox is representing the libraries as part of the [Advanced Accessibility Task Force](#) and is participating in and contributing to the GIS portion of the project. The task force, curated by Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Facilitates Officer, Mike Perez, and appointed by Vice Chancellor for Administration, Eric Kopstain, is charged with "promoting accessibility and inclusion throughout the comprehensive campus environment."



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### Digital humanities boot camp

Librarians from the Digital Scholarship team worked with the Digital Humanities Center to help plan and participate in a 3-day intensive workshop for faculty and students intended to immerse participants in the wide range of concepts and technologies encompassed by the digital humanities.



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### #VandyLibraries Twitter stats



**617 followers**  
*49 new followers during  
2017 summer/fall quarter*

**25 tweets**  
**99 mentions**



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**LIBRARY**