
Jean & Alexander Heard **Libraries**

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Libraries Quarterly Report

Spring/Summer 2019

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



[Refuting “Noble Savages”: Reflections of Nature in Ancient Mesoamerican Artifacts](https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/04/on-view-may-9-refuting-noble-savages-reflections-of-nature-in-ancient-mesoamerican-artifacts-at-the-fine-arts-gallery/)
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The Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery is pleased to present a collection of ancient Latin American artifacts focusing on the connection between nature and culture among Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican people (ca. 500 to 1500 C.E.). This student-curated exhibition comes from a semester of work carried out in a class titled “Exhibiting Historical Art—Daily Life in Mesoamerica” taught by Markus Eberl, PhD, associate professor of Anthropology. Vanderbilt University Institute of Imaging Science (VUIIS) partnered with the Fine Arts Gallery to scan and create replicas for the exhibit.

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[Wilson Music Library Pops Up at Fiddle Studio Recital](#)

The Wilson Music Library “popped-up” at the Blair School of Music's precollege fiddle studio's spring recital in May. The small exhibit featured information about library services for precollege students, and showcased the wide variety of print and audiovisual materials available on the fiddle and American folk music traditions.

[Our Crowd: Student Life at the University of Nashville](https://exhibitions.library.vanderbilt.edu/vandyhistory/)
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(This exhibition was curated by the Buchanan Library Fellows and their librarian mentors.)

Creative Women: Marshall Chapman and Mildred Haun Exhibit

[\(https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/03/vanderbilt-library-spotlights-two-trailblazing-alumnae-in-creative-arts/\)](https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/03/vanderbilt-library-spotlights-two-trailblazing-alumnae-in-creative-arts/)

The Iris at Vanderbilt and Peabody Exhibit (<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/04/24/the-iris-at-vanderbilt-and-peabody-topic-of-new-exhibit-at-vanderbilts-special-collections/>)

Teaching and Learning



[\(https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/07/management-librarians-assist-with-accelerator/\)](https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/07/management-librarians-assist-with-accelerator/)

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The summer program, known as Accelerator, exposed students to business fundamentals. During the four-week course, librarians from Walker Management Library were available to help students with a broad range of questions, from citations to intense research.

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Career Talk for STEM Students

The Science and Engineering Library hosted a career talk for students in STEM disciplines entitled, "Ask Me Anything: Going from Student to STEM Professional." Elizabeth Hook, 2011 alumna in Physics, gave a presentation on her career path.

Thesis Instruction Offered for Divinity Students

For the second year in a row, **Bobby Smiley**, interim director of the Divinity Library and **Keegan Osinski**, librarian for public services, along with the Divinity School writing tutor,

teamed up to teach a semester-long zero-credit course for MTS students writing their thesis. The course provided instruction on research questions, thesis statements, outlines, and citation management, as well as moral support and encouragement in the writing process.

Athletes Learn Essential Research Techniques

For the fifth consecutive year, library staff participated in the Vanderbilt Athletics' Summer Bridge program. Student athletes visited the libraries for tours, learned how to use the library catalog effectively and participated in a competition to test their knowledge of library resources and service. Library staff involved were: **Rick Stringer-Hye**, librarian for STEM research, **Debra Stephens**, coordinator of public services, **Ramona Romero**, librarian for anthropology, philosophy, and classical and Mediterranean studies, **Rachel Walden**, health sciences informationist and **Pam Morgan**, librarian for sociology; librarian for medicine, health, and society.

Librarian in the Classroom

Melinda Brown, librarian for women's and gender studies; librarian for inclusion initiatives co-taught WGS 8989/3850 – Independent Study on Feminist and Queer Research Methods during Spring 2019.

Library Hosts Cultural Heritage at Scale

The 4th Annual Cultural Heritage at Scale: Encoding Cultural Heritage at Scale was held on May 2nd and 3rd. The focus of the conference this year was encoding cultural heritage using the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) as well as the Music Encoding Initiative (MEI) standards. Speakers discussed a range of TEI-based digital projects, including the [Hannah Arendt Digital Edition \(https://as.vanderbilt.edu/grees/arendt/arendt.php\)](https://as.vanderbilt.edu/grees/arendt/arendt.php), [The Poetess Archive, Syriaca.org \(http://syriaca.org/\)](http://syriaca.org/): the Syriac Reference Portal, and the Automated Music Performance Analysis and Comparison Toolkit ([AMPACT \(https://ampact.tumblr.com/\)](https://ampact.tumblr.com/)), among others. The conference was co-sponsored by the Center for Digital Humanities, the Cultural Heritage Research Cluster at Vanderbilt University. Additional information: [http://heritage-at-scale.info/ \(http://heritage-at-scale.info/\)](http://heritage-at-scale.info/)

Vanderbilt Librarians Keep Current with New Skills

In April, Vanderbilt librarians attended an engaging training session presented by Belmont librarians Claire Wiley and Jenny Mills on instructional design practices and active learning in the classroom

Campus Community and Beyond



[Smith, McCorkle, Chapman and Berg to perform at the Belcourt for Vanderbilt's Libraries](https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/03/07/smith-mccorkle-chapman-and-berg-to-perform-at-the-belcourt-for-vanderbilts-libraries/)
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"An Evening of Stories and Songs with Lee Smith, Jill McCorkle, Marshall Chapman and Matraca Berg," a fundraiser for Vanderbilt's Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries, took place at the Belcourt Theatre on April 11. This performance raised over \$11,000 for the Friends of Vanderbilt's Libraries, an organization that generates awareness of the library, raises funds and offers a place for alumni, community, staff and students to forge personal connections through programming, projects and events.

Sankofa Performs at the Library

On April 9th, Sankofa, Vanderbilt's African Drum and Dance Ensemble performed in the Community Room of the Central Library. An Akan term, Sankofa means "return and retrieve" - that is, one must return to the past, to one's roots, in order to move forward.

[Spoken Justice Event at Peabody Library](https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/04/spoken-justice-event-april-16th/)

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Spoken Justice Event at Peabody Library Co-sponsored with the Peabody Office of Professional and Graduate Education, undergraduate, professional and graduate students joined together for a night filled with spoken word poetry and powerful stories of social justice, exploring the theme of identity. The event featured recent Peabody alumna and author, Valencia Clement and Restorative Practice Specialist and author, Melissa Gordon.

[Pulitzer Prize winner Amy Goldstein to discuss her book, 'Janesville: An American Story](https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/03/25/pulitzer-prize-winner-amy-goldstein-to-discuss-her-book-janesville-an-american-story-april-3/)

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[Susan DeMay, "Divergent Practices: A Career in Ceramics" at the Vanderbilt University](/gallery/exhibitions/2019/susan-demay.php)

[Fine Arts Gallery \(/gallery/exhibitions/2019/susan-demay.php\)](/gallery/exhibitions/2019/susan-demay.php)

[Second Annual Bard's Birthday Bash](https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/04/10/celebrate-shakespeares-birthday-on-library-lawn-2/) (<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/04/10/celebrate-shakespeares-birthday-on-library-lawn-2/>)

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Second Annual Edible Books Festival (<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2019/03/19/edible-books-festival-april-1/>)

Expert Services



Library Staff Present at Joyner Library Paraprofessional Conference

Machelle Keen, library assistant and **Shore Griffin**, assistant to the university librarian gave a presentation at the 2019 Joyner Library Paraprofessional Conference, held at East Carolina University on May 10, 2019. Their presentation, entitled "Vanderbilt University Libraries: Creating New Energy and Motivating Support Staff" talked about the importance of developing library support staff and specifically described the ideas behind the Partners in Progress Conference that the Heard Libraries created for their staff

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New Staff

Alex Carroll, Librarian for STEM Research, Stevenson Science and Engineering Library

Joshua Borczyk, Librarian for STEM Research, Stevenson Science and Engineering Library

Clanitra Nejdil, Research Services Librarian, Lecturer in Law, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library

Kali Mason, Registrar and Collections Manager, Fine Arts Gallery

Sarah Swanz, Librarian for Digital Media and Publishing, Digital Scholarship and Communications

New Roles for Library Staff

Robyn Weisman, Head of Interlibrary Loan

Library Staff presentations at the Ex Libris Users of North America (ELUNA) 2019 Conference:

Jamen McGranahan, associate director of library technology and digital services: GOTCHA! The Roadblocks Vanderbilt Faced Migrating Sirsi Symphony/Primo to Alma/Primo VE

Dale Poulter, director of library technology and digital services: A Primo Journey: A Trip Through Different Primo Implementations

Tao You, librarian for digital projects (co-presenter): (No) Letters to My Future Self: Manage and Customize Alma Letters

MAT Trotter, user privileges and authorization, reserves coordinator (co-presenter): Leganto Implementation: Lessons Learned

Julie Loder, director of acquisitions and eresources Demystifying End-To-End Invoicing: How to Integrate Alma with a Financial System

Mary Ellen Wilson, manager of acquisitions (co-presenter): Alma Interested Users as a Service to Patrons and Librarians

Tao You, librarian for digital projects was elected chair-elect and **Jamen McGranahan**, associate director of library technology and digital services was elected treasurer of the Ex Libris Bluegrass User's Group.

Jodie Gambill, LTDS web development lead; librarian for digital projects started her term as Councilor for Library and Information Technology Association of the American Library Association in June

Library Staff presentations at the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries Conference:

Ramona Romero, librarian for anthropology, philosophy, and classical and Mediterranean studies and **Robbi De Peri**, librarian for business; lecturer in management presented on embedding librarians in Brightspace

Pam Morgan, librarian for sociology; librarian for medicine, health, and society and **Ramona Romero**, librarian for anthropology, philosophy, and classical and Mediterranean studies presented a poster "Moving from the Sidelines to the Playing Fields: Establishing a Relationship with Student Athletics".

Pam Morgan also co-published an article of the same title that appeared in the April 2019 issue of [College and Research Libraries News](https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/issue/view/1124) (<https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/issue/view/1124>).

Melissa Mallon, director of Peabody Library; director of teaching and learning and **Bobby Smiley**, interim director of the Divinity Library presented a poster on Communities of Practice

Melissa Mallon, director of Peabody Library presented a paper on academic library leadership

Melinda Brown, librarian for women's and gender studies; librarian for inclusion initiatives facilitated the Roundtable Discussion, The B in LGBT is Not Silent: Supporting Bisexual/Pansexual+ College Students.

2019 South East Science Boot Camp for Librarians (<https://sites.google.com/view/sciencebootcamp2019/home>) was held at the Vanderbilt University Libraries. Members of the organizing committee were **Rick Stringer-Hye**, librarian for STEM research, **Debra Stephens**, coordinator of public services, **Rachel Walden**, health sciences informationist, **Elisabeth Shook**, librarian for copyright and scholarly communications and **Stacy Curry-Johnson**, librarian for geospatial data and systems

Melissa Mallon, director of Peabody Library; director of teaching and learning presented a paper on the New Literacies Alliance open source information literacy modules at the 2019 LILAC Information Literacy Conference in Nottingham, UK.

Amy Corbitt, coordinator of curriculum materials center and reserves gave a presentation, "How the Vanderbilt Libraries introduced Digital Reading Lists with Leganto campus-wide", at the American Library Association Annual Conference in June 2019.

Melinda Brown, librarian for women's and gender studies; librarian for inclusion initiatives, is co-author of "Finding the "B" in LGBTQ+: Collections and Practices that Support the Bisexual and Pansexual Communities." in LGBTQ+ Librarianship in the 21st Century: Emerging Directions of Advocacy and Community Engagement in Diverse Information Environments edited by Bharat Mehra. Vol. 45, Emerald Publishing, 2019.

New Resources

The Walker Management Library has recently acquired [Pitchbook](https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/06/new-database-pitchbook/) (<https://newsonline.library.vanderbilt.edu/2019/06/new-database-pitchbook/>), a new database for analyzing private equity, venture capital, and mergers and acquisitions across the private investment lifecycle.

[View Past Quarterly Reports \(https://ir.vanderbilt.edu/handle/1803/9282\)](https://ir.vanderbilt.edu/handle/1803/9282)

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