



From the Dean

Librarians have long recognized that it is impossible to acquire and provide local access to all information resources needed. This realization prompted the development of mechanisms for interlibrary borrowing to supplement local collections. Early partnering between libraries created a foundation that has led to significant cooperative initiatives. While some of these efforts involve complex mechanisms, procedures, and policies, others are informal courtesies that libraries show to users of other institutions. For example, Vanderbilt University extends reading privileges in all its library divisions to faculty at institutions in the middle Tennessee area. Cards may be obtained at the information desk in the Vanderbilt Central Library, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 322-2800.

There are a number of partnerships in which the MTSU Library engages to help strengthen access to information and make the most of limited budgets. Some of the more significant ones are:

NASHVILLE AREA LIBRARY ALLIANCE

This is a partnership of public, academic, and school libraries in the Nashville area. The key program of this group, Project Athena, allows MTSU students to access information on library holdings at member libraries and to have needed items delivered by courier between borrowing and lending libraries.

TBR LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

The libraries of all TBR institutions are engaged in a number of partnerships to benefit their clientele. One of the first joint efforts has been the development of a common borrower's card that faculty and students can use at any of the TBR libraries. The group is also currently developing the TBR Virtual Library to support the new Regents Online Degree Program.

TENNSHARE

This partnership of 300 Tennessee libraries offers collaborative leadership on information technology, interlibrary lending, grant proposal development, cooperative collection development, and statewide communication about library resource sharing.

One of the partnership's more significant activities is the negotiating of group licenses for electronic information databases, bringing these important information products to libraries at reduced costs.

TENNESSEE ACADEMIC LIBRARY COLLABORATIVE

These publicly assisted post-secondary academic libraries work to increase access to library information, materials, and expertise while striving to reduce costs. One important benefit of this partnership is the common borrower's card which MTSU faculty and students can take to other TBR and UT libraries to obtain library materials.

SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY NETWORK (SOLINET)

MTSU is a founding member of this not-for-profit cooperative of 2,100 libraries providing resource sharing for the educational, cultural, and economic advancement of the southeastern United States. SOLINET emphasizes the power of strategic collaboration, the value of a cooperative infrastructure, and the wise stewardship of information resources.

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University Library to be named

Part of the legacy left by former MTSU President James Walker is the university library. This facility is an example of Dr. Walker's vision and dedication to quality higher education during his tenure at MTSU. The naming event will take place November 3 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with the program at 11:30 followed by a reception. "This is truly a fitting tribute since Dr. Walker played such an instrumental role in making the library dream come true," said Don Craig, dean of the library. After the ceremony, the MTSU University Library will be known as the James E. Walker Library. November 3 is also the annual Homecoming celebration with the football game vs. Arkansas State at 2 p.m.

TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY (TEL)

This statewide electronic library—a partnership of the State Library and Archives, the State Department of Education, and TENNSHARE—provides a collection of electronic resources statewide. MTSU Library faculty have been instrumental in offering TEL training for schoolteachers in the middle Tennessee region.

SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES COALITION (SPARC)

MTSU is a supporting member of this worldwide alliance of research institutions and libraries that encourage competition in the scholarly communications marketplace. SPARC introduces new solutions to academic journal publishing, facilitates the use of technology to expand access, and partners with publishers to bring top-quality, low-cost research to a wider audience.

STATE ADOPTED TEXTBOOK COLLECTION

The MTSU Library partners with the State Department of Education by providing the official depository of all textbooks approved for use in Tennessee K-12 schools. The State Department of Education provides the materials and the library provides the space and personnel to access the collection.

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Continuing catalog access to electronic resources

As mentioned in the last issue of *Update*, the library is providing direct access to the electronic journals in the Project Muse and JSTOR databases. These are collections of full text journal articles. Project Muse covers literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, and gender studies. JSTOR provides access to back issues of scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences, and mathematics. The library is working to further develop access to documents, journals and Web sites in the *Voyager* catalog.

E-Journals / Full-text journals online version

All journals in the Project Muse database have electronic holdings that link directly to the journal's main

page in Project Muse. Electronic holdings for JSTOR journals are being added to the catalog. Electronic links are being entered for 51 journals available through the CatchWord service.

Government Documents

Periodical publications that are currently received in print and/or other formats will also have electronic holdings added to the catalog record. Other depository selections with online electronic equivalents or agency Web sites will have hot links added to their catalog record in the "Electronic Resources Links" field.

Internet Resources / Web Sites

Selected Web sites and online resources will be added to the library catalog as an ongoing collection development project.

Laptop computers in the library

The library was designed with network connections throughout the public reading areas and study rooms, providing access to the campus network and to research databases, *Voyager*, the Internet, and the Mulberry e-mail program. Software programs available on the network include Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The library supports the use of personal laptops or will make machines available to access these resources. Personal computers brought to the library need to be configured to access the campus network. Personal laptops must be equipped with a 10Base T network card. A modem will not work within the library, as there are no connected telephone lines for modem access. The library does not provide the necessary attachments for personal

laptops, but can assist in correctly configuring your laptop. Specific instructions are available from the University Library homepage under *Computing Resources*.

Library users with a valid MTSU ID may check out library laptops for a two-hour loan period. Disks for saving work must be provided by the user, as the library does not supply them. Each time the laptop is returned to the Reserve Desk, it is conditioned for the next user and any material on the hard drive is erased. This is necessary for privacy of information and consideration of the next user. Library laptops are subject to overdue fines and loss or damage fees, just like other library materials. Printing is available in the reference area of the University Library.

Post-retirement program for faculty

On July 1, 1997, the Tennessee Board of Regents launched the post-retirement program which was designed to ease the transition of senior faculty from full-time service to retirement and to utilize their experience and expertise on behalf of their particular institution.

Each eligible tenured faculty member approved to enter the program is offered re-employment as a "Senior Affiliate Faculty" under a post-retirement service agreement. The agreement may provide for up to 15 semester hours of instruction per year or up to 750 hours of non-instructional service per year. The period of re-employment may extend over a maximum of four consecutive years.

Two retirees from the University Library currently participate in the TBR Post-Retirement Service Program for Tenured Faculty.



Sue Burkheart retired after 34 years of service to the TBR system: eight years at Columbia State Community College as catalog librarian and 26 years as collection management librarian at the

MTSU Library. In the post-retirement service program, she has been working on several projects, including microfiche call number changes and periodical holdings corrections. These are problems which were incurred during the migration from the old automated library systems, *PALS*, to the new system, *Voyager*. Ms. Burkheart's extensive experience in cataloging is also utilized in other areas whenever needed. Currently, she is cataloging sets of books for the reference section and gift books that have been donated to and accepted by the library.



Linda Gill retired after 38.5 years of service, 34 years at the MTSU Library as periodicals librarian and as user services coordinator. In the post-retirement service program her overall responsibility is to

ensure that the library is prepared for the upcoming campus accreditation visit by representatives of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This involves reviewing the library's assessment activities, gathering information on its services and activities, developing a calendar, and reviewing the library's online and print documentation. Ms. Gill meets regularly with the library administrative council to discuss the planning process for the review.

Electronic reserve

Electronic access to library materials has become a vital part of library service and research. Electronic reserve extends access of library materials beyond faculty and students on campus to non-traditional and distance education students. The library has a digital resource service that can be utilized through the course reserve module of the *Voyager* catalog. This service does not replace traditional reserve but rather augments and expands it to provide better library service. Potentially, electronic reserves can reach every reserve user. It is available to multiple people at the same time and does not require a library visit. The service factor exceeds that of traditional reserve because electronic reserve is available, as need, whim, time, and geography dictate.

Electronic reserve is versatile and adaptable to many forms of digital images. Library staff can create an image that preserves both the original content and the appearance of a

document. These images are then made available electronically, either for viewing or printing. Materials can include non-copyrighted materials (lecture notes, class presentations, and cases) or copyrighted materials (chapters, articles, and essays). Copyrighted photocopies should have a completed citation submitted with the copy. All copyrighted materials will have a "Copyright Warning Notice" digitized with the material. The library will not digitize complete books. Access is limited to MTSU faculty, students, and staff. When considering digitization of copyrighted photocopies, the library will continue to adhere to the same Fair Use Guidelines accepted for paper reserve materials. The library has license agreements with several full text databases and the agreement includes copyright privileges.

Within electronic reserve, the library can access articles from any of the full text databases. These articles can be placed on electronic reserve by using

the article's URL, or saving the article as an HTML file. Full text databases extend the periodical collection of the library and allow use of otherwise inaccessible materials. If you need material that is not available in the periodical collection, check the full text databases. If the item is available in a database, a link can be established or a file created for electronic reserve. A list of electronic journals is available from the library research gateway at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~library/gateway.html>. Some of the most popular databases include *Expanded Academic Index*, *JSTOR*, and *Lexis Nexis*.

Electronic reserves can also link to government, educational, personal or business Web pages. Creating a link to a desired Web page will help eliminate the possibility of the user typing an incorrect address. As a courtesy, please alert the owner of the Web page that the material will be used for an educational assignment.

Library personnel

New appointments

John Hitchcock joined the library in August as collection management librarian, replacing Sue Burkheart, who retired in June of last year. John comes to MTSU from Ingram Library Services where he was a cataloging librarian. He was also bibliographic control librarian at Tennessee Technological University from 1989-1996 and technical services librarian and director of libraries at Motlow State Community College from 1996-2000. Hitchcock has an M.L.S. from the University of Tennessee, an M.A. in secondary education from Tennessee Technological University, and a B.S. in History from MTSU. His primary responsibilities will be in cataloging.

Cheryl Richardson joined the Curriculum Library in November 2000. She was previously employed for six years at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and two years at Argie Cooper Public Library in Shelbyville.

Miriam Ellis is the new library assistant at the Service Desk. She was a bookkeeper at McMinnville Workholding Company before joining the library in July.



New faces at the library are (L-R) Miriam Ellis, Cheryl Richardson, and John Hitchcock

Coordinators

After a national search for coordinators of the user services and collection management departments, Dean Don Craig announced the appointment of Rhonda Armstrong and Virginia Vesper in August.



Rhonda Armstrong, the new user services coordinator, replaces Linda Gill who retired in December. Before her promotion,

Rhonda was user services librarian in charge of off-campus library services. Prior to joining the staff in 1994, Rhonda worked at the Tennessee State Library and Archives from 1992-1994 and as a reference librarian at Chattanooga State Technical Community College from 1991-1992. She has an M.L.S. from Indiana University and a B.B.A. in Information Systems from MTSU.

Virginia Vesper replaces Karen Bingham, who resigned in June last year. Before her promotion, Ms. Vesper was collection management librarian in charge of assessment and



evaluation of the library's collection. Since May 2000 she has served as interim coordinator. She has also held positions at Dacus Library,

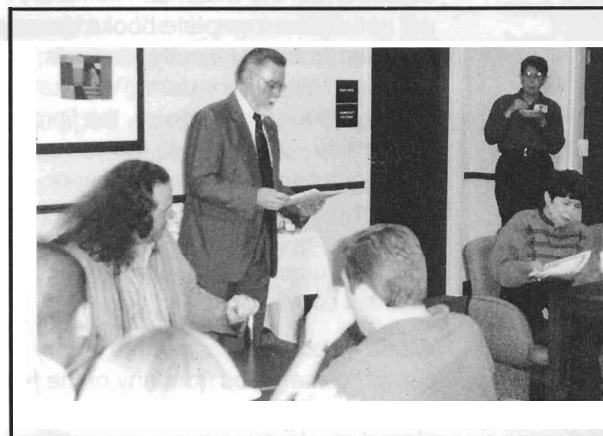
Winthrop University, where she was reference librarian and coordinator of library instruction (1994-1995) and head of monograph acquisitions and collection management officer (1988-1994). She has an A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan and a B.A. from DePaul University.

Retirement



After 11 years of service at MTSU, **Lynn Flanagan** retired in July. She worked in the User Services Department where she performed

reference desk duties and taught library instruction classes. She also served as chair of the electronic resources committee that evaluated and recommended electronic databases for purchase by the library. Lynn and her husband Tom now live in Mobile, Alabama.



Dean Craig presents service appreciation certificates to library staff and student workers during national library week in April.