



## Library Grand Opening



*Joining President James Walker, above, as he cuts the ribbon at the formal opening of the new University Library are Jerry Brookshire, Faculty Senate president; Andrae Crismon, Student Government Association president; Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; Charles Smith, TBR chancellor; and Don Craig, library dean. At left, visitors to the library for the grand opening enjoy the view from the grand atrium.*

Over seven years in planning, the new university library opened at the beginning of the Spring semester. An open house and a grand opening celebration were held on April 19, 1999. Chancellor Charles Smith addressed a packed house, paying tribute to the leadership that made the new facility a reality. President Walker and Provost Haskew spoke of the inspiration provided to the campus by the new library and its embodiment of the university commitment to learning and research.

Faculty Senate President Jerry Brookshire and Andrae Crismon, Student Government Association president, talked about the library facility from faculty and student perspectives. Dean Don Craig presided over the ceremonies and Karen Bingham,

coordinator of Collection Management at the library, surprised Dean Craig with a commemorative gift from the library staff in honor of his vision and hard work in planning the new facility.

This new library brings together the hopes and dreams of many people. The facility was designed to take advantage of technological advances and to adapt to rapid changes in the delivery of information. With 350 public computer workstations, uniquely equipped rooms for library instruction, a wide variety of study space options, a new special collections area, and a new Adaptive Technologies Center, the building offers the campus a truly impressive center for inquiry.

# A Moving Experience

The move of library collections involved many people and required careful planning, precise implementation, and speedy execution. On December 11, with the close of the '98 Fall semester, the library began the massive relocation of books, periodicals, microtext, personal items, and files. Once the bid was awarded to Library Relocation Consultants of Bloomington, Indiana, library staff and company representatives worked quickly to establish growth rates and shelving arrangements for the library collection.

Thirty students were hired and trained. Library collections were moved, dusted, and relocated to the new facility on specially constructed book carts with the labor of dozens of students hired for the project. Over twenty Ryder truckloads were moved each day. The project was completed prior to Christmas.



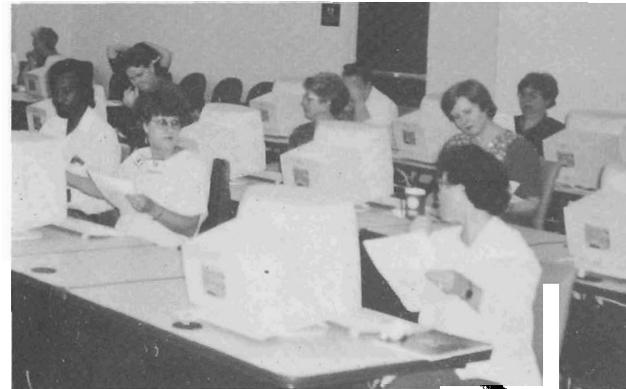
*Above, Laura Trajick, a Murfreesboro junior, is a student worker in the library, but instead of being off during Christmas holidays, she shelved books in the new facility. At left, Stephanie Walden, a senior from Nashville, wears a face mask as she uses an air gun to clean the books before they are carefully removed from the shelves and placed on color-coded carts before they are loaded on the trucks.*

## Library Launches New Online System

The University Library has inaugurated a new system for accessing collections and information. After many months of planning, *Voyager*, a product of Endeavor Information Systems, has replaced PALS as the access system for library resources on the MTSU campus.

This new system includes a web version of the online catalog and new circulation, cataloging, and acquisitions components. Web Voyager will provide convenient access to library resources available to the MTSU community.

Four other academic libraries in Tennessee are now using the Endeavor Information Systems products. *Voyager* was also selected by the Library of Congress and The National Library of Medicine, as well as by several international libraries. The University Library has customized the system with a look unique to our campus to best meet the needs of the MTSU community.



*As part of the preparation for the new library system, Voyager, MTSU library staff assembled for a week-long training session conducted by Endeavor Information Systems in early June 1999.*

Endeavor Information Systems is a major company among library systems providers. Their innovative approach to information management was a determining factor in the Library's decision to utilize Web Voyager. To read more about the company and how other academic libraries are using the system, go to <http://www.endinfosys.com>

The Library encourages departments to call for information on departmental training. To schedule training, contact the library at 898-2817.

To use the library's new catalog:

For internet access, point your browser to <http://www.mtsu.edu/~library>

For modem access, dial 898-5350. At the **Local>** prompt, type **telnet voyager**.

If you have questions or difficulties with the new online catalog, you can contact the library by stopping at the reference desk, calling 898-2817 (then pressing "3"), or sending email to [voyager-help@ulibnet.mtsu.edu](mailto:voyager-help@ulibnet.mtsu.edu)

# The Tennessee Electronic Library to Provide Online Access

The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) is now a reality. TEL will provide free online access to selected electronic databases for all libraries in the state. It is supported by state funds and federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and is administered by the Tennessee State Library and Archives. This is one-time funding

and is dependent upon legislative approval for continuation.

TEL is an initiative that will expand access to information by users across the state. On September 30, the State of Tennessee signed a contract with the Gale Group to offer an initial group of periodical indexes and full-text articles

to all school, public, academic, and not-for-profit special libraries in Tennessee.

Most significant to MTSU will be the addition of full-text databases of health and general reference information. Please check the library research gateway (<http://www.mtsu.edu/~library>) for information on how to access TEL.

## New Electronic Databases

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**Chemical Abstracts - Student Edition** - 1967 to current. Updated weekly.

Chemical Abstracts Service's Student Edition is a subset of the complete *Chemical Abstracts*. It indexes and abstracts over 250 of the chemistry journals most widely held in university libraries as well as over 200,000 dissertations. Advance records are indexed before they appear in print. We purchase the database through OCLC FirstSearch.

### **Congressional Universe**

Congressional Universe provides access to the full text of publications from and about the U.S. Congress. It includes twenty-five years of congressional information, with facts and figures on almost any topic of current interest. It contains the full text of congressional working papers and bills, as well as the *Federal Register*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, the *U.S. Code*, *National Journal*, *Congress Daily*, and the *Congressional Record*. It also covers a wide variety of additional information, including member biographical and committee assignment information, voting records, and financial data and links to other relevant web sites. Coverage varies (earliest 1970). Update frequency varies.

**EconLIT** - 1969 - current. Updated monthly.

EconLit is a comprehensive, international bibliography with selected ab-



stracts of the world's economic literature, produced by the American Economic Association. It includes coverage of over 400 major journals as

well as articles in collective volumes (essays, proceedings, etc.), books, book reviews (1994 +), dissertations (1987 +), and working papers licensed from the Cambridge University Press Abstracts of Working Papers in Economics.

### **Human Relations Area Files**

HRAF is an acronym for Human Relations Area Files, a non-profit institution founded in 1949 at Yale University. HRAF is a consortium of educational, research, and cultural organizations, and government agencies; its mission is to encourage and facilitate the study of human culture, society, and behavior. This mission is accomplished mainly through the compilation, indexing, and distribution of a collection of ethnographic and other texts that are indexed by culture and subject. MTSU Library has part of the earlier microfiche form of the collection. Microfiche reproduction ended in 1991, and all new material as well as retrospective conversion and updating of existing material began with the release of eHRAF in April 1995. (eHRAF stands for the electronic col-

lections of HRAF.) While all material currently on microfiche remains available on the fiche format, no new microfiche installments are being produced and all material added after 1991 is available only in electronic form.

**Social Sciences Citation Index** - 1994 - current. Updated quarterly.

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) publishes the *Social Sciences Citation Index*, which provides access to current bibliographic information and cited references covering more than 1700 of the world's leading social sciences journals spanning over fifty disciplines. It also includes individually selected items related to the social sciences from over 3200 more of the world's leading natural and physical science journals.

### **Biological Abstracts** -

1997 - current.

Updated quarterly.

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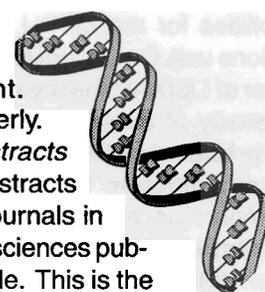
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# Staff News



*New library faculty and staff are front row, left to right, Greg Stuck, Beverly Taylor, Susan Hanson, and Alan Boehm. Middle row, from left, are Roy Ziegler, Ruth Ziegler, and Melanie Lower. Back row, from left, are Blake Pridgen, Myrna Hall, and Steven James.*

## New Appointments

### Faculty

**Suann Alexander** has been appointed to the position of User Services Librarian. Ms. Alexander has served in a temporary position at MTSU since February 1998. Prior to that she worked at Pellissippi State. She holds the M.S.I.S. from the University of Tennessee and a B.S. in Secondary Education from Tennessee Tech.

**Alan Boehm** has assumed responsibilities for the MTSU Special Collections unit. Dr. Boehm received the Master of Library Science degree from University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977. He holds the M.A. in English and American Literature from the University of Wisconsin, and the Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Indiana. In 1994, he was a Research Fellow at Houghton Library at Harvard University and a Visiting Scholar in Lilly Library at Indiana University. Dr. Boehm's dissertation was on "The Poetics of Literary Commerce: Patrician and Popular Bookselling and the Rise of Publishing 1700-1825," and he has authored several scholarly articles on relationships between print culture and library culture in the seventeenth and eighteenth century.

**Roy Ziegler** joined the MTSU Library on April 2, 1999, with responsibilities for monograph acquisitions. Mr. Ziegler received his Master of Library Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1989 and Master of Arts degree in English in 1984 from Central Missouri State University. His undergraduate degree is from Missouri Valley College. His publications include work on the National Film Registry and he is active in professional presentations. He previously worked in Monographic Acquisitions at the University of Missouri-Columbia for two years and in Serials Acquisitions at Southeast Missouri State University for the last nine years.

**Ruth Ziegler** has been appointed to a temporary position in Collection Management with responsibility for periodicals acquisitions. Ms. Ziegler earned a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts in 1975 from Lincoln University. She earned her Master of Library Science Degree in 1990 from University of Missouri-Columbia. Her prior work experience includes cataloging at the University of Missouri-Columbia for 14 years and reference work at Southeast Missouri State University for six years.

### Staff

**User Services Department** has the following new staff:

Myrna Hall, Library Assistant 1  
Reference Area

Steven James, Library Assistant 2  
Circulation Area

Blake Pridgen, Library Assistant 1  
Circulation Area

Greg Stuck, Library Assistant 2  
Microtext Area

**Administrative Office** has the following new staff:

Terry Cooper, Account Clerk

Melanie Lower, Secretary

Tonya McKee, Library Assistant 2

Beverly Taylor, Library Assistant 2

# Professional Activities



MTSU was well represented at this year's Tennessee Library Association Conference, held at the Nashville Convention Center, April 28-30, 1999. Rhonda Armstrong, Kathy Field, Lynn Flanagan, Karen Martin, Karen Bingham, Ginny Vesper, Bill Black, Sharon Parente, and Roy Ziegler gather outside the Exhibit Hall to discuss strategy for the next group sessions.



This year, the Midstate Library Association held its Spring meeting at MTSU on May 15. Above, participants toured the new library including the grand atrium. At left, Dean Don Craig shows some of the participants the library's new conference room.



**Karin Hallett** published "Mastering the Expanding Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe," in *EContent* 22, NO. 5 (October/November 1999: 47-51) and "Separate but Equal: A System Comparison Study of Medline's Controlled Vocabulary MeSH on Ovid and Dialog" in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, 86, No. 4 (October 1998): 60-64. In addition, she was appointed chair of the Tennessee Library Association's Resource Sharing Roundtable 1999-2000.

**Karin Hallett** and **Diane Baird** gave two presentations: "Copyright in the Academic Environment: An Introduction," at the Mid-State Instructional Technology Conference in March, and "Copyright Issues in Libraries: An Introduction," at the Tennessee Library Association annual meeting in April.

**William Black** was the author of two publications, (J.M. Leysen and W.K. Black; "Peer Review in Carnegie Research Libraries," *College and Research Libraries*, November 1998, and W. K. Black; "Customer Service I: Library Development," *Florida Libraries*, March/April 1998), and was given an award under the Faculty Research and Creative Activity Program to undertake a project on the acculturation of entry level librarians. His appointment as vice chair of the College and University Libraries section of the Tennessee Library Association became effective this semester.

**Ken Middleton's** Internet site, *American Women's History: A Research Guide*, was reviewed in *Choice*, Web III: sup. to v.36 (36Sup-489). *Choice* is a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. The journal publishes definitive reviews of current scholarly books and electronic products and is recognized as an essential tool for collection development in academic libraries.

# Mary Richardson Retires



*Long-time library secretary, Mary Richardson retired earlier this year. She served in the library for twenty years. At a retirement reception on May 25, Dean Don Craig is seen presenting Mary with an appreciation gift.*

## Databases

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**Biological Abstracts Reports, Reviews and Meetings** - 1993 - current. Updated quarterly.

This companion to *Biological Abstracts* includes references to meeting proceedings, monographs, and books published worldwide in all areas of life sciences. It is the electronic equivalent of the print editions available in the library.

**Zoological Record** - 1978 - current. Updated quarterly.

This index covers every aspect of zoology, including biochemistry, behavior, ecology, evolution, genetics, etc. It indexes over 6000 serials plus newsletters, monographs, books, dissertations, and conference proceedings. This is the electronic equivalent of the print editions available in the library.

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