



LIBRARY LETTERS

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Graduating Seniors Will Be Sorely Missed

We have seven student workers graduating this year, and we will miss their smiling faces. At the same time, we are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in the future. We thought you might like to meet them and know a bit about the students who support the faculty, students and staff at Leyburn and Telford libraries.

Divya Ajay – Telford

Home: Mumbai, India

Major(s): Biochem and the Shepherd Program

Plans to go into medicine following graduation.

Has worked with us for four years, enjoys “the calm and peace” of the job.



George Birsan – Telford

Home: New York City

Major(s): Economics

Plans to work following graduation.

Has worked with us for three years, enjoys the fact that sometimes there is time to do schoolwork, depending on the shift.



Liane Carlson – Leyburn

Home: Pine Bush, NY

Major(s): Religion

Plans to go to grad school for a Ph.D. in philosophy.

Has worked with us for this year, enjoys the librarians and staff.



Emily DeVoe - Leyburn

Home: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Major(s): History and Politics

Plans on heading to law school, probably William and Mary, also getting married to Corey Harmon, former library employee.

Has worked with us three years, enjoys seeing what goes on behind the scene.



Christine Hogan - Telford

Home: Easton, Pa.

Major(s): Psychology

Still considering her options for post-graduation.

Has worked with us for this year, enjoys “the great selections of books.”



Matthew Miller - Leyburn

Home: Reisterstown, Md.

Major(s): Classics

Plans to pursue a Classics Ph.D.

Has worked with us for four years, enjoys “being able to browse the classical music CDs.”



Erin Tainer – Leyburn

Home: Roanoke, Va.

Major(s): Geology

Plans to go to graduate school after graduation

Has worked with us for four years, enjoys “watching people try to figure out the new electric stapler.”



Professor Suzanne Keen to Deliver “Libraries I Have Loved: Romance of the Archives”

The Friends of the Library are proud to present the heralded instructor, author and poet Suzanne Keen on May 5 at 3 p.m. in Northen Auditorium. Professor Keen has spent numerous hours in libraries across the country and around the world. Now she will tell all!

Join the Friends in May for a wonderful presentation and some refreshments Or just join because you love books and libraries! An application is on the back page of this newsletter.

Notes from the University Librarian

Spring at last, and we welcome improved weather and additional hours of daylight. Things continue to “spring forward” in the Library, and we hope that our improvements, whether completed or in the planning stages, become visible to you in terms of more convenient research or expanded possibilities for use in the classroom.

It is hard to remember, now, that there was a time that we worried about the availability of scholarly material in digital form. These days the digital possibilities are so vast that our task is to choose, from scores of titles, the resources that will most benefit W&L students and faculty, keeping in mind that our budget is finite. Just since the beginning of the academic year, we’ve added a number of useful titles: *Historical Statistics of the United States*, *Literary Marketplace.com*, the *Latin American Weekly Report* and *African American Experience*, among others. One of the most exciting additions to the digital collection, made possible by our statewide library consortium, VIVA, was the Blackwell Synergy collection of e-journals. By converting our existing Blackwell subscriptions to electronic only, we were able to add more than 750 new Blackwell titles for only minor additional cost, a deal that was too good to pass up.

We are receiving great help from our colleagues in Development on raising the funds necessary to create a Col-

laborative Information Resources Center (CIRCLE) on the main floor of Leyburn. CIRCLE will bring reference librarians together with their colleagues in the Instructional Technology and Technology Integration groups, and will partner traditional reference resources with sophisticated multimedia stations, advanced software for statistical and GIS use and, we hope, an expanded information fluency program using student peer mentors. We will also make improvements to the overall ambience of the current reference/ITL area, with new furniture, carpet and improved lighting. Depending on the availability of funds, design work could begin this spring.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of *Library Letters*. Have a great semester!



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University Librarian

Leyburn Library As a U.S. Government Depository Library

It is generally acknowledged that the United States Federal Government is the world’s most active research organization and publisher of information. Much of this information—political, social, medical, demographic, scientific, cultural—is crucial to policy-making in a wide range of subject areas.

Since 1910, Leyburn Library has been a participant in the Federal Depository Library Program, which was established by Congress in 1813 “to ensure that the American public has access to its government’s information.” As one of about 1,300 selective depository libraries in the program, we choose collections of federal government publications and online materials to make available to our campus and community. At present, we select over 1,200 publication series, which include the annual *Economic Report of the President*, a myriad of Congressional documents, a lot of Geological Survey reports and much more. Most, but not all, of these items are shelved in the U.S. Government Depository collection on Lower Level 2. That collection now contains about 100,000 items.

When we receive items in tangible form, such as a paper copy of a report on Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans,

those items remain the property of the U.S. government, and we are charged with keeping them reasonably available to the public. However, as we all know, more and more federal government documentation is freely available online through agency Web sites.

The good news is that a lot of researchers now have quick access to a lot of information that previously was difficult to locate; the bad news is that a lot of that material—or, at least, the necessary links—seems to come and go. This has become a new management challenge.

Annie, the Washington and Lee University library catalog, contains records for all the tangible U.S. government materials in our collections, and many of these records now contain links to online publications. There are even Annie records that direct researchers only to online information. The library Web site contains a gateway to our U.S. government information resources, which are freely available to the campus and to the general public: http://library.wlu.edu/research/government/fed_deposit.asp

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New Library Logo

Did you catch the new University Library logo on the front page? Unlike the former one, the new Lance Hidy logo incorporates scientific and mathematical symbols to represent Telford Science Library, along with Leyburn, within the University Library. We hope you like it!

