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President’s Message

Grace Carr

“Librarians are the coolest people out there doing the hardest job out there on the frontlines. And every time I get to encounter or work with librarians, I'm always impressed by their sheer awesomeness.”
— Neil Gaiman

I would like to personally welcome you AWESOME People, to the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) 36th Conference, and in particular, to the sunshine state of Florida, and even more excitedly to the Amusement mecca of North America, Orlando!

ASDAL was established to engender and promote communication and partnership between Seventh-day Adventist Librarians and to highlight some of the great work that is being done on the various campuses from which you come. It is an exciting time to be a librarian, information professional. With new and emerging technologies, information can be made more accessible to our customers in the formats they desire and with the quickest of time.

The theme, “Information Literacy: Librarians as Agents of Transformation,” is so crucial to our very existence, which is to provide greater information access and dissemination. Once we are able to get our patrons to a reasonable level of information literacy, our jobs will become much easier. The more information literate a person becomes, the better decisions they make.

The year 2015 was wrought with many challenges, setbacks, heartbreaks and sorrow, but thanks be to God we are all here. We have lost some loved ones from among our ranks and members have lost loved ones that were very close to them; we pray that God will hold you up and give you strength to cope.

As president, working with the executive, we have managed to put in place some long overdue structures, such as, the ability to register and pay your fees online. I wish to thank our treasurer for the hard work and efforts, in making this a reality.

Each person who will present has spent a considerable amount of time in preparing, so I encourage you to make the most of each presentation. I trust as we make new friends, experience the tours, that indeed ASDAL 2016 will be a memorable one. Have a great conference ALL!

Grace Carr
ASDAL (President)
The planning committee at Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando wants you to know that we are READY!! Your ASDAL colleagues are also ready with wonderful presentations on the “flipped classroom,” “recomposing of information literacy” and “the library as knowledge creation laboratory.” Our vendors are ready! EBSCO, ProQuest, Bepress and Springshare would love to talk with you about the needs of your library. Florida Hospital Publishing is just waiting to share “Creation Health Publications” with you! Come meet this prolific SDA publisher and flip through their engaging texts covering many facets of faith and health.

The busy bees at the Comfort Suites have prepared for your arrival, as well as the Cuban Café next door, who are making a tasty Sunday evening dinner. Our Keynote speakers, Nichole and Ross Martin are ready to dazzle and instruct you in their presentation Creating Effective and Engaging Video Tutorials. Florida Hospital and Adventist University of Health Sciences are ready to show off their beautiful facilities.

Tour time is ready too! The gleaming white spaceship campus of Florida Polytechnic University has prepared as well as the state of the art University of Central Florida College of Medicine Library. They are serene, lovely and….ready! The Orange County History Museum and makerspace Melrose Center have checked in and said, “come on over – we’re ready!” The Southern Delights menu is ready for the banquet. Start making room now for the Polenta Bar with toppings of kale, goat cheese and roasted mushrooms. But wait, there are also plans for a Sweet Potato & Buttermilk Biscuit Bar as well as chocolate mousse.
We are so ready for your coming visit. Please register today and join your ASDAL colleagues in Orlando, FL June 20-23. Start getting ready!

Conference Program

Sunday, June 19, 2016

5:30 PM Registration, Meet and Greet, Poster Session. Includes a full Cuban dinner.

Monday, June 20, 2016

7:30 – 8:00 Registration
8:00 – 8:30 Worship, Stan Dobias Religion instructor and head of Health and Biomedical Sciences Dept.
8:20 – 8:30 Welcome
9:15 – 10:00 Sabrina Riley: “The Adventist Medical Cadet Corps”
10:00 – 10:30 BREAK WITH VENDORS
10:30 – 11:00 Kenrie Hylton: “Digitization Workflow Model and Software Interoperability”
11:00 – 11:30 Benjamin Baker: “The Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists”
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 1:40 Adorée K. Hatton: “Ephemeral to Enduring: The Role of Archival Software in a Digital World”
1:40 – 2:15 Jim Ford: “Born Digital and Becoming Digital: Issues in Modern Adventist Resources”
2:15 – 2:30 BREAK
2:30 – 3:15 Roy Kline: “Do We Really Need a Record Retention Schedule? In Any Event, How Difficult Could It Possibly be to Devise One?”
3:15 – 3:45 Lori N. Curtis: “Do We Need Another Form?”
3:45 – 4:00 BREAK
4:00 – 4:30 ARS Business Session and Updates
4:30 – 5:00 ARMS Business Session
6:00 – 8:00 Dine-around, Shuttle to Winter Park Village
6:00 – 9:00 SDAPI (supper provided)

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

8:00 – 8:30 Dave Greenlaw. ADU President
8:30 – 10:00 Ross and Nicole Martin: “Would You Watch It? Creating Effective and Engaging Video Tutorials”
10:00 – 10:30 BREAK WITH VENDORS
10:30 – 11:30 Tour of Florida Hospital
11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH
1:00 – 2:30 Adventist Digital Library Launch
2:30 – 3:30 Business Session # 1
3:30 – 3:45 BREAK
4:15 – 4:45 Kieren Bailey: "Flip or Flop: Student Perspectives on the Flipped Classroom Approach"
4:45 – 5:15 Robson Maamba: "Library as Knowledge Creation Laboratory"
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

8:00 – all day  Tour: Our tour day will include a trip to the past, future and an experience with the best in library innovation. Central Florida does have a history before Mickey Mouse. This is showcased at the Orange County History Museum which is located in the renovated 1927 courthouse in downtown Orlando. A trip to Florida Polytechnic University will be a glance of the future. There is nothing traditional about this campus; think space ship. Their library has no physical books. Envision space and light. To experience the best in library innovation we will visit the Melrose Center at the Orange County Public Library. Audio, video and photography studios are set up for patron use. Each also has editing capabilities. There is a lab for 3D printing, computer programing and robotics. And finally, the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library at Lake Nona is a state-of-the-art facility.

Thursday, June 23, 2016

8:00 – 8:30  Don Williams. Head of Office of Mission at ADU
8:30 – 9:00  Lauren R. Matacio and Bruce Closser: "Connect or Disconnect: Collaborating with Faculty to Transform Information Literacy"
9:00 – 9:30  Jessica Spears "The Recomposing of Information Literacy: How McKee Library Changed English 102"
9:30 – 10:00 Alfredo Vergel and Cristina Thompsen: "Circulating iPads and Access to Electronic Content"
10:00 – 10:30 BREAK WITH VENDORS
10:30 – 11:15 Break-out Sessions
11:15 – 11:30 Group Photo
11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH
1:00 – 3:00 Business Session # 2
3:00 – 3:15 BREAK
3:15 – 4:45 Adventist University of Health Sciences Campus/Library tour

6:00 pm  BANQUET: Harry P. Leu Gardens is one of Central Florida’s botanical treasures. The mission of these gardens is, “inspire visitors to appreciate and understand plants.” Visitors are compelled to appreciate plants from every point in the park, whether it be at the entrance or on the patio of the banquet facilities, which also has a lovely view of Lake Rowena. The theme for our banquet is, “Southern Delights.” You are invited to enjoy tasty traditions of the south in a vegetarian manner. Entertainment will also be provided in the form of live music and active storytelling.

Adventist Resources Section
June 20 2016

The programming for the Adventist Resources Section will take place on the first day of the upcoming ASDAL Conference in Orlando. We will begin the day with an overview of Seventh-day Adventist health-care and then
more specifically look at Florida Hospital, our host for this conference. We will have representatives from the Florida Hospital Mission Development Office.

Dovetailing nicely will be a presentation on the Adventist Medical Cadet Corp by Sabrina Riley. The Medical Cadet Corp was the Adventist Churches effort to prepare its young men for medical service during war time as a way for them to avoid the problems of bearing arms.

Benjamin Baker from the General Conference Archives will talk about a new initiative called the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists for which he is the new managing editor. This is an exciting and challenging project you will want to know about as it will definitely have impact on your faculty and students.

Born digital is a term which has been around for a little while. How should archives and special collections and even the general library relate to this type of data? Jim Ford will begin to unpack at least a portion of this complex and yet very exciting developing area for research.

The Adventist Resources Section will be meeting concurrently with the Archives and Records Management Section with intertwining programming. We hope you will plan to attend the conference this year and gain a blessing as well as information which will be helpful to you in your work.

8:30 to 9:15 History of Adventist Health Care and Florida Hospital
9:15 to 10:00 Adventist Medical Cadet Corp. Sabrina Riley
11:00 to 11:30 Benjamin Baker, *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*

1. How to manage the transition?
   i. Paper
   ii. Photographs
   iii. Audio
   iv. Film

2. What to do with the original format?
3. How to preserve the digital?
4. What to do with copyright when original is digitized?
5. How to make digital accessible?

4:00 to 4:30 ARS Business Session and Updates
Election of ARS Program Committee:
**Alfredo Vergel (2013-2016)**
**Chelsi Cannon (2013-2016)**
Lori Curtis (2015-2018)

**Archives and Records Management Section**

At the upcoming ASDAL 2016 conference, the presentations of the Archives and Records Management Section (ARMS) and of the Adventist Resources Sections (ARS) will all occur on Monday, June 20th, interspersed
throughout the day. The ARMS program will once again focus on the practical – forms, record retention schedules, digitization workflow, and archives management software. Here is a brief outline of our program.

**ARMS presentations**

**10:30 to 11:00**

*Digitization Workflow Model and Software Interoperability*

Kenrie Hylton, Digital Records Manager, Office of Archives, Statistics & Research, General Conference of SDA

A system for scanning documents including establishing appropriate metadata to be captured to facilitate proper digital storage. Presentation will provide a walkthrough of a digitization workflow that has been optimized, and present plans for further improvements to the model through the use of software solutions. Additionally, a number of software systems have been developed to address records management and documents management. Unfortunately, due to innate difference in each organization, no one system can meet all the needs of every organization. There are however different software that can work with each other, share data, and essentially be combined to address the organization needs.

**Ephemeral to Enduring: The Role of Archival Software in a Digital World**

Adorée K. Hatton, Contract Instructor & University Archivist, Burman University

Why is archiving transient material important? What does this mean to a small Archives department? It is becoming increasingly important to use new and developing archival software to manage both born-digital collections and traditional collections. This presentation will introduce the *Collective Access* software, and discuss how our department chose it and implemented it.

**2:30 to 3:15**

*Do We Really Need a Record Retention Schedule? In Any Event, How Difficult Could It Possibly be to Devise One?*

Roy Kline, Assistant Director – Archives & Records Management, Office of Archives, Statistics & Research, General Conference of SDA

Reasons for devising and implementing a Record Retention Schedule within your organization and how to galvanize support for same. Components touched on include strategic issues; data gathering; structuring your retention schedule; record series development; and factors to evaluate for determining retention periods. Finally, your Retention Schedule is in place and now you’re done – or are you? What you’ll need to do after the schedule is in place. Lessons learned from going through the entire process.

**3:15 to 3:45**

*Do We Need Another Form?*

Lori N. Curtis, Chair, Dept. of Archives & Special Collections, Heritage Research Center, Loma Linda University

To be an archivist, must one love to create and use forms? Probably not, but it doesn’t hurt. This presentation will highlight some of the forms that we have created and found useful in the day-to-day organization and running of an Archives and Special Collections department. There will also be a display of forms from our sister Adventist institutions.
Twenty five Years of Archives and Records Management

Peter Chiomenti

As professional information managers and as members of ASDAL, I know that you all are quite busy. And from time to time you scan an article hoping to get the gist without an in-depth read. So for those of you who are running late for the next meeting, but would like to know what the article is all about, here it is: It is all about the information. The variables are audience, accessibility, storage, distribution, security, privacy, and transparency.

OK, now to the article. It was a dark and stormy night . . . Oh, no, wrong article.

Twenty five years ago, when I started as a records manager at the General Conference Office of Archives and Statistics (AST), information management was still largely paper based. The joke was that the paperless office (which seemed to be a pipe dream at the time), would come about at the same time as the paperless bathroom. That was good for a chuckle, but today we have made great strides toward achieving the paperless office, and I would contend that we have largely achieved it; holding on to paper as a security blanket. (I have no comment on the history of personal hygiene.) Of course the management of information is as old as humanity itself and consequently there is a massive amount of legacy information that must be dealt with in one form or another.

Because information was on physical media when I started as a records manager, a certain amount of control and responsibility went along with managing that information. Not surprisingly the management of different aspects of information became siloed. And while having various fiefdoms of information based on the needs of information consumers sounds negative, it was actually a more efficient way of managing the information than trying to gather all the physical information in one place for distribution.

When I started at the General Conference we were transitioning from an index card system to a digital database as an index. The original organizational concepts were put in place by Elder F. Donald Yost (the director of AST) and were being carried out by James Ford, the manager of the records center, and Bert Haloviak, the assistant archivist. These names are well known to a lot of you so you will understand that the system that I came into was well established and orderly. I did not come into my job to reform it or clean it up, but to maintain what was there and to move along with the improvements that were available.

While I was still in training, even before Jim Ford had turned the reigns over to me, the records people of AST (Dr. Yost, Bert, Jim, and I) went to a demonstration of a new technology, a document management system. I believe that this outing was organized by Jim and it was my first realization that managing records and information came in different “flavors” for different purposes.

The first “lamentation” that I heard concerning the loss of information was about the telephone (and not for the last time our phones would be an issue). It was said that business that had been transacted via letter in the past was now routinely conducted by phone and thus the record of what was said was lost. Since the telephone was a technology that I had been familiar with since childhood, that didn’t trouble me a great deal, especially since there was probably paperwork on either side of the telephone conversation that would document what was transacted by phone.

However, the pace of change over the past 20 years has begun to accelerate and to develop at a speed that the Baby Boomers are not used to (if you use Facebook check out all the posts that start out Do you remember . . . ). I started out with a computer that ran DOS (do you remember . . . ) and had a 32 mg hard drive. I did all my work as well as
maintained the database index for the records center on that hard drive. Even though most of the workers at the GC had a personal computer there was no computer network in the building. Accessing records and information was still about location, location, location.

The first winds of change came with email. First with commercial content providers like CompuServe and America On Line (AOL). Without realizing it we were starting to share organizational information on third-party servers (and though no one thought of it at the time we had made our first venture into the “cloud”). Soon the GC was wired and we had in-house email and the issue of trying to manage many individual email accounts seemed to be addressed. But once the “barn door” is open it is very hard to close it again and go back to the way things were. The fact is that the new technologies were developed to fill a need and they were as much a boon to the organization as they were a bane to those trying to manage the information.

With the advent of the World Wide Web, wireless technology, laptop computers, cellular technology and networks, social media, improved search engines, and increased storage at decreasing prices, vast amounts of information has flowed in and out of our organizations, and with a few exceptions, the importance of the geographic location of information has nearly become of no importance. The new questions are:

- Who controls the information,
- Who owns the information (not always the same as who controls it),
- Who are the users of the information,
- How is the information distributed,
- How is the information stored, and
- How is the information protected and managed?

Depending on how one answers those questions it is possible for a library, a business, and an archive to access and/or disseminate the same information, and depending on availability and permissions, each entity would be fulfilling its own unique mission.

The order of the questions above is not wholly random. While questions one and two would seem to be inverted, it is the one who controls the information that actually disseminates it. The following questions all flow from the answers to the previous question.

If you know who uses your information, you can organize it in a way that it is most easily accessed for distribution to the user. If your information needs a wide and rapid distribution you might store it digitally for ease of distribution. On the other hand, if you are looking for long term storage with low distribution, you may prefer a more physical form of storage.

Not all information needs to be stored forever. Certain information may be vital in the short term, such as accounts receivable, but not have lasting historical value, while other records like organizational charters may have lasting historical value as a document as well as for its information.

Finally, there is the question how you find the “needle in the haystack” when it is requested or even required. The first systems were paper based (index cards) systems that relied on subject, names, and/or keywords. With the advent of digital technology the paper based systems seemed passé. After all, why go to that trouble when you could do a word search and easily come up with the answer? Word search worked fairly well, but the searches were finding too many “needles” in the ever growing “haystacks” of information.

Today a combination of indexing, of word search, of tagging information, and using intelligent software is aiding in plowing through mountains of information. Today, searching across several repositories to do research and to find
necessary information for informed decision making is not only possible but is being done to the benefit of the organizations in what might be thought of as information consortiums.

The pace of change is continuing to accelerate. It will pay to be flexible, and to ask, how will this help the organization, what is the cost benefit factor, and how will it impact the information that you are tasked with protecting, managing, and distributing?

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Human Library Visit

Xiaoming Xu

I have heard about the Human Library for about two years, but my first time to visit one was on March 31, 2016, when the Staff Development Committee of the James White Library organized a visit to the Human Library event at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

When we arrived, a number of the “books” were already checked out. Groups of people with checked out “books” were chatting in low friendly voices, scattered around a nice setting in the lobby. At the entrance was the sign: “Human Library Chicago, Check out our books! 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.” The receptionists were very friendly and very quickly they helped us find a “book” that we were interested in.

The first “book” that was available to us was the “African American,” a 20-year old young man named Kiambu. He lives in the Chicago area. His philosophy and personal experience is described as “being the best is not always the best.” He enjoys competing with the best, but not trying to be the best, as he is always in the middle. He is a member of a basketball team and even though sometimes his team does not win the game, they still enjoy playing.

Kiambu’s mother has a master’s degree. His father has a high school diploma and is currently out of work, but he has his own league of basketball teams. Kiambu has one younger brother who is 11 years old.

Kiambu is an information technology major and is good at coding and software, such as C++ and Java. He loves it. He likes to code video games. Currently he works as a student assistant at a front desk job. Kiambu is also a coordinator for the Black Student Union. His parents do not push him, but support him. He has not had a hard time in his life. As noted above, he chooses not to be the best, but in the middle. He said that this was a self-taught lesson for him. He is focused on his studies and does not have a girlfriend as yet.

There are more than ten ethnic groups on campus. Kiambu is active in his group. As for the future of the United States and the world, he sees race, technology, infrastructure, housing and building as the most important. He sees positive changes in the future but he also has found that people are more distant and don’t see their friends enough. Thus human relationships go down as a social problem as people don’t know where to go, are not moving forward, and don’t see the goal.

The second “book” we opened was “asexual orientation.” Vanya, a young lady, feels no attraction to sex, is not interested in a sexual relationship, but desires a romantic relationship. She has a two-year romantic relationship with a man, but no sex. She will get married because she does not like to be lonely. This was my first time to hear about asexual orientation. I found it very interesting.

The last “book” we read was a “Black Muslim” girl whose name is Khadijah. She shared with us that it was her own choice to become Muslim. Her family background is Muslim. She was an activist at school. She dresses with her head covered. She wants to see equality among all peoples and works toward that goal.
The visit was impressive and was a good experience. We now understand what the Human Library is and understand each other and humanity better. This meets the official goal of a Human Library, which is described as “an event that aims to create dialogue and understanding between people. Individuals volunteer as human “books” and participants in the event can “read” the book—meaning that they would have a one-on-one conversation with the volunteer and share in a dialogue about that individual’s experience. “Books” are volunteers from all walks of life who have experienced discrimination based on race, religion, sexual preference, class, gender identity, sex, age, lifestyle choices, disability and other aspects of their life. The Human Library provides the opportunity for the community to share and understand the experiences of others in their community.”

(http://www.humanlibrarychicago.org/)

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Booknotes

*Booknotes*  
**Michael W. Campbell**

This section includes some of the latest resources related to the study of religion. Prices are listed according to Amazon.com.

**Church History**

Several exciting new monographs should be procured: Mark A. Noll, *In the Beginning was the Word: The Bible in American Protestantism* (Oxford, 2015, $21.74); Stephen R. Berry, *A Path in the Mighty Waters: Shipboard Life and Atlantic Crossings to the New World* (Yale, 2015, $32); and Emily Conroy-Krutz, *Christian Imperialism: Converting the World in the Early American Republic* (Cornell, 2015, $45). A number of significant works are being published in preparation for the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses against indulgences. The *Oxford Handbook of Martin Luther* (Oxford, 2014, $125) is a welcome addition to the rich plethora of materials that have been and will no doubt continue to be released. For those interested in global dynamics within Christianity, a new collection of essays titled *Christian Higher Education: A Global Reconnaissance* (Eerdmans, 2014, $28) is a thoughtful look at some of these dynamic forces.

**Systematic Theology**


**Biblical Resources**
Many academic publishers release their latest offerings in commentaries in conjunction with the Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion meetings held each November. This year there is a fine line-up of new resources. Some that you should not miss out on include: Richard N. Longenecker’s *The Epistle to the Romans* (NIGTC) (Eerdmans, 2015, $56); Craig Keener’s latest installment in his multivolume *Acts: An Exegetical Commentary 24:1-28:31* (Baker Academic, 2015, $42); and updated editions within the *Word Biblical Commentary* (volume 36 on John; volume 33B on Matthew 14-28). Additional highly OT resources include: a new addition to the Anchor Yale Commentary series on *Ruth* by Jeremy Schipper (Yale, 2016, $71); Ernest Lucas on *Proverbs* (Two Horizons OT Commentary) (Eerdmans, 2015, $28); Daniel I. Block, *Ruth: A Discourse Analysis of the Hebrew Bible* (Zondervan, 2015, $24).

**Adventist Resources**


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**BYTES & BITS**

**Andrews University Celebrating Milestones at the James White Library**

On Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, Andrews University employees, family and friends gathered together in the Howard Performing Arts Center to celebrate and honor colleagues who received years-of-service, excellence in service, research and scholarship, teaching, and faith leadership awards. The evening was filled with food, music, poetry performances, fun and laughter as we celebrated “the Andrews family with Hygge.” Hygge is a Danish word, which means “to be close, creating an ambience of warmth,” explained President Niels-Erik Andreasen. Several library staff were honored at the annual event for their milestone years of service.

The honored library staff had a combined 145 years of service to the University and included Sarah Kimakwa, 5 years; Philip Tan and Anne Oyerly, 10 years each; Wanda Cantrell and Josip Horonic, 20 years each; Lauren Matacio and Alice Williams, 25 years each; and Cynthia Helms, 30 years.

Anne Oyerly, the building manager, coordinates all library renovation projects and ensures that the library is a clean and safe environment for staff and patrons.

Philip Tan, the chief cataloger, has been instrumental in cataloging Seventh-day Adventist materials. Tan has also helped train other SDA libraries as they implement online cataloging systems. In 2014 he trained the staff of Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon. He joined James White Library in 2006 from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) Philippines, where he worked for 19 years.
Wanda Cantrell, the office business manager, enjoys singing and coordinates a University musical ministry called “Journey.” With the group she has performed at events both on- and off-campus, including the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas.

According to the article posted in Andrews Agenda on March 29, 2016, “Celebrating the Andrews Family with Hygge” by Pat Spangler, the following was said about Helms, Williams and Matacio by their peers; the director of the Center for Adventist Research, Merlin Burt; and the dean of Libraries, Lawrence Onsager.

“Lauren Matacio currently serves as instruction librarian, where she provides leadership in promoting information literacy across the curriculum. In 2011, Lauren received the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. Bruce Closser enthuses, “For several years Lauren and I have team-taught College Writing. Her knowledge of research strategies and resources, coupled with her enthusiastic willingness to work with students significantly enriches my classroom.” In addition to her instruction duties, coordination of artistic displays, service on the creative arts council, and academic committees across campus, Lauren is involved in research and service to the library profession. In 2012, she served as president of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians. Terry Robertson, Seminary librarian, states: “She deserves a special tribute for her creative persistence in the launching of the “Journal of Adventist Libraries and Archives.”

“Alice Williams has served at Andrews University with faithfulness and competence. She first worked as a professor of dietetics and nutrition during the 1980s and 1990s. She then served administratively in assessment and academic programs until 2010. Since that time she has served as University archivist. Alice has the ability to connect with people and work a goal through to completion. She is a caring person who has given herself wholeheartedly to addressing sometimes-thankless tasks that needed to be done for accreditation and maintaining a pleasant disposition through the process. Alice has contacted and interacted with key people in different schools and departments to arrange the transfer of important historical records to the archives. She is a masterful networker. Alice works with key people and their support staff in ways that actually mobilize action and create change.”

“During her 30 years of service to the James White Library and Andrews University, Cynthia Helms has developed expertise in providing excellent service to students, faculty and staff. One of her colleagues, Sarah Kimakwa, states, “She knows the reference collection very well and can dig very deep to get information to answer patron questions.” Cynthia has been highly active in the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians, serving as president, secretary, editor of ASDAL Action, Overseas Libraries coordinator, local arrangements coordinator at Andrews, and as a member of various committees. She provides regular opportunities for student and professional staff to improve and upgrade their knowledge and skills. She trains student workers in cross-cultural understanding through videos and discussion on applying principles to the library setting.”

As a faith-based institution, faculty and staff incorporate their faith into their daily work and teaching. Kathy Demsky received the Faith Development and Leadership award. This award “is given to individuals who are actively being the hands and feet of Christ on the campus of Andrews University,” says June Price, Andrews University chaplain.

Price stated about Demsky, “Kathy Demsky’s heart for God is evident in her thoughtful care of students, faculty and staff. Over the years students have been blessed by her consistent support of departmental vespers, accompanied by good food and fellowship. Her class, Special Topics in Waldensian Beliefs, is regarded by many students as one of the highlights of their experience at Andrews University and a course that helps them focus on the very foundations of their beliefs. Kathy’s colleagues regard her as an amazing individual and recognize that it is she who has made the Architecture library the living room for their department and a safe place for students to find rest. She is a
mother figure to confide in and treats all students as though they were her own children. She has sown good seed into Andrews’ students and helped to grow citizens for God’s Kingdom.”

Marianne Kordas, director of the Music Materials Center, accompanied the musicians of the night by performing on the violin.

The library presence was evident at the staff and faculty awards event.

At James White Library we train our student employees in skills that will help them beyond their work at the library. At the recent scholarship awards chapel on April 19, 2016, five of our student employees: Edgar Burgara, Melissa Cooke and Omar Montilla, Master of Divinity students; Ieti Faleto, BA theology; and Joshua Kim, BS computer science, received the prestigious DeHaan Award. Sponsored by Frank and Dolly DeHaan, this award is given to students who demonstrate outstanding performance at the workplace in the following areas: attendance, ability to take responsibility, initiative, team player skills, human relations skills, and work excellence.

As the academic year 2015–2016 comes to an end, the library is grateful for our graduating students. Congratulations to Cedric Anderson, Ashley Daniels, Ieti Faleto, Matthew Henry, Joshua Kim, Michelle Mota Laivaux, Jon-Luke Lebo, Jessica Link, Omar Montilla, Robert-Ray Nelson, Alexa Pacamalan, Keith Samuels and Je Ann Semeleer.

We also congratulate Janessa Howell on her engagement and Mildred McGrath on receiving her U.S. citizenship.

References

(J. Price, personal communication March 1, 2016)


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Adventist University of Health Sciences

Beating Exam Stress

At Adventist University of Health Sciences, the R.A. Williams Library does its part to help students de-stress and stay motivated all year round.

We are thankful that we do not have to worry about snow, and we always encourage the students to take a break, check out our sport equipment, and go outside under the always Florida-blue skies to play on the always green grass near the always calm lake that surrounds the library.

With finals around the corner, our director suggested that we use the current trend of “Adult Coloring Books” to help our students relieve stress during exam time. One of the front tables in the library is now designated a “Color Me Stress Free Zone.” Students are coloring, and they feel more
relaxed and ready for success on their exams. The students are happy to share their talents, and we all thank them for the privilege to enjoy the display of beautiful “paintings” for the rest of the trimester.

**Northern Caribbean University**

Over the two days of March 14 and 15, 2016, four librarians from the Hiram S. Walters Resource Centre travelled to the beautiful northern coast of Jamaica to attend and participate in the 9th biennial symposium of the College Libraries Information Network (COLINET). The theme for the 2016 Symposium was ‘Smart Libraries: Fast Tracking from Print to Electronic’. Held in the picturesque parish of St. Ann, attendees added to their knowledge on the subject of how Jamaican academic libraries were managing the transition from print to electronic resources. Insight was given from various case studies of institutions at various points on the transition continuum. Interim director of library services at the HSWRC, Nicola Palmer was one of several presenters on the second and final day of the Symposium. Exhibitors included Proquest, local online book store The Book Jungle, Ebsco, and Springer Nature among others. The representation was very good from college and university libraries across the island. Symposium attendees enjoyed the added ambiance of the venue, which was the hill-perched Cardiff Hotel and Spa, a training hotel for students in the hospitality and food and beverage industry. It was an excellent two days for all and everyone returned to their respective institutions armed with best practices and evidence that the transformation was possible.

Image 1. Symposium announcement

Image 2. Winning poster from student in competition

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*Nicola Palmer is Interim Director at Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica, West Indies, Hiram S. Walters Resource Centre*

**Oakwood University**

This semester has been an eventful one at the Eva B. Dykes Library. We sponsored the annual African American Read-In. This year’s focus was on children’s literature written by African American authors. Approximately 200 students from three private elementary schools, a local pre-school, and one homeschool came to the library to listen and participate in the dramatized re-telling and reading of stories. A video of the event is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zi6DwRVY6w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zi6DwRVY6w)

Alumni Weekend, March 25-27, 2016, was particularly busy. The library sponsored a used book sale,
hosted an alumni author book signing, and three librarians participated in the Alumni 5K Run/Walk, with proceeds from all three events going to student scholarships. The Anna Knight Center for Women’s Leadership was also dedicated and is located in the library.

On April 6, 2013, The English and Foreign Languages Department presented its annual Celebration of the Word, featuring the original, creative, and spoken word of Oakwood University students, faculty and staff.

Library director, Paulette McLean Johnson, had the privilege of visiting the Universidad Adventista de Centro America (UNADECA) from March 30-April 6. She met with the newly appointed library director, completed an assessment of library services, and submitted a report of her findings. Paulette will continue to be a support for la biblioteca UNADECA.

Finally, several staff changes have been announced or are already in effect due to retirements, voluntary transfers, and workforce reduction. Special thanks to library staff, George Lee, Marie Loty Samson, Odalys Miranda, Sylvia Rochester, and librarians, Kieren Bailey and Heather Rodriguez-James for their exceptional service to the Eva B. Dykes Library.

Paulette McLean

Southern Adventist University

Campus Research Day

Campus Research Day, a bi-annual event that highlights the scholarly activities of students and faculty on the campus of Southern Adventist University, was held on April 12, 2016. Campus Research Day is sponsored by McKee Library and chaired by Katie McGrath, McKee Library Associate Director and Campus Research Day chair. This year’s event featured the scholarly activities of 387 students through four sessions of oral presentations and a poster presentation session.

The event began with a keynote address by Mazhar Mallouhi. Mallouhi is a Syrian novelist whose works have been well-loved for more than forty years. Although he was born into a devout Muslim family, he later became a “Pilgrim to Christ.” In addition to his love of fiction, he is passionate about the Bible and is dedicated to sharing Arabic translations of the Word with others.

McGrath stated, “Campus Research Day is a wonderful celebration of the research, inquiry, and pursuit of truth of what is happening on our campus. Our students go the extra mile to make this a success; I am so proud of them and their work!”
In participating in Campus Research Day, students gain real-world experience conducting a professional presentation. Students also have the opportunity to publish their research on KnowledgeExchange@Southern, Southern Adventist University’s institutional repository.

Event participants included one faculty member, 51 graduate students, 225 undergraduate students, 158 poster presenters, and 229 oral presenters. Departments represented in the event include the following: English, biology, chemistry, history, journalism and communications, nursing, physical education, visual art, physics/engineering, psychology, and social work.

Jessica Spears, Research Services Librarian at McKee Library

Union College

Union College is very pleased to announce that Kieren Bailey will be joining the staff in mid-May as Public Services Librarian. We are looking forward to the improvements she is planning for our information literacy instruction and assessment program, as well as the enthusiasm and energy she will contribute to the library overall.

This spring Union College has been the recipient of two different unique gifts. The first is a collection of braille Bibles and Bible study guides. The gift was given by the granddaughter of a blind African American student, Livingston Wills, who attended Union College in the 1940s. He went on to settle in Omaha, Nebraska gaining fame as Omaha’s blind broom salesman. He also pastored a small Sunday-keeping church, Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness.

The second gift is a collection of over 300 antique and rare books, some of them first editions, including *Webster’s Dictionary* (1828), *A Textbook of Chemical Philosophy on the Basis of Dr. Turner's Elements of Chemistry* (1829), and *Steps to Christ* (1892). The oldest book in the collection dates to 1677. These books were originally collected by archaeologist and curator George Hubert Smith, well known for his work with the National Park Service in the 1930s and 1940s and the Smithsonian in the 1950s and 1960s, from whom Robert Hanna, one of our regular community patrons, inherited them. Hanna has been looking for a new home for the collection and Bruce McClay was instrumental in fostering the relationship which resulted in Union College acquiring the gift.

There are probably no words to express our thanks for the many contributions, large and small, made by Bruce McClay during the nine weeks he was at Union College. Students and staff alike loved having him here and I am still hearing about it.

Sabrina Riley, Library Director

Library Faculty Position

Southwestern Adventist University seeks an innovative, professional, Seventh-day Adventist Library / Archives Faculty member to serve as Special Collections and Access Services Librarian. We desire a colleague with excellent skills in the 21st century library archives and in resource management, and a willingness to help achieve Southwestern’s mission. Responsibilities also include instruction, technology, student worker and volunteer supervision, liaison work with departments, and collection development within assigned disciplines. ALA-approved MLS or equivalent required; additional subject master’s degree preferred. The ideal candidate would be self-motivated, love to work with others, be an inspired recruiter for Southwestern, and have a strong passion for
Adventist education. Position to begin July 1, 2016. Please submit cover letter and CV to Cristina Thomsen (thomsenc@swau.edu).

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