

Interactive news and links to our services

FULCRUM

Issue No. 2 - Spring 2013



From the Director



The world of higher education continues its dizzying pace of growth and change. New technologies, global and mobile teaching and learning modes, the growing emphasis on collaboration and open access to information—all of these require libraries to not only embrace change, but be vital change agents. One year ago, the library's organizational structure underwent significant change with the intent of being more strategic and dynamic in planning our future as we support the research and teaching of faculty and the education of our students.

The new structure fosters communication and coordination to facilitate more informed and timely decision-making. To this end, new positions were created including three assistant director positions (for Outreach, Collections Services and Discovery Services) and two coordinator positions (for Access Services and Content Management). In addition, there has been a change in work responsibilities for many and, in position titles for most. (See the [organizational chart](#) found on the website.)

Here is a brief summary of areas of responsibility in each of the divisions:

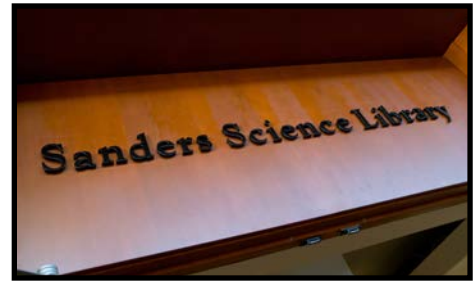
- *Outreach Services* is responsible for information fluency instruction, research assistance, the promotion of services and resources, and collection development.
- *Collections Services* provides and maintains all electronic, print, and media resources, encompassing acquisitions, interlibrary loan and circulation.
- *Discovery Services* enhances the library's discovery tools, its web presence, and oversees the creation, management and curation of digital assets.

The Special Collections and Archives Department continues to provide its multi-faceted array of resources and services.

The Library's vision is "to engage, enlighten, and empower" the university community with fabulous facilities, dynamic services and dazzling array of resources. The reorganization is laying the foundation for achieving this and for future innovation and transformation.

Dr. Janis Bandelin, Director of Libraries

Sanders Science Library Dedication



On February 1st, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Sanders Science Library. Furman trustee Dan Sanders and his wife Emilyn Childs Sanders, loyal philanthropists of Furman and the Greenville Community, named the science library in honor of their children and grandchildren.

In her opening remarks, Director of Libraries, Janis Bandelin, said the library continues to be a place where students go, even in the digital age. "It continues to be a place for study and collaboration, and a haven for reflection and inspiration."

The dedicatory address was presented by President Rod Smolla, followed by remarks from both Dan and Emilyn. President Smolla recognized the generous contribution that the Milliken Foundation made to Furman, in honor and recognition of Dan for his eight years of service on the Milliken & Company board, including stints as lead director and non-executive chairman.





Dan & Emilyn Sanders



Texting as a Tool for Research

When you search the online library catalog, you may send a call number to yourself as a text message. The button is embedded in every record:

Author	Anderegg, David, 1953-
Title	Nerds : who they are and why we need more of them / David Anderegg
Pub Info	New York : Jeremy P. Tarcher/Penguin, 2007
Permalink:	http://alcuin.furman.edu/record=b1618663~S1

New: Text Message Research Assistance.

By texting (864) 214-7172, you will receive research assistance the next time an Outreach librarian or staff member is at the desk. Add us to your contacts today!



Student Faris Armary with Outreach Librarian Libby Young

Up All Night in the Science Library

It's 2:30 am on an exam day: Where are the students? They might be in the Sanders Science Library. For the fourth semester in a row, the libraries are offering Up All Night in the Science Library, which enables students to access the Sanders Science Library during the late night and early morning hours of exam days. At any hour you can see students pacing study rooms, writing papers, and reviewing class notes. These extra hours allow students to take advantage of the comfortable furniture, abundant power and Internet connections, and focused environment of the Sanders Science Library when they need it most.



Introducing....

Christy Allen

Assistant Director
for Discovery Services

What path has your career taken, and how did it lead to Furman?

I studied Rare Books and Archives in Library School, but worked mostly in Technical Services until I landed a job at the State Library of North Carolina working with digital government documents. Working in that position made me fall in love with digital librarianship. My career accomplishments include establishing the Digitization Program at the State Library of North Carolina and creating the Library's website at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Are there any examples of past work that you are particularly proud of?

I have been involved in quite a few fantastic projects, but I am most proud of "[North Carolina Family Records Online](#)."

I was the project manager for this digital collection when it first began, and in 2010 it won an award from "Family Tree Magazine" for one of the "Best State Websites."

What parts of your new position are you most excited to take on?

Working with all of the amazing people here at Furman University. Everyone I have met so far has been so incredibly friendly and helpful! I look forward to collaborating with teams across the Library and across the campus to meet our discovery goals.

Why did you become a librarian?

My Dad was in the Marine Corps, and my family moved around a lot while I was growing up. Whenever we moved to a new place, we'd always visit the local library first. Basically, I grew up in libraries and even used to "play librarian" when I was a little girl. As a college student, I worked in the campus library and enjoyed the work so much, that I went on to Library School.

What can you tell us about your family?

I have been married to my husband, Dave, for 9 years and we have a 6 month old son named Benjamin. We've lived most of our lives in North Carolina, so moving back to the Carolinas from Texas is like coming home.

What are your hobbies?

Digital photography, reading, sight seeing, and "unplugged gaming" (board games, card games, and table top RPGs).

What do you think of Greenville?

I love it! The scenery is beautiful, the people are so very friendly, and there are lots of exciting things to do in the area. I'm looking forward to the spring when I can spend quality time outside.

What will you miss about Texas?

The breathtaking sunsets over the Texas prairies.



What do you like to read?

I love to read poetry of all kinds, Victorian novels, literary classics, and young adult literature. My two favorite authors are Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens.

What do you think about Pluto's demotion?

It makes me very sad. Especially when I realized that the Dr. Seuss book "There's No Place like Space" had been revised to exclude the page about Pluto.

Christy Allen

Phone: x2258

E-mail address:

christy.allen@furman.edu;

Office: Library 102B,
behind the Circulation Desk

Susan Yeargin

Cataloging Assistant



Susan in 1986

Susan Yeargin, Cataloging Assistant, retired from the Furman Library after working here for 26 years.

Susan has been at Furman from the time when physical card catalogs provided the only access to our collection. She was integral to the switch from the Dewey Decimal System to the Library of Congress cataloging system in 1994. Susan was also heavily involved in the various instances of sections becoming separate collections (such as Government Documents), and collections moving to branch libraries (such as the Maxwell Music Library, and the Science Reading Room's move to a full science library.) In more recent years, Susan had worked on major cataloging projects for Special Collections and Archives, including 44 reels of Baptist microfilm, which amounted to 791 records.

Susan is known in the library for her stories. Her retirement party in December included her family and some library employees, present and past. Susan plans to continue living in Greenville with her husband Rick, because the kids are here. She will spend her time going to car shows, playing with the granddaughters, and furthering an interest in genealogy.



Susan in 2012

Furman Libraries Faculty & Staff

Library Hours x2190

Administration x2191

Janis M. Bandelin, Director x2191
Christy Allen, Asst. Director x2258
Jenny Colvin, Asst. Director x3797
Caroline Mills, Asst. Director x2263
Ann W. Bryant, Dept Asst. x2191

Special Collections & Archives x2194

Debbielee Landi, Library Faculty x2714
Julia Cowart, Library Asst. x2194
Celeste Brewer, Intern x2194

Collection Services

Caroline Mills, Asst. Director x2263
Janet Nazar, Content Mgmt. Coord. x3507
Linda Schinck, Content Mgmt. Asst. x2193
Deborah Harper, Content Mgmt. Asst. x2380
Ed Babinski, Content Mgmt. Asst. x2196
Jimmy Quinn, Access Services Coord. x2264
Robyn Andrews, Access Services Asst. x2264
Elaina Griffith, Access Services Asst. x2198
Tom Neal, Access Services Asst. x2264

Discovery Services

Christy Allen, Asst. Director x2258
Rick Jones, Digicenter Specialist x3505
Scott Salzman, Library Faculty x3204
Ryan Lazar, Systems x2316
Nancy Sloan, Library Faculty x2197

Outreach Services

Jenny Colvin, Asst. Director x3797
Laura Baines, Outreach Asst. x3203
Laura Baker, Library Faculty x2277
Mary Fairbairn, Library Faculty x3226
Cris Ferguson, Library Faculty x2713
Steve Richardson, Library Faculty x3227
Andrea Wright, Library Faculty x2342
Libby Young, Library Faculty x2260

Music Library x3795

Jenny Colvin, Library Faculty x3797

Science Library x2455

Andrea Wright, Library Faculty x2342



Dogs in the Library

Who knew that stroking a curly Labradoodle, cuddling a demure Dachshund or hugging a sturdy Bernese Mountain Dog in a tutu could feel so good? Apparently, lot of folks! There was a standing room only crowd on the library porch on study day as students emptied the Duke library to take a break and play with some four-legged visitors.

The library, Residence Life Council and Upstate Therapy Dogs hosted a variety of different breeds and their humans, much to the delight of Furman students preparing for

finals. Snacks were on hand including coffee, hot chocolate, fresh fruit, chips & cookies. Many returned for a second dose of doggie therapy on the afternoon of December 9th.

Our special stress-relieving guests included Zoe, Riley, and Bess the labradoodles; Jethro the Greyhound; Ginger the cockapoo; Widget the Whippet; Dante, the Italian Greyhound; Daisy, the bulldog; Lana and Meme the Chihuahuas; Molly the Lab; Parker the English Springer, Spaniel; Chase the 3

legged mix; Skeeter and Oliver a mini labradoodle and a beagle; Comet, a Border collie; Ginger the dachshund, and a Bernese Mountain dog so popular with students we didn't get a chance to ask his name.

If the aaaaaws & ooooohs were any indication, the dogs accomplished their mission -- unconditional love to beat back even the highest stress levels! Hopefully, there was enough love to go around to get students through finals and back home to their own furry family members.

Traveling Librarian

The 2012 Fall semester brought me the opportunity of extending research assistance off campus with three classes that took to the road for field trips. Two classes were FYWs and the other an upper level History class.

-Steve Richardson, Outreach Librarian

September 16 -18, 2012.

I made a three-day whirlwind trip with Dr. Lloyd Benson's FYW, *The Battle: Autumn 1862*, the goal of which was to reach the Antietam(Sharpsburg) Battlefield on the 150th anniversary of the battle of Antietam which took place Sept. 17, 1862. Thanks to a thoroughly planned itinerary there was much more than the battle commemoration to take in. We wound our way through Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and made our first stop in Lexington, VA at the cemetery site and grave monument of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. After a brief lesson and discussion there we continued to the northern end of the valley crossing into Maryland and arrived at the battlefield about 7PM, just in time to hear historian, James McPherson, author of [Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam](#), present this theme in a well-attended lecture.

We revisited the battlefield during the next day for the commemoration ceremonies along with making a visit to the Antietam cemetery. In the afternoon we drove twelve miles down the road to walk through the landscape of John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry. The next day we traveled to Anacostia, D.C. for an appointed tour of the home of Frederick Douglass, where we also took in a lecture/movie. On our way south we added another critical piece to the history of the fall of 1862 by arranging an information-rich lecture tour and movie at the Fredericksburg Battlefield near downtown Fredericksburg, VA.



October 1, 2012

I met with Dr. Bill Ranson's FYW, *To Walk the Land* and conducted a local lecture tour through Greenville's mill communities from Union Bleachery on the northside, around the beltline to Mills Mill on the south. We then took the tour south of Greenville to Conestee and Conestee Lake, where the mill dam and parts of the original 1840s cotton mill still stand. After making our way back to Greenville's West End the tour continued along the Reedy River through remnants of Vardry McBee's earliest mill constructions as well as several buildings that remain from Greenville's initial industrial development.



November 2-4, 2012

I reconnected with Dr. Steve O'Neill's HST 237 class, *South Carolina History* for a trip to the lower Santee River region, the heart of South Carolina's early rice culture. We moved among former plantations and were ably directed through museum and road tours by local historians in and around McLellanville, SC. A lecture on the French Huguenot influences in early South Carolina followed on the second night. A Sunday morning ride into Charleston, SC secured the group a timely launch for a tour of Charleston Harbor and reinforcing class discussions of Forts Sumter, Johnson, Moultrie, and Castle Pinckney. As we headed toward our connection with the corridor to the upstate we made our last stop at Magnolia Cemetery among the tombs and sepulchers of many notable South Carolinians. There we conducted discussions on the lives of several represented there.

Behind the Red Wall: News from Special Collections & Archives

Richard Sawyer Historic Greenville Collection



[The Poinsett Hotel, 1935](#)

A [Tumblr of 150 digitized postcards](#) from the Richard Sawyer Historic Greenville Collection was recently completed by History 465 intern Drew Bongiovanni. The postcards, dating from 1894 onward, depict scenes from Greenville and the surrounding area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Samuel McBride Pringle Collection of Civil War Letters

Complete transcriptions of the Samuel McBride Pringle Collection of Civil War letters are [now available](#), thanks to History 465 intern Mary Elizabeth Morse. Samuel Pringle attended Furman University from 1859 to 1861, at which time he left to join the Confederate Army.

Virtual Tour

A virtual tour of campus is under construction by student worker Hannah Stroup, featuring the location of stained glass windows around campus that were originally in Judson Alumni Hall on the downtown campus. The [tour is available through Prezi](#).

Palmer-Norris Collection

Special Collections has recently added the most complete collection of Vietnam War veterans' oral history recordings available in the Upstate. The Palmer-Norris Collection contains over 300 VHS recordings that were rescued from the garbage by Ron Norris of the Greenville Veterans' Center.

Furman Portrait

An original oil portrait of the university's namesake, Richard Furman, was also recently added to our collection at the bequest of his late great-great granddaughter Thea Furman, who passed away July 6, 2012. The portrait is currently undergoing restoration.

[F.U. All the Time!](#)

Furman University Memorabilia,
1826-2013

Exhibition Dates:

February 1 - May 6, 2013



Work smarter, not harder.

These hands-on workshops will highlight services and products to save you time and energy. We can show you how to take your research to the next level! Handouts and resources are also [available online](#).

Bring your questions.

Get answers - and snacks!

[Maximizing theSEARCH](#)

Confused by theSEARCH box on the [library's homepage](#)? Not sure how to get quality results from the resource? Come learn more about what makes up theSEARCH, its strengths and weaknesses, and how to maximize your results.

February 21, 2013, 2:30-3:20 pm, Library 041

[Search Alerts](#)

Do you find yourself running the same search in the same database? Has the digital revolution made your awareness of your field a lot of work? Let search alerts do the work for you.

March 21, 2013, 2:30-3:20 pm, Library 041

[Finding Film and Media](#)

Enrich your course content with multimedia available from the Furman University Libraries. We will show you how to locate and incorporate music, films, streaming video, and images from a variety of sources.

April 4, 2013, 2:30-3:20 pm, Library 041

[Citation Creation & Management Tools](#)

Big projects often involve lots of research and complex bibliographies. Citation management tools and bibliography generators can help you organize the literature, share information with collaborators, and quickly create bibliographies.

April 18, 2013, 2:30-3:20 pm, Library 041



Featured Database: Mango Languages

Are you looking for an interactive way to study a new language, or to brush up on a language you have lost? Mango uses common, everyday conversation as the basis of each lesson, so users will be able to start using and appreciating what they learn right away. Its comprehensive methodology includes all four key-language components (vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture) and integrates strategically placed memory building and critical-thinking exercises to help users remember and adapt what they learn. With interactive tools and a rich visual interface, Mango makes the learning process fun and exciting.

Languages range from Icelandic to Farsi, Ancient Greek to Tagalog, including every language taught at Furman.

To start learning:

- Go to Mango Languages on the [All Databases](#) page.
- Create a login and password.
- Select a language and level of instruction.
- Once you have an account, you may also download the mobile app and use it on the go.

Learn more about new databases, trials, and library news on our [Furman Library News Blog!](#)

Launchpad

This recurring feature will tell the story of Furman students who have gone on to work in libraries, archives, or museums.



Joanna Bixler, an '08 Furman grad found the work-study job she held for four years at Furman had a greater influence in her career than her double major in Political Science

and Communications. Joanna spent her Furman years working as a circulation assistant in the James B. Duke Library. During this time, her sights were set on going to law school and a career as a lawyer. Good grades and a high LSAT score got her entrée to law school at the University of South Carolina. Graduating a semester early, she found her library experience helped her find a temporary job at Richland County Public Library in Columbia before law school began.

After starting law school that fall semester, Joanna remembers, "I HATED it!" She felt she had been pushed in that direction but realized that law was not something she wanted to make her career. After working so hard to get there, quitting was a difficult decision. Ironically, it was the law librarian at USC who encouraged her to leave law school; Legal Research had been the only class she liked. She kept working at RCPL as a part time temp. When a library assistant position opened up in the children's room, Joanna was encouraged to apply and she began full time at RCPL.

Joanna decided to make librarianship her career, and began working that summer on her Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of

South Carolina. She graduated from library school the same month she would have finished law school. Although the pay is not as lucrative as what most lawyers make, Joanna is happy with the trade-off she finds in her job. After she works her 40 hour week, she still has energy to give back to her community. She loves her career but does not feel her job has taken over her life.

She has recently become the Children's and Young Adult Manager of a Richland County branch. While still having the support and camaraderie of colleagues, she gets to make decisions and manage her own collection. Joanna said during lulls at the Circulation Desk she would steal down to our Juvenile collection and read Young Adult (YA) novels; now she gets to select them for her own library users. The road to finding your career can be circuitous and Joanna's brought her full circle to her what she had enjoyed in college!

Ethel Carlisle Southern Librarian Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a Furman rising or graduating senior who anticipates becoming a Librarian or a Furman graduate who has been accepted into an American Library Association accredited graduate program. The award is typically in the range of \$2000-\$3000, depending on number of successful applicants for the year. Renewable once, but preference is given to new recipients.

[Applications](#) will be accepted until March 30, 2012. The scholarship winner will be notified by April 24th. Complete your [application](#) and return to: Ethel Carlisle Southern Librarian Scholarship Committee James B. Duke Library Furman University Greenville, SC Questions? Call Laura Baker at 864-294-2277.

Mystery Photo

Where in the library is this mysterious feature that looks like the underneath of a spaceship?

If you know the spot pictured, enter your name and guess at our [online newsletter archive](#). Winners will be mentioned in future issues.

Last month's mystery photo was not correctly identified, although one professor suggested it was the "inside of John Malkovich's brain." You can view that mysterious spot if you walk up to the 2nd floor using the stairs.



Attributions

All images were captured by library faculty and staff members, except the following exceptions:

Dogs in the Library

The photo in the upper right-hand corner was provided by Tierney Breedlove, a student assistant.

Sanders Science Library Dedication

Both photographs provided by Campus Photographer Jeremy Fleming.

"Leaving behind the babble of the plaza, I enter the library. I feel... the gravitation of the books, the enveloping serenity of order, time magically desiccated and preserved."
- Jorge Luis Borges

Contributors

Christy Allen
 Laura Baines
 Laura Baker
 Janis Bandelin
 Celeste Brewer
 Jenny Colvin
 Steve Richardson
 Andrea Wright
 Libby Young

Newsletter Feedback

Jenny Colvin, Editor
jenny.colvin@furman.edu
 x3797

Newsletter Archive

<http://libguides.furman.edu/newsletter>