

FURMAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



A MESSAGE FROM JANIS BANDELIN, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES



The Furman University Libraries—the Sanders Science Library, the Robert J. Maxwell Media Center and Music Library, and the James B. Duke Library—continue to be essential to a liberal arts education.

The Library as a place continues to thrive. According to a recent survey, three of the top five services most heavily used by our students

encompass the physical library. These include quiet work space, group study rooms, and study carrels.

The tsunami of information, the continued proliferation of mobile devices, and the ever-increasing use of social media have transformed library services. We are continually challenged to balance the resources of the present, while preserving the past and preparing for the future.

With the proliferation of technology, digital resources, and the ubiquity of smart devices, it is more important than ever for the Library to provide “high touch.” The Library staff and faculty are committed to building relationships with our students, as we assist them in reaching their academic and personal goals. We engage them with intriguing displays, exciting events, creative programs, and innovative services. We enlighten them with our dazzling array of information resources, one-on-one consultations, and class presentations. We empower them to become independent thinkers, global citizens, and lifelong learners.

We invite you to read about and join us in celebrating this past year’s activities and accomplishments.

For more detailed information, you may read each division’s annual report at: libguides.furman.edu/library/annual-reports

2013–14 visitor
gate count

479,461

(11% increase over 2012–13)

Average weekly
gate count

13,147

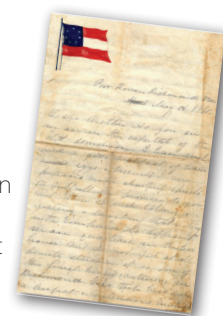
(when classes are in session)

FURMAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES STRATEGIC PLAN 2013–15

The Furman University Libraries strive to engage, enlighten, and empower our users by providing outstanding resources, services, personnel, and facilities that are essential to teaching, research, and scholarship. For the past year, this vision has been our inspiration and has guided us as we made progress on the plan’s strategic directions. Some selected highlights of our progress are described below. For the entire plan, go to: libguides.furman.edu/library/about

Improve the discovery of Library resources, tools, and services

- Redesigned our website homepage
- Digitized the *Furman Magazine*, student newspapers, Civil War letters, and the sermons of Richard and James C. Furman
- Taught “WorkSmart” workshops to assist faculty with teaching and research



Reference questions
answered (in person and virtually)

3,264

Classes and
workshops taught

291

Number of persons in attendance **2,806**



13 Librarians

14 Staff

70 Student Assistants

Pursue new partnerships and strengthen existing collaborations

- Hosted a program in collaboration with the English Department titled "Heaven and Earth: A National Poetry Month Celebration."
- Co-hosted workshops with the Center for Teaching and Learning to integrate Library resources in course design.
- Contributed Special Collections materials to the Upcountry History Museum—Furman University, for two exhibitions.

Establish a culture of data-driven decision making

The MISO Survey, a web-based quantitative survey designed to measure how faculty, students, and staff view the Library, was administered during the spring semester. Survey results are being used to improve resources, services, and facilities as well as assisting us in setting strategic goals for the future.

Redesign Library Space

- Transformed the Library presentation room into a dynamic teaching space.
- Collaborated with Academic Assistance and the Center for Teaching and Learning to identify appropriate space for a possible relocation and expansion.

Cultivate a community of passionate learners and scholars

- Hosted the exhibition "A Coach for Life: The Lyles Alley Collection," including a program and reception.
- Hosted a Cultural Life Program titled "Values of the Game," presented by Bill Pierce, Ed.D., professor and chair of the Health Sciences Department.



ETHEL CARLISLE SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP

The Ethel Carlisle Southern '27 Scholarship was established in 1985 by her husband, J. Albert Southern '27, and their children, Tom and Janet Southern '62 Huskey and John L. Southern, in recognition of her service as a librarian at Greenville Woman's College.

The scholarship is given annually to a senior or a Furman graduate who has been accepted into, or is enrolled in, an American Library Association accredited graduate program.

For information about the Southern Scholarship and a list of recipients, go to:

libguides.furman.edu/southernscholarship



**MARYJO DONZELLA,
CLASS OF 2014**

"I appreciate the importance of archival work and want to be a part of the new generation of librarians to defend its relevance in this technological age."

MaryJo is working on a Master's in Library Science at Simmons College, Boston, with a concentration in archives and preservation studies.

Other scholarship recipients for 2014 are Allison Britt Diaz '99 and Elizabeth Heck '11.

STAYING CONNECTED

Furman Libraries believes that we must stay connected to our students, faculty, and staff in order to provide inspiring, innovative, and indispensable services and resources.

FULCRUM—THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER libguides.furman.edu/newsletter

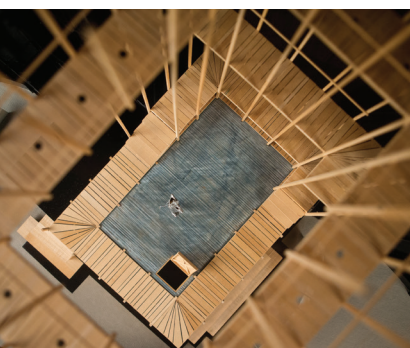
Distributed two times a year, this e-newsletter includes interactive news and links to services. The name of the newsletter reflects the essential role the Library plays in the intellectual life of the University—a fulcrum for exploration, discovery, and scholarship. Email Library.Friends@furman.edu to subscribe.

WEBSITE library.furman.edu

Our website remains the main point of contact for our users. This past year, we had over 655,000 website views, almost 35,000 of those from mobile or tablet.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Furman Libraries stays active on social media, operating 19 accounts across various platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest. Visit libguides.furman.edu/socialnetworking to connect with us through social media.



THE PETER WEXLER DIGITAL MUSEUM AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY

"The Peter Wexler Digital

Museum at Furman University" is a unique digitization project chronicling the life's work of New York theatre designer, painter, sculptor, and photographer, Peter Wexler. The Library's Digital Collections Center has digitized over 7,000 artifacts and has gained national attention for the size, scope, and distinctiveness of the project. The project was funded by a donation from former Furman University trustee Todd Ruppert and his wife, Karen.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAMES B. DUKE LIBRARY RENOVATION & EXPANSION

On October 28th, 2004, several hundred students, staff, faculty, alumni, and Furman friends gathered in the Blackwell Atrium of the Duke Library to celebrate its transformation into a beautiful facility with learning spaces that inspire and encourage contemplation, collaboration, and discovery.

Thanks to everyone who supported this project, especially the Duke Endowment and the Furman alumni, friends, and foundations listed below who provided leadership gifts to name commemorative spaces.

CECILIA WATSON '62 AND GORDON BLACKWELL '60*
BOOTH FERRIS FOUNDATION
CHARLES A. DANA FOUNDATION
ANNE AND JEFF DONAHUE
THE DUKE ENDOWMENT
CAROLYN EWEL
JIM EWEL '79
MARY SIMMS OLIPHANT '39* AND ALESTER GARDEN FURMAN III*
PEGGY CATER '50 * AND JAMES HAMRICK '50 *
JAMES HAMRICK '81 *
MARY HAMRICK '75
JESSIE* AND WILLIAM HAWKINS*
MARION AND RALPH HENDRICKS
SARAH WEAVER '66 AND GORDON HERRING '65
MARGARET PLATT '83 AND ROBERT HILL '83
PEGGY ELLISON '67 AND ED GOOD '67
JONATHAN GOOD '97
MATTHEW GOOD '96
PAUL GOOD '93
LOLA* AND JOSEPH MARSHALL '26*
KELLY DRIVER '84 AND TREY MASSEY III '83
BARBARA MATHEWS
CAROL NICHOLS '67 AND JIM NEY '64
CELESTE HUNT '77 AND CHARLES PATRICK '76
MARSHALL E. RINKER, SR., FOUNDATION
LEIGHAN AND DAVID RINKER FAMILY
SHELLY BROWN '83 AND STEVE SMITH '83
BETTY STALL
MARY STERLING
JUDY DETYENS '70* AND LOY STEWART '69
F.W. SYMMES FOUNDATION
RACHEL* AND JAMES TOWLER '38*

*deceased

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