



*Biennial Report of the*  
**FURMAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**  
*2015-2016 & 2016-2017*

I am pleased to share this biennial report which provides highlights of the Furman Libraries' accomplishments and activities during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

This report is also an opportunity to publicly thank our donors. In the back of this report, you will find the names of donors who have generously supported the libraries. Although the list is not exhaustive, it does include monetary gifts and notable gifts-in-kind.

The report also provides an occasion for me to share some personal news. After 22 terrific years at Furman, in December of 2018, I will retire.

I am so grateful to have had the privilege of working at Furman and leading our libraries into the 21st century. When I came to Furman in 1996, the James B. Duke Library was the Furman Library. Since then, we have become the Furman University Libraries. The Robert J. Maxwell Music Library was constructed in 1998 and the Sanders Science Library in 2006. The staff has grown from 17 to 26.

As I look back on the milestones during my tenure, I am most proud of the James B. Duke Library building renovation and expansion, the addition of the Music library and Science library facilities, the creation of the Digital Collections Center, the launching of the Faculty Scholarship Reception (now an annual event), and the establishment of The Library Café. None could have been achieved without the help of my library colleagues, encouragement from faculty, support from university administration, and the generosity of donors.

**~ Janis M. Bandelin, Director of Libraries**

# LIBRARY STATS

2016-2017

2015-2016



Number of visitors through our doors

457,617

464,697



Patrons requesting reference assistance

5,004

5,488



Workshops and classes taught

218

245



Available media for streaming

17,408

117,876



Accessible electronic journals

225,541

687,116



Online articles accessed

167,306

366,945

*What do our students think about the Library?*

The Library Student Advisory Group (LSAG) provides a venue for answering that question. These students meet twice a semester with the Library Leadership Council (the assistant directors and the director). LSAG members are encouraged to bring their library-related needs and concerns, as well as ideas for new programs and services.

Student suggestions have included longer hours on Sundays, a café, more outlets at study tables to charge their devices and quieter study areas. The Libraries have addressed each one!



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The Furman University Libraries offered a variety of Open Access opportunities to the Furman community:



- ◆ The Furman University Libraries Open Access Fund facilitated more choice in publishing venue by helping to offset the cost of Article Processing Charges for Furman authors. It allowed authors to consider a broader audience, retain more of their rights, and realize the benefits of Open Access without sacrificing funds that might otherwise go towards research, travel, or student support. In 2016-2017, the Fund supported four articles by three faculty authors and five student co-authors.
- ◆ Also in 2016-2017, the FUL participated in an Open Education Resource (OER) Review pilot, in collaboration with The Duke Endowment Libraries. Librarians assisted 10 faculty in identifying and evaluating no-cost textbooks and course modules. Several participants even incorporated OER into their classes.
- ◆ The FUL-administered Furman University Scholar Exchange (FUSE) is an institutional repository of scholarly and creative works produced by Furman students, faculty, and staff. For this reporting period, 22 large scale projects—ranging from conference sites to university events and class projects to grant products—were added to FUSE.

The Furman University Libraries also supported the Directory of Open Access Journals, Lever Press and Knowledge Unlatched.



# THE NINETY-SIX PRESS

The Ninety-Six Press, established in 1991 by Drs. Gilbert Allen and William Rogers, Professors Emeriti, officially became a part of Special Collections on July 6, 2015, after the retirement of Gilbert Allen. The press has published twenty-two books of poetry by South Carolina authors including South Carolina Poets Laureate Bennie Lee Sinclair ('61) and Marjory Heath.

Ninety-Six Press publications are included in our South Carolina Poetry Archives, a unique collection that highlights 20th and 21st century poets connected to South Carolina by birth, employment, residence, or subject matter. The collection contains published works, manuscripts, and ephemeral materials from over one hundred authors.



# INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



In early 2017, the Libraries became aware of the need for books at the Dzaleka Community Library located in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. The camp, opened in 2014 and home to more than 30,000 refugees, needed books to help students learn English and science.

Furman library staff regularly remove books from circulation to make room for newer books. The books selected to be removed are often outdated or little used by the Furman community, but may be of value to others. A spreadsheet of culled books from the Furman collection was sent to Nadia Asmal, the camp's project director and overseer of the library. Those books deemed to enhance the collection at the Dzaleka Community Library--40 boxes containing 621 books, were packed and sent there. Donors underwrote the shipping costs.



Malawi



## PERSONAL LIBRARIAN PROGRAM

The Outreach Department promotes our personal research assistance to all first-year students and to newly-declared majors. Librarians offer assistance in any and all elements of research. Below is a list of examples.

- ◆ A librarian paired with their First Year Writing class
- ◆ A personal librarian assigned as soon as a student declares a major
- ◆ Ability to make individual appointments for research consultations
- ◆ Two branch librarians residing in the Maxwell Music Library and Sanders Science Library
- ◆ Librarians, as faculty members, are assigned to new students as academic advisors

While we go to great lengths to make contact with first-year students and those who have declared their majors, we offer every student these services.



## CELEBRATING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

February 2017, over one hundred people gathered in the library atrium, for a reception to recognize and celebrate the scholarly publications and creative works completed by Furman faculty members during 2015 and 2016.

Hosted by the Libraries and the Office of the Provost, attendees enjoyed drinks, hors d'oeuvres and dessert while mingling with faculty, administrators and trustees. There were 150 submissions on display which included books, book chapters, journal articles, recordings, poetry and more. The highlight of the event was the "speed talk" challenge. Five brave faculty members were constrained to share about their research in 4 minutes or less.

The event was warmly received and will become a Furman tradition.





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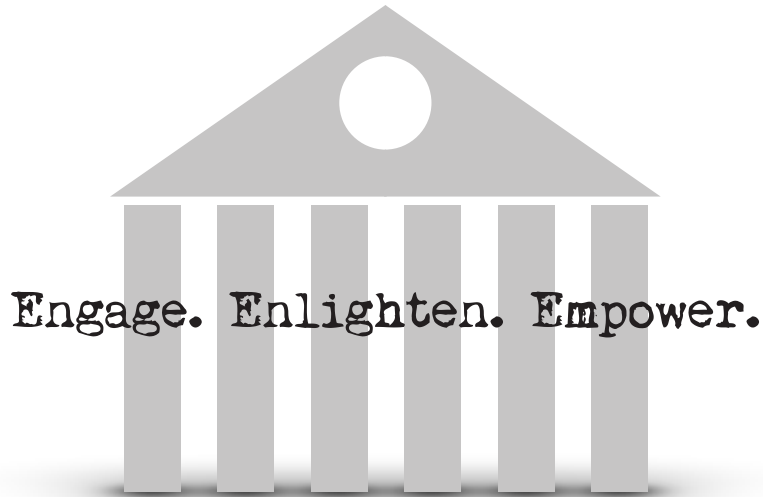
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# FURMAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

## VISION

We are a catalyst for creative exploration and transformative knowledge.



## MISSION

We provide exceptional services, resources, and spaces to anticipate and respond to the evolving curricular needs and strategic directions of the Furman community.



## VALUES

We are an inclusive community. We value diversity of thought and experience among those we serve, within the library faculty and staff, and in our resources.

We provide resources, programs, and spaces. We value connecting individuals, ideas, and areas of study.

We cultivate research, creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking. We value the “eureka moment” in which information transforms into knowledge.

We are dedicated to service. We value using our expertise to provide responsive, innovative, timely, and individualized service.

We build meaningful relationships. We value the authentic relationships we have with each other, with members of the Furman community, and beyond.

We foster a culture of encouragement, enrichment, creativity, and fun!