Pat Scales Special Collections

Dedication Ceremony October 12th

The Pat Scales Special Collections Room on the top floor of the library is named after Pat Scales, who has generously donated thousands of children’s and young adult books to Carmichael Library. Pat Scales is an alumna of Alabama College (class of 1966) and is highly recognized for her contribution to children’s literature and for her advocacy for intellectual freedom in libraries.

The Pat Scales Special Collections Room houses about 3,000 books including signed, first edition Caldecott and Newbery award-winning books. Currently, a number of unique books and related plushies representing children’s book characters are on display. The collection also houses a number of unique pop-up books and banned books.

An authority on children’s intellectual freedom and censorship, Ms. Scales has written a number of books including Teaching Banned Books: Twelve Guides for Young Readers, Books Under Fire: A Hit List of Banned and Challenged Children’s Books and her latest book available this fall, Encourage Reading from the Start: Essays, Articles, and Interviews from the Field.

The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Pat Scales Special Collections Room will take place on October 12th at 2 P.M. Pat Scales, members of the University community, and also members of Alabama’s library community will be present. This event is open to the public.

EBSCO Discovery Service

The Library has a new Discovery System: EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) - this means the central search box in the middle of our home page has new and different search capabilities. The system searches across the Library’s print and electronic collections (books, articles, DVDs, and more). To view a video on the new discovery system, go to support.ebsco.com/training/flash_videos/eds/eds.html. If you miss searching in WorldCat Local, our previous system, you can still get to it through the WorldCat button below the search box on Carmichael Library’s home page.
The academic year has begun with a flurry of excitement. We’re happy to see Carmichael Library filled with students doing research, working on group projects, studying, engaged in tutoring activities, and participating in library instruction sessions.

The library staff was hard at work over the summer, and returning students have come back to find a brand new library website and a new Discovery system for finding books, articles, and other materials. We also have some new faces in the library this fall: in addition to our two new librarians, we have a new Evening Supervisor, and several new student library workers have come on board, including a new graduate assistant in the Digital Media Lab.

At the same time, much has remained the same. Every library is a unique mixture of the old and the new, and ours is no exception. The “Inspiration” sculpture from 1904 stands across the room from the Digital Media Lab, where students explore Virtual Reality environments and make 3D prints. Visitors to Milner Archives can examine an original 1835 Land Grant to Edmund King (of Montevallo’s King House) one moment, and immerse themselves in digitized newspapers and yearbooks the next. Our robust print collection is complemented by a healthy collection of online books and databases.

Carmichael Library remains committed to providing UM students, faculty, and staff with the resources, services, and spaces they need to connect with information and to enhance their knowledge and creativity. In order to fulfill this mission, we will continue to grow and evolve. One of the wonderful benefits of working on a university campus – which not everyone realizes – is that the faculty and staff learn as much from our students as they do from us. May 2017-18 be a year of exploration, learning, and discovery for us all!

Dr. Charlotte Ford

New Sound Lab

The Digital Media lab adds a sound lab

The Sound Lab is a space that provides a variety of equipment that allows students to produce, record, and edit audio and video. This lab allows students to create dynamic and interesting content inside the confines of a library setting.

This space is available to students and faculty in all disciplines. Due to the nature of sound lab projects, users are encouraged to make appointments. Please contact the Digital Media Coordinator, Michael Price at mprice3@montevallo.edu

Did You Know

Smart Market, a self-checkout retail spot, is coming to the library's ground floor. Students will be able to purchase items from the vending machines with cash, credit cards, or Falcon Flex $. The area will include 9 vending machines housing everything from Scrantons to fresh Starbucks coffee and other yummy treats. Pop by during Spring 2018 to see it!
This past Spring, Carmichael Library helped host “Comic of Alabama”, an exhibit of comics by Alabama natives. The event included a roundtable discussion with authors Chris Fason, Chris Garrison, Susan Knowles, Tim Rocks, and Beverly Toole led by Dr. Beringer. Guests were able to meet local comic book authors, view the exhibit created by Dr. Alex Beringer’s “Introduction to Comics and Graphic Narratives” class, enjoy refreshments, and play the virtual reality game, “Walking through the Comics.” This was the 5th annual “Language of Comics” exhibit.

Library Events & Updates

Want to suggest a library purchase for our collection?
http://libguides.montevallo.edu/techservices/purchaseform
Cate Guenther  
Technology Integration and Web Services Librarian

Cate Guenther is the new Technology Integration and Web Services Librarian. She enjoys working with all things tech-related and is an avid gamer. Cate recently moved from North Carolina, after working at East Carolina University, to join the University of Montevallo Carmichael Library family. She is married with three cats and has a baby due in November. Cate’s office is located on the main floor and she is happy to help with questions about any of the Library’s electronic resources.

Anna Mary Williford  
Reference and Instruction Librarian

Anna Mary Williford is the newest Reference and Instruction Librarian. Anna Mary is from Pennsylvania, but her husband grew up in Alabama and was homesick for warmer weather and good southern food. She is very happy that her job search landed her here at the University of Montevallo! When she’s not on campus, Anna Mary keeps busy chasing after her three year old twins, Theresa and John, and spends weekends getting to know the Birmingham area with her husband Scott, who owns the Blue Chair Barbershop in Alabaster. They are starting to feel settled into their new home in Alabama but are always interested in recommendations for a new restaurant to try or place to explore!

Natasha Hanna O’Dell  
Evening Supervisor

Natasha Hanna O’Dell has worked in the library community for 30 years, most recently 16 years as an elementary school librarian. Her BA is from U.C. Berkeley in History of Art. She has a Masters of Library and Information Studies from U of Alabama and is currently working towards her MEd in Counselor Education in Clinical Mental Health at UM. She is an identical triplet, married with three step-daughters and a three year old English Sheepdog named Hobo. She loves the University and enjoys working with such a diverse population of patrons. She is still learning about her new role. The creative ways the library caters to the needs of its population through all of its services impresses her every day.
Archives Spotlight

Thanks to the generosity of alumnus Clay Nordan (M.A. ’76), Milner Archives and Special Collections has spent the past few years digitizing, uploading, and curating a collection of town, county, and area newspapers. This ongoing project, titled W.M. “Mack” Wyatt Digital Archive, is named for Nordan’s grandfather, a prominent newspaper proprietor and former Montevallo mayor. The archive started as a way to honor and promote Wyatt’s work and to provide a resource for local history research. Many of the papers in the collection were printed by Wyatt, with the help of his wife and brother, such as the Montevallo Times (1935-1954) and the Union-Banner (Clanton, 1912-1975). Once digitized, Milner Archives hopes to add some of Mack’s other papers, like the DeKalb Republican (1923-1925), Calera Herald (1951-1954), and Shelby County Times-Herald (1954-1959).

The Wyatt Collection also contains digitized copies of our oldest newspaper holdings. The Montevallo News, Chronicle, Shelby Sentinel, Calera Journal, and Peoples’ Advocate provide great stories, local gossip, and advertisements from the late 1800s to the 1920s.

To view the W.M. “Mack” Wyatt Digital Archive or any of our other digitized content, please visit: http://libguides.montevallo.edu and click on the “Archives” tab.

In Plain Sight:

Have you noticed the statue near the entrance on the main floor? Let us formally introduce you to “Inspiration”. Inspiration has been a part of the library since 1904. Inspiration is actually L’inspiration and is a French statue. It was bought with $40 in prize money by Lillie Fair Smith for an essay titled “Could America Have Won the Revolutionary War without the Help of France?”

“My father once told me… Son, the more time you spend in the library will determine the kind of education you have. “

- Donly Ray

The Library has been strengthened throughout the years by gifts from generous alumni and friends. Their contributions have helped build the Library into the extraordinary resource it is today.

Rev. Donly Ray, Class of 1965 is a loyal patron whose regular yearly donation expresses his personal belief about the value of the library. Donly believes the library is the “brains of the University”. Although the library has changed drastically since he was a freshman in 1961, Donly still enjoys coming back to the library on a daily basis.

Meet a Donor: Donly Ray
Fall 2017 Calendar Events

**Oct 12:** Pat Scales Special Collections Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Oct 23:** Bache Visiting Writers Series – Karen Bende

**Oct 27:** Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Presentations – Dr. Vaccarella’s Spanish Class

**Nov 6:** Poetry @ UM guest: Bob Collins

**Dec 4th– 8th:** Library Finals Week Activities & Cereal Nights

*(Check closer to this week for details)*

New Books & DVDs

The Library is always adding new Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, DVDs, Musical Scores, CDs, etc. to the collection. Check out our New arrivals display on the Main Floor of the Library!

Here are just a few examples of new items available for checkout:

**DVDs**

- *Jacques Demy*
- *Moonlight*
- *Girlfriend*
- *Train*

**Books**

- *Just Mercy*
- *Chuck Norris Facts*
- *Oncle Vautrin*
- *Norse Mythology*
- *You Can’t Touch My Hair*