When the Alabama Girls’ Industrial School opened in 1896, one of the many needs the new institution had was a library. Less than a year later, Mrs. James L. McConaughy led members of the Montevallo Studiosis Club to solicit donations of books to stock a library. They also appealed to the Alabama Federation of Women’s Clubs to loan AGIS small book collections for student use. Captain Henry Clay Reynolds, president, followed suit by asking congressmen and other high ranking friends for donations. By 1902, a 1500-volume collection existed in a “commodious” space in Main Hall. After several more monetary and book donations, the addition of a library fee imposed upon all students, and the introduction of new courses in “Library Management,” Alabama College unveiled a new library building in 1923. Among the amenities, this library boasted an 8,000 volume collection and a 90’ by 40’ reading room surrounded with Palladian windows. Over the next 45 years, the library collection grew to nearly 90,000 books and over 650 magazine and newspaper subscriptions and had to be moved to a new facility. In 1968, the old building, now known as Wills Hall, gave way to Carmichael Library, which featured plenty of room for future growth. Over the past 50 years, the library has not only grown, but it has evolved to meet student demands. Carmichael Library now houses about 200,000 books, subscription materials, and other items. It also features Milner Archives, the Pat Scales Special Collections Room, the Learning Enrichment Center, a self-serve café, and the Digital Media Lab. (continued on page 5...)

“The library is a place of connection for me,” states Professor Emeritus of English, Kathy King. Right from the start, in the early days of her teaching career at UM, Dr. King would bring her students to the library to show them what a cool place the library was and to endorse its use. She wasn’t using the library as much for research as she was using it as a place to connect with her students and their intellectual interests.

Dr. King was in graduate school at Emory University when she first began to see the library as a home, a “place where the life of the mind would intersect with social life... The life of the mind can be kind of lonely.”

Now Dr. King comes to the library to help overcome some of the resistance of starting a new project or when she reaches a difficult place. She’ll spread out her writing on a table. “Being here, with people around me, like-minded people, their very presence provides me with support.”
In this issue of Books & Bricks, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Carmichael Library! When the library building was completed in 1968, students helped move the books across campus from Wills Hall (the former library) to Carmichael Hall. Although the library has stayed in the same building for 50 years, we’ve evolved quite a bit since then to respond to changing student and faculty needs. Among the recent changes:

- The ground floor was completely renovated in 2011 and has been further updated since then, to provide spaces for group work, peer tutoring, information technology support, a mobile classroom, a computer lab, and most recently, a “smart market.”

- The J.A. Brown Room, a popular spot for book and poetry readings, lectures, and informal study, was built on the main floor in 2012.

- The Digital Media Lab, which supports digital projects across the curriculum, expanded greatly in 2016 to include a Mac Lab, 3D Print Lab, and Sound Lab.

- The Pat Scales Special Collections Room, housing a special collection of children’s and young adult materials, was dedicated in 2017.

- And our latest project, thanks to our generous donors, is the addition of two new study rooms on the 2nd floor. Each of the rooms will provide study space for 4 to 6 students.

As we move into spring, we look forward to making great use of library spaces, old and new. Check out the calendar of events on the last page of this newsletter to learn more, or stop by the Library to be a part of it all!

— Charlotte Ford

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**D.M.L. NEWS**

**Samsung 360 Gear Cameras**

The DML is working with Samsung 360 Gear cameras. Creating content in 360 gives the world you’re filming an all-around perspective. The DML has been experimenting with the cameras, and collaborated with a class in the Fall of 2017 recording Montevallo locations for Digital History 411 with John Bawden. The class had an opportunity to learn about using the equipment and producing the footage for sharing on Youtube and social media.

It was a fun and successful class. Of course, there were some new things we discovered about using the cameras and that’s part of the learning process.

The 360 Gear cameras are available for checkout through the DML!

Below are some links to the completed projects:

- King House [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D28HwAdTk3o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D28HwAdTk3o)

- Orr Park [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHUH0PY2D2I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHUH0PY2D2I)

- Just for Fun Here is a time-lapse 360 from the roof of Carmichael Library: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnrZlUlIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnrZlUlIY)

We are proud that the DML was featured in the most recent issue of Montevallo Today! Catch up here: [https://issuu.com/montevallo/docs/winter18mt_lr](https://issuu.com/montevallo/docs/winter18mt_lr)
Carmichael Library hosted a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the University of Montevallo’s new Pat Scales Special Collections Room, during the annual Founders’ Day activities on Oct. 12. The Pat Scales Special Collections Room is named in honor of 1966 alumna Pat Scales, children’s literature expert, librarian and advocate. The room holds a collection of more than 3,000 items donated by Scales. Please feel free to reserve the Pat Scales room for your academic needs.

Database Spotlight

Carmichael Library Database Highlight

Be sure to check out our newest database: African American Newspapers Series 1, 1827-1998!

It chronicles a century and a half of the African American experience, featuring more than 270 newspapers from 35 states, including many rare and historically significant 19th century titles. These U.S. titles published by African Americans constitute valuable primary sources for researchers exploring such diverse disciplines as cultural, literary and social history, ethnic studies, and more. A few highlights include:

Freedom’s Journal (New York, NY)—1st African-American newspaper, 103 issues from 1827 -1829

The Langston City Herald (Langston City, OK) — Paper promoting Langston as a refuge, 56 issues from 1891 to 1893

The Washington Bee (Washington, DC) — a bold and influential newspaper with the motto, “Stings for our enemies, honey for our friends,” 1296 issues from 1882 to 1992
Smart Market, a self-checkout retail spot, is now on the library’s ground floor. Students can purchase items from the vending machines with cash, credit cards, or Falcon Flex $. The area includes 9 vending machines housing everything from Tylenol to fresh Starbucks coffee and other yummy treats. Pop by to see it!

Did You Know

The library has a new chat service! During the fall of 2017, more than 120 people asked us a question via this new interface! Chat with us next time you are on the library homepage!

New Study Rooms! Top Floor Additions...

Construction has just been completed on two new study rooms on the south side of the Library’s top floor. We are putting on some finishing touches before opening them to the public.

We hope they will be ready for use before the end of the spring semester!
Carmichael Library was dedicated at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 1969. The dedication was presided over by President Kermit Johnson and Mr. J. W. Kennerly, and featured two members of the Carmichael family. The library was named for the University of Montevallo’s fourth president, Oliver Cromwell (O.C.) Carmichael. Hired as Dean of the College in 1922, O.C. managed the Million Dollar Campaign, Montevallo’s first fundraising effort. He became President Carmichael in 1926 and oversaw the Olmsted Brother’s landscape and architectural designs. He also navigated the treacherous financial waters of the Great Depression until his resignation in 1935. He left Montevallo to become Dean and eventually Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. Carmichael left Nashville to serve as president of the Carnegie Foundation and later became president of the University of Alabama.

In Plain Sight: Card Catalog

The card catalog was once a fixture in libraries. This library used a card catalog system until 1995. Now you wouldn’t think of thumbing through drawers and drawers of paper cards to find books. Computers make searching for books much faster. But before computers, the card catalog was the only way to locate a specific book. Every book in the library had 1 Title card, 1 Author card for each author and at least 3 Subject cards to let you know what the book was about. Each card was filed in the card catalog drawers.

If a library had 100,000 books, then there would be at least 100,000 Titles cards, at least 100,000 Author cards and probably 300,000 Subject cards all filed in alphabetical order. A student that needed 10 books for a research paper might spend an hour or more searching through the card catalogs for just the right books.

The three card catalog drawers left in the library are the last of the Shelf List cards. The public never saw the Shelf List card catalog. The Shelf List card catalog was kept in the Cataloging Department. Every book had one shelf list card. That shelf list card was the complete record of the book.

It now serves as a historical touchstone in our library.
Spring 2018 Calendar of Events

Mar 7: UM Scholar Presentation - John Bawden, 3:30

Mar 19: BACHE Visiting Writers’ Series - Chris Abani, 3:30

Forte Festival of Creativity Events:
   Apr 19: Pat Scales Lecture Series - Mark Noble man, 2:00-3:30
   Apr 19: Poetry Guest - Charlotte Pence, 5:00-6:30

Apr 29 - May 2: Cereal Nights on Sunday through Wednesday of Finals Week

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**

- LOGAN
- METROPOLIS
- GET OUT
- UMBERTO D.

**Books**

- SING, UNBURIED
- JESMYN WARD
- THE TROUBLE WITH REALITY
- BRASS COWBOY
- SWEAT
- MY FAVORITE THINGS IS MONSTERS
- THE DEATH AND LIFE OF NICE AMERICAN WOMEN
- IRAK D. KANDEL

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Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, DVDs, CDs, etc. Ready to Checkout

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