Annual Montevallo Ghost Walk

Ghost Walk, the annual tour of campus buildings haunted by ghosts, will be on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tours start at 6:00 pm and leave every 10 minutes. The last tour will leave at approximately 8:30 pm.

Ghost Walk is sponsored by Carmichael Library and the staff of the Alabamian. The tour is open to the public at no charge. The tour starts in front of Palmer Hall. Tour guides in period costumes lead participants from Palmer, to Reynolds, to Main Hall, to King House, the King family graveyard and to the final stop in Carmichael Library. Storytellers at each stop on the tour tell the story of the ghost that haunts the building. The cheerful ghost of Trummy, the eerie moving portrait of Captain Reynolds, the spirit of Condi Cunningham, Mr. King’s restless ghost and the tombs of Civil War soldiers are all stops on the Map O ’Doom that directs Ghost Walk participants. The stop at Main Hall includes a view of the Scary Door.

The Scary Door from Main Hall is said to be seared with the image of Condi Cunningham into the wood. The image of Condi in flames appeared 50 years ago on a resident’s door in Main. The door became such a source of fright that it was removed and kept hidden for years and years. The Scary Door is now in the library’s Archives and is only brought out and shown to the public for the Ghost Tour.

The library is also hosting a Fall Festival in conjunction with the Ghost Walk. Join us for face painting, games, a costume contest and more, before or after your tour. The Fall Festival will be held on the Ground Floor of the library. And you won’t want to miss Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow’s Trunk or Treat from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Carmichael Parking Lot!

For more information about haunted locations around campus, visit: carmichaeldigitalprojects.org/archivingmontevallo/exhibits/show/ghosts-at-montevallo

Montevallo’s Ghosts in the News
Zombie Staff Loose in the Stacks

The Scary Door
After a quiet summer, it’s delightful to see the Library filled with students at the start of another academic year! Over the summer, the library staff worked on implementing a new library catalog (Koha) and updating the library master plan. Two mini-grants from the UM Foundation / National Alumni Association funded a new large format scanner for Archives and a new laser cutter for the Digital Media Lab. And we put the finishing touches on two new group study rooms, which are now open for business!

We’re off to a busy start this fall. In September, in addition to offering dozens of instruction sessions in the EBSCO classroom and the Digital Media Lab, the Library was pleased to host a BACHE Visiting Writer, a Banned Books reading by the Secular Student Alliance, and an AAUW Voter Registration event, and to offer workshops for UM faculty and staff on library resources and Digital Media Lab tools. The rest of the semester will be equally exciting – and we especially look forward to the Montevallo Ghost Walk, co-sponsored by the Alabamian and the Library on October 27, the Saturday before Halloween!

If it’s been a while since you’ve been to the Library… come on by! Whether you’re in the market for some tech support from the UM Solution Center, tutoring from the Learning Enrichment Center, research assistance from the library staff, or simply a quiet place to study or read, we’re here for you. We hope to see you soon!

Charlotte Ford, Director

New Glowforge Laser Cutter

The new Glowforge Pro is a table-top device in the DML print lab. The Glowforge laser cutter uses a beam of light no larger than the width of a human hair to cut, engrave and shape designs from a variety of materials. Currently it is still in the testing and development phase in the DML.

Student usage will begin in Spring 2019 with Digital Fabrication and Game Studies design classes.

For more information, contact Mike Price at Mprice3@montevallo.edu.
In Plain Sight: Group Study Rooms!

Montevallo students have enjoyed using the Group Study Room tucked away in the corner of the J.A. Brown Room for many years – but did you know there are two additional group study rooms in the library? They’re in plain sight… if you know where to look!

Two new group study rooms were constructed in the library last spring. Both of the rooms are on the top floor of the library, on the side of the building that overlooks the back parking lot. Each of them has a table and chairs for four students, a whiteboard, and soundproofing panels (since this is the library’s quiet floor!). The Dorothy Wilson Group Study Room honors a talented alumna from the Class of 1942, who was a librarian for many years and has been a wonderful supporter of both Carmichael Library and the University. The room’s décor was inspired by the 1942 Montage yearbook. The Alabama College Class of 1959 Group Study Room, which was funded by an anonymous donor, features fun pictures of Alabama College students in the 1950s. Alabama College was renamed the University of Montevallo in 1969.

So the next time you’re involved in a group project, feel free to stop by the Circulation Desk and check out a key to one of the library’s group study rooms. Ask about checking out a portable outlet as well, to power up your phone, tablet, or laptop while you work. Happy studying!
100 Years of College Night

This academic year marks 100 years since the very first College Night. In 1919, the students of the Alabama Girls’ Technical Institute decided to stage a series of sketches and recitations in the Main Hall dining room. They decided to divide up by class and compete against one another. An instant success, the show format quickly evolved in 1921 to the Gold vs Purple format we have today. By the 1930s, sports competitions became part of the rivalry, with basketball and field hockey being particular favorites. Shortly after moving to Palmer Hall, College Night broadened to include one night of shows for faculty, staff, and townsfolk. Cheerleading, sign raising, and Production Books have been added to the mix over the past few decades to create, enhance and memorialize the experience. It is no wonder that College Night has been recognized on grand stages such as the Library of Congress and Jeopardy!

The 2018 Founders’ Day will kick off a celebration of College Night’s first century, which will last until College Night 2019 in February.

For more information and a schedule of events, please visit:

https://www.montevallo.edu/campus-life/campus-events/college-night/
Some New Faces

Tiffany Pardue

Tiffany Pardue is the new Acquisitions & Serials Coordinator at Carmichael Library. She joined the library team in June of 2018.

Tiffany earned her B.A. in History from the University of Montevallo earlier this year, and is now pursuing her master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Alabama.

She enjoys spending time with her family, listening to audiobooks, and crocheting whenever time allows.

Sam Shuskey

Samuel Olin Jacob Shuskey was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

He received a Bachelor of Science in History and Political Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Montevallo. He is happily married and has two cats.

Currently he holds the position of Evening Supervisor at the Carmichael Library.

Database Spotlight: Recent Acquisitions

Try out these new databases, available at libguides.montevallo.edu/az.php:

Digital Theatre +
A streaming educational platform for the performing arts with unlimited access to over 900 full-length plays, productions cast and creative interviews, and practical classroom guides.

Counseling and Therapy in Video
Provides a first-hand look at the realities of working with clients and the challenges associated with putting theoretical concepts into practice. These collections provide a thorough grounding in dozens of therapeutic methods and diagnoses, insight into the human condition, and training in skills such as reflection and empathy.

Pronunciator
Learn any of 87 languages with self-directed lessons, live teachers, movies, music, and more.
Carmichael Library has been partnering with faculty and Barnes & Noble to acquire e-textbooks for the library. This fall we were able to locate and purchase several titles with unlimited user access and we hope to build upon that each semester. Each acquisition translates into significant savings for our students. This semester’s purchases included the books Stat-spotting for SOC204, Women and Elective Office for POS 330 and Acting: the first six lessons for THEA 213.

Access these books through the search box on our library home page: libguides.montevallo.edu

Did You Know?

Chat Stats:
During the 2017/2018 academic year, we had 245 research chats with our students, staff, faculty and others!

Need help?
A librarian is online ready to help.
Chat Now  No Thanks

HELP DESK

In an effort to expand our Circulation services, the help desk on the ground floor is now an additional access point for checking items in and out of the library.

Workers at the help desk can also help you find library resources or give directory information.

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New—Open Source Library Catalog—Koha

Carmichael Library’s new open-source integrated library system, Koha, went live on September 24th! Koha is web-based and includes acquisitions, cataloging, serials-control functions and a new public interface. We are excited about our new system because it offers the library faculty and staff opportunities to develop and improve our open source systems and is already saving money for the University.
Fall 2018 Calendar Events

Oct. 4: Voter Registration Event 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oct 6: FAFSA Filing Workshop—All students invited
Oct 25: Day of the Dead Display—through Nov. 7th
Oct 27: Annual Ghost Walk and Fall Festival
Oct 29: Poetry@UM: Alina Stefanescu 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Oct 31: Day of the Dead Presentations 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Nov 7: ¡Adelante! Book Group 3:30 p.m. The Ensemble by Aja Gabel

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