

A Message From Dean Doherty

As we slog through the dog days of summer, our library faculty and staff are, at once, reviewing the past academic year and preparing for the new one. Summer is an intense time of the year for academic libraries as we take advantage of the down time for classes and activities to focus on our projects and planning.

Among the many things that we have learned over the past year is that we need to become more visible to our users. **CONTINUE READING**



Faculty & Staff

Spotlights

Congratulations to several faculty and staff.

Dupré Library welcomed two new librarians: **Andrea "Drea" Broussard** was named research & instruction librarian, and **Olivia Peltier** was named instruction librarian. Both positions are at the instructor rank.

Violet Crownover began work as a library specialist in Interlibrary Loan in May.

Scott Jordan, instructor, has been named interim head of Special Collections.

Peter Klubek, instructor, was named interim head of Reference & Research Services.

Heather Plaisance, associate professor, was named assistant dean for Public Services.

Zachary Stein, assistant professor, has been named interim assistant dean of Technical Services.

Laurie Vanderbrook was named IT coordinator.

Janelle Zetty, head of cataloging, has been promoted to associate professor and has earned tenure with the University.

Highlights

Dr. Zachary Stein, interim assistant dean of Technical Services, successfully defended his dissertation and graduated from UL Lafayette on May 13 with a doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) with a Higher Education Administration Concentration. His hooding ceremony was held on May 11. The title of his dissertation is *The Impact of Digital Archives on Scholarship and Universities: A Multiple Case Study of Digital Archives Support in Research 1 Universities*. Zack's committee chair was UL Lafayette Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Dianne Olivier, Christopher Giroir of the College of Education, **Cheyron Woods** of the UL Lafayette Ernest J. Gaines Center and Edward Benoit, III of the Louisiana State University School of Library & Information Science.

At the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting in April, **Dr. Zachary Stein** was part of a panel discussion called "Diversifying the Archives: Archival Projects Delivered Through a Diverse Lens." He discussed Dupré Library's archives project of bolstering representation of Acadiana's LGBTQ+ community through collections, lectures, and oral histories. He was also part of a panel discussion on May 9 for the Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration, representing the Jewish community.

Librarian Spotlight

Recent Retiree

Sheryl Curry, assistant dean for Technical Services, retired on June 1 after 36 years at the University Libraries. Sherry was originally hired as an instructor in the Reference Department and through the years was promoted to different ranks, earned tenure, and retired as an associate professor. She also served as editor of the Book Review Column for *Louisiana Libraries*. Sherry made many outstanding contributions to the library and to the library profession.



Projects



Library of Things

Dupré Library began a Library of Things collection during Spring 2023 that provides students with the opportunity to use non-traditional library items to which they may not otherwise have access. To support individual interests and learning needs, the collection covers a large array of items that are categorized as technology, kitchen, school supplies, stuffed animals, recreation, and miscellaneous items. To view what is currently included in the Library of Things, please visit the [Library of Things Guide](#).

The library has made progress in its efforts to provide relevant and much needed items for students, but there is still a lot to accomplish. In addition to the various school supplies already in the Library of Things, the school supplies category will be expanding in the near future to include educational supplies and kits for specific classes and academic disciplines. The Library of Things is always accepting donations for academic and extracurricular items, so please feel free to donate items at any time.



LGBTQ+ Oral Histories

In partnership with Special Collections and the Guilbeau Center for Public History, Dupré Library is bolstering the archive's collections of the region's LGBTQ+ community by conducting and collecting oral histories. Directed by Dr. Zachary Stein, assistant professor and interim assistant dean of Technical Services, and Dr. Marissa Petrou, assistant professor of History and director of the Guilbeau Center for Public History, a wide variety of individuals are being interviewed to preserve LGBTQ+ history in southwest Louisiana. Stein and volunteers also recently interviewed individuals at this year's Pride Acadiana. Completed histories, recordings, and transcriptions can be found on Special Collections' [digital exhibits page](#).

Grants



2023 Currents Film Grant

Tiffany Ellis, head of user engagement, and **Peter Klubek**, interim head of reference & research services, were awarded a 2023 Currents Film Grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH). The grant covers the cost for the library to host a screening of *Iron Sharpens Iron* followed by a discussion program in October 2023. Only ten grants for Louisiana public libraries and community partners were awarded to screen the film.

Iron Sharpens Iron, a new documentary directed by John Richie and produced by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, captures a community's fight against the development of the Plaquemines Liquids Terminal (PLT) atop land that includes the community's ancestral burial grounds.

Exhibits

Beyond the Stacks... Art from Dupré Library Faculty & Staff

Did you know there are artists hiding in the library? "Beyond the Stacks: Art from Dupré Library Faculty and Staff" is an exhibit now on display in the Library's Grand Hall that features a diverse offering of artworks created by its faculty and staff. Including watercolors by **Olivia Peltier** (Instruction Librarian), mixed media collage by **Peter Klubek** (Interim Head of Reference & Research Services), digital and mixed media art by **Laura Truxillo** (Cataloging Library Specialist), digital art by **Jaime Bergeron** (Ernest J. Gaines Center Library Assistant), and marker calligraphy by **Mallory Blair** (Cataloging Library Specialist), "Beyond the Stacks" offers something for everyone. In addition to beautiful and thought-provoking artworks, the exhibit reveals the hidden talents of our staff and librarians. The exhibit will be on display in Dupré Library through the month of August.

— **Olivia Peltier**, Instructor and Exhibit Organizer



The Lafayette Parish Community Remembrance Project

Soil from the sites of 2 of the 6 identified lynchings in Lafayette Parish is displayed in the library in honor of the 2 victims, Ovide Belizaire and Unknown Victim. While this exhibit is in collaboration with the Gaines Center and Move the Mindset, it is actually a nation wide program headed by the Equal Justice Initiative organization that focuses on raising awareness to the history of lynching in America. Informational posters give some background on these projects and organizations, as well as the two victims being remembered. The display is planned to stay up until August.

MORE INFORMATION

— **Jaime Bergeron**, Ernest J. Gaines Center Library Specialist



Featured Resources

Library Acquires New eBook Collections

Dupré Library is pleased to announce that it has added several new resources to its growing eBook collection. The Library was able to acquire new engineering related resources from IEEE that will support a variety of fields.

These new collections are:

- Artech eBooks Library
- IEEE-Wiley eBooks
- IEEE-Wiley Data & Cybersecurity Library
- MIT Press eBooks Library
- Princeton University Press eBooks
- River eBooks Library
- Wiley Telecommunications eBooks Library

All of these and more eBook collections are on the [Find eBooks](#) page of the library website.

— **Michael Mitchell**, Instructor and Head of E-Resources & Serials



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The Library Is Here to Help!

Dupré Library often serves as an all-purpose service center for the campus. A student approaches a reference librarian, while holding out his phone in distress, asking, "Do you have a phone charger I could borrow?! I'm almost out of battery and I need to call my Dad." The librarian was delighted to be able to say, "Yes! The library has charging cables for pretty much every phone imaginable. You can check out these great all-purpose charging cables that include all the different shaped dongles you might need, you can use them in the library for free, and you can also check out a battery pack that via those cables will fast-charge your phone wherever you happen to be working in the library. No need for a nearby outlet!"

Another student approached the reference desk frustrated and confused. She was trying to print out a financial aid form that her mother had emailed to her and that she needed to print and sign before turning it in at Foster Hall. Fall 2023 will be her first undergraduate semester at UL Lafayette. The reference desk staff member was able to find the form she needed and print it right there. She then asked if the student needed directions to Foster Hall. It turned out the student knew how to find the Union but had not yet been to Foster Hall. The staff member quickly pulled up a map, showed her the way, and the new UL Lafayette student took a picture of it with her phone so she could refer to the map as needed along the way.

Even if a student's question isn't specifically library-related, the Dupré team is an important source of ever-supportive, friendly, judgment-free assistance. Sometimes it is the little things like a form that needs printing or a phone that needs charging that can make the difference between that student leaving campus frustrated or proud of all they've learned or accomplished that day. As a library team, we are proud to help

make that difference, and meet both the information and miscellaneous every day needs of our students, faculty, and community.

— **Jennifer Hamilton**, Assistant Professor and Head of Instructional Services



Give to the Library

Edith Garland Dupré Library is the vibrant information center of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Giving to the library enriches the focus on learning and research while providing resources to the community. Dupré Library welcomes gifts of monetary funds, endowment funds, individual book purchases, and library materials.

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