For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations”
- Psalm 100:5, NIV

Summer Hours:

May 16th through July 26th
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

July 27th through August 20th
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED

Exceptions:
Saturday, June 1st: CLOSED
Thursday, June 27th: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, July 4th: CLOSED
Thursday, July 25th: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, August 17th: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Says 'Goodbye' To Two Staff: LaPointe and Standifer Retiring

Two longterm staff members at Squires Library have announced their retirement. Noel LaPointe, who serves as a Reference Assistant and the Evening and Weekend Supervisor, will say goodbye at the end of May. Wayne Standifer, a Reference Librarian, will work until early June.

Noel LaPointe has served a total of 14 years at Lee University. Her first job at the library was for eighteen months as a student assistant from Summer 1994 to Spring 1996, when she was enrolled in graduate studies at the Seminary. During that time she worked in Interlibrary Loan and Serials. After graduation she left Cleveland for ministerial work, but returned to Squires Library in her current role in August 2001.

She is a native of Warners, New York—a small town with no stop lights, no library, and now not even a store, gas station, or school—and grew up on a small farm with 57 acres. The family farm was the center of attraction for the neighborhood kids.

Early in Noel’s life she developed a passion for art, and her creativity and abilities provided her opportunities for this gift to flourish. She served as executive director of an arts council, where she wrote grants and taught art, both privately and in various schools. She was a freelance artist for more than 20 years and exhibited her work in competitive shows, did commissioned pieces, and won various awards. She also worked in a museum, where she was in charge of...
the permanent collection, trained new staff and volunteers, taught art in the museum studio, and attended conferences and workshops in museums throughout the Northeast and Canada. In addition to her work in the Arts, Noel also worked in real estate, as an insurance agent, in greenhouses and florist shops (enjoying her hobby of growing and caring for plants), and as a window decorator. She also worked at four small libraries in upstate New York.

Feeling called into ministry, Noel moved to Cleveland to attend Seminary, subsequently beginning her ministry of helping others through her work at Squires Library. During her years at the library, Noel has incorporated her hobbies into her work. Enjoying horticulture, Noel has cared for the live plants throughout the library while also teaching students how to care for them. She’s used her artistic creativity to help with displays and provide advice on color and design. In addition to these hobbies, she also enjoys knitting and writing songs and poems.

Among some of the highlights for her during her time at Squires Library include being able to incorporate her abilities and interests into her work. Specifically, in her role repairing books she developed a new method that expedited the process and helped lengthen the life of damaged books, especially rare ones, so library patrons could enjoy them for many years to come. Noel says she especially enjoyed helping students find what they needed for research and how appreciative they have been for the research assistance. And, because she sees her role as a form of ministry, she has derived great satisfaction from the many opportunities to “speak into the life” of a variety of students.

So what does the retiree look forward to in the coming months? Noel says she plans to catch up with family and friends, most of whom live in upstate New York. She also hopes to work in freelance art again. An ordained minister, Noel hopes to have opportunities to preach also.

Concerning her time at Lee, Noel noted, “It has been a great season for me with so many adding to my life. I am very grateful to the Lord for all He has done for me and through me. I have met some incredible people, and it has been a privilege to be a part of Lee University and Squires Library.”

Wayne Standifer has announced his upcoming retirement in June after serving a total of 51 years in the field of education, of which 19 have been at Lee University and Squires Library. Initially, he served on faculty as the Technical Processes Librarian from 1969-73. During this time he met his wife, Betty Robbins, at the library’s circulation desk. Before long the two were married and spent most of their career working in the Georgia Public School system. Upon his retirement as a school media specialist, Wayne and Betty returned to Cleveland, where he began working once again at Squires Library in 1998. Initially he worked full-time with special adjunct faculty status as a reference librarian and copy cataloger. He later reduced his workload to part-time as a reference librarian. Since 1998 he has served as the library’s liaison to the College of Education for collection development.
Wayne was born in Lynch, Kentucky, a U.S. Steel mining town built in 1917 for the country’s World War I effort, and grew up in nearby Cumberland, Kentucky. In addition to his work in librarianship, for which he developed an interest while working as a student assistant at Berea College library, Wayne began his career with four years of classroom teaching in the middle grades. He later earned both the Master’s and Education Specialist degrees in library information science.

Of his work at Squires Library, Wayne notes, “The staff are not just coworkers; they are friends with whom I love to be. I also have been blessed by students at Lee and the Seminary. It is so exhilarating to be at this place.” Likewise, countless students and faculty have been blessed by Wayne’s assistance through the years. Wayne sums up his experience: “When I question whether I have made a difference being here, I remember a very encouraging statement by a former international student with a religion major. As he neared graduation he expressed his appreciation for my research assistance during his studies. ‘You have helped me so that I can return to Africa and help my people,’ he said. To think I may have a very small part in people touched by God to minister, teach, or serve in some other profession is both humbling and truly awesome.”

During retirement Wayne looks forward to traveling with his wife, Betty, and continuing his hobby of outdoor activities, such as hiking and having early mornings for yard work. He also hopes to involve himself in some worthy cause, most likely a charity for the underprivileged.

We thank Noel and Wayne for their service at Squires Library and wish each a happy and fulfilling retirement.
Online Guide to New Library Resources Now Available

Squires Library continually adds new resources each month. To help library users know about our new additions, we’ve created a guide promoting these resources. After downloading the webpage, library users can click on the tabs at the top of the page to learn about recently added resources in the various subject disciplines at Lee. We hope you will enjoy keeping up with what has been purchased for your specific area of study and interest.

The webpage is accessible at: http://leeuniversity.libguides.com/newbooks

'Blind Date With a Book' Becomes a Valentine Hit

For Valentine’s Day Squires Library offered a new promotion—“Blind Date with a Book.” Students were able to check out a pre-wrapped book of which they had no idea of the book’s title or subject. Squires Library staff added their usual “personal touch” to the event by incorporating Valentine’s Day cards, candy, and other decorations to the book covers. Initially, 12 of the books were made available on February 14th. By lunch all of the books had been checked out and the book cart was replenished. In all, about 30 “blind date” books were checked out, and library personnel plan to offer the event again next year.

Library’s Student Assistants Recognized

Each month Squires Library personnel recognize the outstanding work of one student assistant. Those who have been selected as “Student Assistant of the Month” for the academic year 2012-13 include:

- September — Robert Miskell
- October — Michael Sterns
- November — Mariah Varner
- January — Alissa D. Studer
- February — Audrey Ratliff
- March — Caleb Travis
- April — Oksana Beregovsky

Honored for outstanding & demonstrated abilities:

- Communicative Skills
- Cooperation
- Dedication
- Dependability
- Initiative
- Quality of Work
- Judgment
- Personal Appearance
- Superior Attitude
Librarians On The Go This Spring...

Librarians at Lee University enjoy campus involvement in teaching courses and serving on various committees, in addition to their regular library duties. They also attend professional conferences to represent Lee and learn about new ideas and technologies to enhance library services. This semester several librarians participated in meaningful travel experiences, both personal and professional. Here’s a sample:

In January **Dr. Louis Morgan** traveled to Washington, D.C. to support Lee students singing for the inauguration ceremony for President Barack Obama. A once-in-a-lifetime experience, Morgan reflected, “I went on my own without a seating ticket. I knew this meant I would have to stand for hours far removed from the main stage, but I wanted to be there to support Lee and our students. Amazingly, the evening before the inauguration an invitation was extended to everyone in the Lee group to sit on the stage with the student choir. There was even room for me. It is one of the main highlights of my life, and I sat there beaming with pride for the great job our students did.”

During Spring Break three faculty librarians took some vacation time to travel with other campus faculty members to spend nine days in France. Librarians **Jean Cochran, Lori Mattace, and Louis Morgan** participated in the trip led by French Professor Dr. Jim Wilkins. Others participating were Math Professor Dr. Caroline Maher-Boulis, and Math Professor Dr. Steven Lay and his wife, Ann. In Normandy the group stayed at the Jacques Lefevre Institute, where Lee’s French majors participate in a residency annually. They toured various D-Day sites, went to the open market in Cabourg, visited the Viking harbor town of Hanfleur, toured the castle and tomb of William the Conqueror and saw the Bayeux tapestry, and spent a day walking through historic Mont St. Michel. The group also spent several days in Paris, touring various sites throughout the city, including The Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and an evening riverboat ride. Of the trip, Librarian Lori Mattace noted, “I loved being able to go to France this year! Being a history buff, this was an opportunity to learn about a country whose history fascinates me. And, being able to travel with my colleagues was an amazing experience. We were able to not only learn about France but about each other, and I came back enriched from the experience.”

**Here and There… Library-Related Professional Meetings**

In addition to professional committee meetings and attending online webinars (and presenting at them also), library personnel traveled to various conferences this academic year. Library Director **Barbara McCullough** traveled to the Appalachian College Association (ACA) Library Directors meetings, and in October she and Assistant Director **Louis Morgan** attended the annual ACA Summit in Knoxville. In April several librarians attended the annual conference of the Tennessee Library Association held in Chattanooga. **Lori Mattace, Diette Ward, and Louis Morgan** participated in various sessions related to academic library services. Also in April, librarians **Lori Mattace, Amy Mercer, and Diette Ward** traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Association of College and Research Libraries conference, for which Mercer and Ward each received an ACA Professional Opportunity Grant to attend. In May several library personnel attended the ACA Library Professional Development Day at Carson-Newman College. Those participating were **Barbara McCullough, Louis Morgan, Diette Ward, and Lydia Murch**. Scheduled to attend the Association of Christian Librarians annual conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California in June are **Barbara McCullough** and her assistant, **Lydia Murch**. They also are planning a day-trip to Mexico and touring two presidential libraries. And, various library personnel participated in the Chattanooga Area Library Association meetings this academic year.
Librarians Discuss Appreciation in the Workplace

During April the library’s Public Services personnel participated in a book discussion and team-building exercise using The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace: Empowering Organizations by Encouraging People (Gary Chapman and Paul White, 2012). Prior to the discussion meeting Public Services personnel took a brief online assessment measuring their specific “appreciation language” by which they are motivated in work-related situations: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Tangible Gifts, and Physical Touch. Library colleagues then learned about each other’s primary and secondary “appreciation languages” for motivation in the workplace. Dr. Louis Morgan, who serves as supervisor of Public Services personnel, noted, “We have a wonderful Public Services team that works together to create innovative methods for serving our campus and making our resources and services available to library users. And learning more about one another can only help us interact more effectively and increase others’ sense of appreciation and motivation. Personally, I think this team-building exercise was beneficial to all of us and will help me be a better supervisor.”

Morgan Attends Presentation at New York Public Library

In March Dr. Louis Morgan traveled to New York City to attend a special presentation by author Tal McThenia at the prestigious New York Public Library. McThenia co-authored a book with Margaret Dunbar Cutright about the life story of Cutright’s grandfather, Bobby Dunbar of Louisiana. Morgan assisted the authors by providing information about family connections and events in his Mississippi hometown, which are included in the story. The book, A Case for Solomon: Bobby Dunbar and the Kidnapping that Haunted a Nation, has already received much acclaim, winning the Louisiana Literary Award.

Find out more at www.acaseforsolomon.com
Ward to be Embedded Librarian at Upcoming ACA Teaching and Learning Institute

Diette Ward, the Instruction and Electronic Resources Librarian, has been selected as one of five librarians in the Appalachian College Association to serve as an embedded librarian at this year’s Teaching and Learning Institute. Ward’s role at the Institute will be to assist a group of designated classroom faculty with their research during the conference. All full-time ACA member faculty, staff, and administrators are eligible to participate in the annual Teaching and Learning Institute and must be nominated by their campus Chief Academic Officer. The 2013 Teaching and Learning Institute will be held at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia in early June.

Spring Library Game Night A Success

Congratulations, Spring and Summer Graduates! May God bless you in all your future endeavors!