BECAUSE TOMORROW DOES START HERE

The theme for National Library Week, “Libraries Transform,” is designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals. This special issue of the Joyner e-newsletter showcases the transformative nature of Joyner Library and the critical role we play in the campus community and beyond. Libraries today are not only about what they have for people but also about what they do for and with people. The ways in which libraries transform are as nuanced and varied as the people they serve. Physical transformations are easy to spot. Transformations in service and scope can be less apparent, but are ever-present. Why is Joyner transforming? Because Tomorrow Does Start Here.

OUR VISION

Joyner Library strives to be a dynamic leader among academic libraries. We will engage students, faculty, and staff in their learning environments and daily lives. Through our quality collections, innovative services and collaborative workspaces, we will remove barriers between people and information. Library services to distant learners will be a notable national model. Joyner Library will acquire and preserve unique collections, including those documenting regional history and culture, and our digitization program will make them available worldwide. Through strong partnerships with libraries, educators, and the private sector, Joyner Library will be a catalyst for positive change in eastern North Carolina.

OUR MISSION

Joyner Library is the intellectual heart of East Carolina University. We serve ECU’s campus and distance education communities, act as a resource for the people of eastern North Carolina, and support ECU’s contributions to the research community worldwide. We connect people to information and empower their lifelong learning by developing robust collections, superior services, and people-friendly spaces.

DIRECTOR’S COLUMN

Celebrate National Library Week with Joyner Library! The week is filled with events for students, faculty, staff and the community. We start on Monday, as we celebrate the philanthropic legacy of Verona Joyner Langford and her husband Fred Timms Langford, whose generosity has funded collections, furnishings, and technology at Joyner Library. On Tuesday, check out a fascinating human book at the third annual Human Library. This program has proven success in breaking down stereotypes and opening minds through honest conversation. It is followed by the opening of the Humans of Greenville exhibit, offering another opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the diverse community in which we live. On Wednesday, Monica Haller, founder of the Veterans Book Project, will discuss how she helps veterans tell their stories through a variety of media. Books authored by veterans as part of the Project will be displayed in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery. Learn more about 3D printing on Thursday and enjoy game night on Friday.

National Library Week is the perfect time to communicate the value of our library. Our “Because” statements are organized around several of the library’s main responsibilities and mission. We connect people to information through our robust collections, including e-journal subscriptions, databases, streaming videos, manuscripts and other primary sources, course-adopted e-books, free or low-cost alternative textbooks, and physical books and media. Services such as reserves, interlibrary loan, instruction, and research consultations empower learners. Our people-friendly spaces and technologies make research and study more convenient and comfortable. Reservable group rooms, an absolute quiet room, powered tables, moveable furniture, laptops available for checkout and new booths provide a variety of study options. We know we will be filled to capacity as exams approach, so are planning for a new computer and study area in the Teaching Resources Center as well as larger study carrels and a group listening/viewing room in the Music Library. Look for these improvements in the fall.

This academic year, we’re on track to welcome more than a million visitors to Joyner Library for the first time ever. Online use of library resources continues to grow as well, fueled by a new library catalog, a robust discovery system, and expanding digital collections.

Input from the ECU community is essential for Joyner Library to continue to evolve to meet user needs. Our new Student Advisory Committee is one way we get valuable suggestions for new services. The recent student survey is another; those results will be shared in the next e-newsletter. Faculty input is always needed and can be provided through our liaison librarian program, at upcoming faculty forums on April 21 and 22, or directly to me. We appreciate the community perspective and financial support provided by the Friends of Joyner Library and our Advancement Council. Together, we are working to ensure that an information-rich tomorrow does start here!
BECAUSE STUDENTS CAN’T AFFORD AN EDUCATION ON A RAMEN NOODLE BUDGET.
ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

East Carolina University’s J.Y. Joyner Library recently announced an Alternative Textbook Program, offering $1,000 stipends encouraging faculty members to develop or incorporate alternative texts in their courses. The program’s primary goal is to reduce costs for students. A proposal for an introductory Economics course offers potential savings of close to $100,000 per semester if the alternative textbook is used for all sections of the course. One professor noted, “I think we have a responsibility to first-generation and low-income college students to reduce barriers to getting the knowledge needed to succeed.”

Many proposals touted other advantages of alternative textbooks such as providing more timely and relevant content, engaging students in active learning, and ensuring that every student has access to course materials on the first day of class.

Joyner Library’s pilot program launched in January 2016 with a call for proposals. Proposals included adopting existing open textbooks, incorporating library subscription resources such as journal articles, e-book chapters and streaming video in courses, and creating completely new content. Recipients are from the Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Technology, the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and the College of Health and Human Performance.

In addition to a stipend, each recipient will be paired with a librarian who will assist with identifying potential course materials and offer copyright guidance.

DID YOU KNOW?

Joyner Library helps the East Carolina University community save time and money in other ways, too. At the Joyner Library Circulation Desk, students, faculty, and staff are able to not only check out books but can also check out equipment, pick up interlibrary loan items, and use materials on course reserve. Knowing that the cost of equipment such as laptops, cameras, and tablets is so high, Joyner Library offers these items for check out. In the 2014-2015 school year, more than 37,000 pieces of equipment were borrowed. Interlibrary loan is a wonderful resource offered by Joyner Library in conjunction with other libraries around the world. If Joyner Library does not have a needed book, article, government document, etc, patrons can request the item and staff will work diligently to locate it from one of the 10,000 participating libraries worldwide. Joyner also offers some textbooks and other materials required for courses for check out for specified time periods throughout the semester. The list of offered materials can be found on Joyner’s website, along with the required reservation form needed for check out.

GRANT INITIATIVES

Librarians at Joyner Library are always looking for unique and cost efficient ways to help ECU students excel in college. Faculty members Joseph Thomas and Cindy Shirkey recently submitted a grant to the North Carolina State Library LSTA Grant Program. Their proposal is for a Literacy and Lifelong Learning grant spanning two years. The librarians have a two-pronged approach to reduce students’ textbook costs and increase their academic engagement. Benefits to students include a reduction in the cost of attending college and an increased opportunity for engagement and academic success in their classes. The potential return on investment will be substantial; a similar program at UMass Amherst estimated $205,000 from their first $27,000 invested, and currently estimates $1.3M in student savings.
BECAUSE LIBRARIES CHANGE ALONG WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES
WE LISTEN!

Joyner Library heard the requests and suggestions made by students, faculty, and staff and made changes to the hours of operation. During the academic year, Joyner opens Sunday beginning at 10am, stays open 24 hours a day through Friday at 9pm, and is open on Saturday from 10am to 9pm. During these hours, Joyner operates with a staff of dedicated employees including a wonderfully well-trained security team. If patrons ever need the assistance of the Joyner security team, they can be reached at (252) 328-4156.

STUDY SPACE

Student study space is one of the many highlights Joyner Library offers. Students have a wide array of spaces to choose from including small study rooms, group study rooms (2-8 people), an absolute quiet room, and public study spaces. Students can reserve small study rooms and group study rooms up to two weeks in advance online. The absolute quiet room is popular with students who study best in an atmosphere of complete silence. All four floors of Joyner Library have booths, tables, and desks located throughout for more seating options.

GIVING STUDENTS A VOICE

Joyner Library recognizes that a strong, high-quality research library requires input and participation from the student body. Recently started by Assistant Directors Mark Sanders and Heather White, the Joyner Library Student Advisory Board provides guidance on topics of student interest. The board’s charge is to serve as a mechanism for student input on the programs and services offered by Joyner Library. The primary responsibilities of this group are to suggest ways to improve the effectiveness of the Library, communicate ideas and concerns to the Library Director and the Library administration, as well as serve as an advocate for the library. Participation on the board is open to all ECU students.

Camila Mazariegos, chair for the SGA Student Welfare Committee, is currently serving on the board. “Joyner Library has been a second home to me as I finish my nursing degree here at ECU, and many students at ECU share my passion and love for Joyner as they too have spent countless hours there in an effort to achieve success in their respective majors,” Mazariegos said. “I’m excited to help this project come to a realization and to work alongside Joyner and other fellow Pirates.” The Student Library Advisory Board is a fundamental component of the library’s efforts to support the research, teaching, and learning mission of East Carolina University.
Because history not only needs to be preserved, it needs to be accessible.
It is Joyner Library’s pleasure to provide a home for the East Carolina University Archives. Visit University Archives on third floor of the library or online to learn about ECU history back to its founding in 1907. Archives serves as the final and central repository for documents from the University’s administrative, academic, and legal offices as well as faculty papers and student and athletic memorabilia. Popular items include football programs and game films, yearbooks and other student publications, and building records and blueprints. Online exhibits include the Centennial series, building histories, a timeline, and the First in the Family oral histories.

EXPANDING OUR RESEARCH

Two recent grant awards have allowed Joyner to expand the reach of our collections to a wider community.

The National Archives’ National Historical Publications and Records Commission awarded a grant to the Special Collections Division at East Carolina University’s Joyner Library to process the archives of the Institute of Outdoor Theatre (IOT). The one-year $56,290 grant was completed in 2015 as part of the Commission’s Documenting Democracy: Access to Historical Records program which funds projects that promote the preservation and use of the nation’s most valuable archival resources. The grant also resulted in the creation of a comprehensive online Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aid that will allow worldwide access to a guide of the contents of the IOT archive. “I am pleased that Joyner Library could partner with ECU’s College of Fine Arts and Communication and the Institute of Outdoor Theatre to provide access to the archives to researchers worldwide,” said Janice S. Lewis, director of Joyner Library. “The photographs, video and audio recordings, publicity materials, feasibility studies, original research, and other materials provide unparalleled insights into the challenges and successes experienced by outdoor theatres and their communities.”

A second grant underway now will aid in improving accessibility to historical archives housed at ECU. The State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, awarded a nine-month, $59,200 grant to the Special Collections Division at J. Y. Joyner Library to process and improve accessibility of the History Collections at the William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library. The Laupus history collections, consisting of more than 6,200 monographs, 200 artifacts and a growing number of oral history materials, document the history of medicine and health care in eastern North Carolina.

OUR LEGACY

Digital Collections offers a wonderful resource for not only ECU faculty, staff, and students, but also patrons worldwide. The goal of Digital Collections is to digitize unique content in the Library and to make it accessible through the Joyner Library website. The Digital Collections department supports the mission of Joyner Library through preserving the cultural heritage of eastern North Carolina community and making it accessible for research and teaching. Current exhibits housed on the Joyner website include the East Carolina Manuscript Collection and the Eastern North Carolina Digital Library. Within Digital Collections, researchers can search subjects including African American History, the Country Doctor Museum, ECU History, and Military History. For questions pertaining to Digital Collections and Special Collections, please call (252) 328-6671.

CONNECTING THROUGH ACCESSIBILITY

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BECAUSE LIBRARIES RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE CREATORS TOO.
3D PRINTING

Offering a 3D printing service is an effective engagement and outreach tool which shows the academic library is constantly and actively engaged with its community and willing to meet the changing needs of its patrons. 3D printing provides the potential for breaking down artificial barriers erected between disciplines. It allows students an easily accessible opportunity to engage a new technology they wouldn’t otherwise have access to, extend their learning beyond the classroom, and develop a better sense of how technology can be used to solve the world’s problems. Joyner Library and several academic departments are currently pursuing partnerships with public schools, community colleges and local businesses throughout eastern North Carolina in order to use 3D printing to help develop and sustain a workforce able to support and enhance advanced manufacturing in eastern North Carolina.

HONORING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Joyner Library is proud to award three very special awards to dedicated students throughout the school year. The candidates applying for these awards go through prescribed application and judging processes. The Michael F. Bassman Honors Thesis Award is awarded for superior research to a senior who has completed an Honors College thesis. Previous winners have gone on to further their education in the fields of medicine and veterinary studies. The Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize is awarded for outstanding research papers based largely on primary sources held by Joyner Library’s Special collections and written by sophomores, juniors, or seniors. The W. Keats Sparrow Writing Award is presented to students in English 1100 and 2201 classes. The oldest of Joyner’s awards, it is sponsored by the Friends of Joyner Library in honor and memory of Dr. Sparrow, former Professor Emeritus of English and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

MAKING ECU RESEARCH ACCESSIBLE

The ScholarShip is a digital archive for the scholarly output of the East Carolina University community. Its mission is to preserve and make more widely available to the international scholarly community the intellectual output of East Carolina University’s faculty, staff, and students. ScholarShip allows an author to make his or her research or scholarship widely available with little effort. The ScholarShip currently accepts a variety of materials, including theses and dissertations, articles, chapters, presentations, proceedings, artworks, performances, reports and working papers and selected collections of undergraduate works.

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

Joyner Library celebrates the creative work of East Carolina University’s students and faculty through artwork featured throughout our building. The Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery features four rotating fine art exhibits throughout the year. A highlight of the calendar is the School of Art & Design Graduate Student Exhibition each fall. The annual exhibit showcases pieces in a variety of mediums, including paintings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, metal works, jewelry, and embroidery. In addition to several monetary awards, the Friends of Joyner Library supports a purchase award which adds to Joyner’s extensive permanent collection.
National Library Week Events

Celebration of Philanthropy: The Legacy of Verona Langford
Monday 1–4pm First Floor
Come celebrate the philanthropic legacy of one of our most dedicated supporters, Verona Langford, and learn more about Joyner Library’s goal of helping students cut down on textbook costs with Course Adopted eTextbooks and alternative textbooks.

Human Library
Tuesday 1–4pm Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery, 2nd Floor
The Diversity Committee at Joyner Library is hosting the Human Library, an event where attendees can check out human beings. Attendees choose a human book and have a 10–15 minute conversation. The purpose of the event is to open dialog on campus about including people of all beliefs, walks of life, abilities, and backgrounds.

Humans of Greenville Opening Reception
Tuesday 4:30pm Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery, 2nd Floor
Please join us for a reception celebrating Joyner Library's newest exhibition opening in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery — “Humans of Greenville.” Sponsored by the Friends of Joyner Library, this exhibition is collaboration between Joyner Library and The Daily Reflector. The exhibit features images from the Reflector’s Human’s of Greenville series.

Objects for Deployment: Books Made by Veterans
Wednesday 4pm Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery, 2nd Floor
Monica Haller, founder of the Veterans Book Project, will hold an open forum in Joyner Library. Her exhibit, Objects for Deployment, will be on display before the discussion.

Southern Women and the Belgian Congo
Thursday 3pm Special Collections Reading Room, 4th Floor
Johnathan Richards examines how early 20th century Southern women operated as missionaries despite the limitations of their gender role in the paternalistic, traditional South, by examining aspects of Southern religion and gender in the early to mid 20th century.

Introduction to 3D Printing
Thursday 6pm Room 1020
Curious about how 3D printing? In this class, we will provide an overview of 3D printing technologies, learn about the Joyner Library’s 3D printing service, and introduce basic 3D modeling tools and online model repositories. Participants will learn to design a small part in Tinkercad (www.tinkercad.com), a beginner level 3D modeling software.

Gamenight
Friday 6–10pm Joyner Library, 1st Floor
Please join us for a great night at Joyner Library. Enjoy video games, board games, contests, prizes, food, and learn more about the services Joyner offers!

For more information visit www.ecu.edu/lib or call 252–328–4176