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Ann B. Laliotes Reading Room

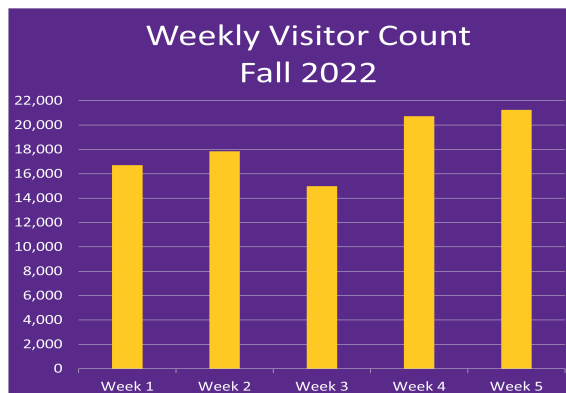
Located near the front entrance, this room is a welcoming space equipped to enhance the student experience at ECU. The reading room features casual seating for students to study and collaborate. It also is surrounded by various book displays, including new titles from the Ronnie Barnes African American Resource Center, popular reading and a rotating monthly themed display. Thank you to Ann Laliotes for her unwavering support of our library and the students, staff, and faculty who use the reading room.

“I’m really thanking East Carolina for what it meant to my husband, John, and me,” Laliotes said during a presentation focused on her and John’s journey that was intertwined with ECU history and their professional development. “We thank the



Pictured: Ann B. Laliotes

University for our education, for critical thinking skills, for leadership and technological skills, and for our outstanding students, faculty and staff. ... We want ECU to continue to serve our mission throughout eastern North Carolina and beyond, and we of course don’t want to forget the great libraries and library staff at Joyner, Laupus (Health Sciences Library), music and departmental libraries, too.



Library Traffic Report

Starting the semester off with a bang, the visitor count at Joyner increased 20% over the first month of the fall semester compared to 2021 for a weekly average of 16,870.

From the ALS Director

Fall semester has many traditions including football, festivals, and the endless possibilities of a new academic year. One of our traditions is a fall library-wide breakfast with lots of Bojangles' biscuits and a presentation recapping accomplishments from the previous academic year and discussing plans for the upcoming year. While preparing this fall's presentation, I was struck by the extent and variety of the accomplishments throughout all areas of the library related to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. I want to share some of them with you.

- We licensed or purchased numerous electronic resources that focused on DEIA topics, including *HistoryMakers* Digital Archive (contains African American oral histories and feature stories), *Jet* and *Ebony* magazine archives, *Gale Archives of Sexuality & Gender*, *Gale Women's Studies*, and the *Gale Mental Health Ebook Collection*.
- University Archives acquired ECU Gospel Choir recordings and added an oral history with the college's first Black mail carrier. It updated the *Civil Rights at ECU* timeline and worked with Digital Collections to make many of the documents referenced on the timeline available online. Other Special Collections purchases included ephemeral materials relating to the "Wilmington Ten" civil rights activists who were wrongfully convicted and then incarcerated for nearly a decade. We obtained permission to digitize all copies of *Minority Voice*, a Black-owned, Black-published Greenville newspaper, and make them freely available to researchers worldwide. Digitization will occur this academic year. AMEXCAN organizational records were added to our Manuscripts Collection. We continued collecting materials for the COVID-19 and Social Justice Collections.
- Our open scholarship initiatives help make research created and published at ECU available without barriers. These initiatives include the open access publishing support fund, transformative publishing agreements with several large publishers, alternative textbook and educational resources affordability programs, and the grant-funded digitization of selected pre-2010 print theses and dissertations authored by ECU students.
- We eliminated fines for most books and physical materials other than equipment. We added additional equipment that students can borrow and use outside the library.
- We developed a sensory friendly study space, with financial help from the Friends of the Library.
- Library faculty successfully applied for grants that will help collect and tell the stories of underrepresented communities.
- Inclusion and Diversity was the theme of the ALS Paraprofessional Conference. More than 400 attendees benefited from the programming.
- The Respectful Metadata Group made changes to catalog records and collection finding aids to begin eliminating dehumanizing and outdated language.
- Library staff actively participated on the City of Greenville African American Cultural Trail advisory group and identified materials used to create markers.
- We produced a host of exhibits and events that celebrated diversity and inclusion, including Deaf Awareness, Black History, Women's History, Native American Heritage, LGBTQIA, and mental health.
- We purchased several hundred books for the Ronnie Barnes African American Resource Center, funded from an endowment established by Mr. Barnes.

Every area of the library found ways to contribute to our shared values around diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. I could not be prouder of their work this year! I want to thank the Friends for their support of our programs, events and exhibits. The Friends Board met in September to plan its work for the academic year. I'm looking forward to the annual banquet and silent auction! Before then, though, I hope to see you at library and university events.

Take good care,

Jan

Jan Lewis, Director, Academic Library Services



ALS Director Jan Lewis with Provost Robin Coger in the Ann B. Laliotes Reading Room, First floor, Joyner Library

From the Friends President

The 2021-22 fiscal year was an exciting one for the Friends of the Library. We feel like we're finally getting "back to normal" after the stressful hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We're glad you are still supporting our organization with your presence at gatherings and your financial support which enables us to help our students, faculty, staff of Joyner Library and by extension the Eastern North Carolina region.

In the Spring of 2022, the Friends supported its first, but hopefully not last, Goat Therapy during Spring exams. The students as well as Friends and Joyner staff were enthralled by the beautiful and quite unusual guests. This unusual event was one of other student-centered events sponsored by the Friends.

The Friends supported the Friends of the School of Art and Design Art Graduate Student juried exhibit. The Friends purchased the artwork of the winner for the Joyner Library permanent collection. Joyner Library Director Jan S. Lewis selected the winner Loraine Scalamoni for her painting *Creative Substance* and presented her a check for \$1,000 from the Friends.

The Friends annually recognizes excellence in research and writing by student in East Carolina University's English 1100 and 2021 composition classes. First Place Award is \$500, awarded to Kathryn Pox; Second Place Award is \$300, awarded to Isabella Benitez; and Third Place Award is \$150, awarded to Courtney Gibbs. An Honorable Mention was awarded to Anna Sykes.

The Friends sponsored a bookbinding workshop in April with the library's rare book conservator, Larry Houston. Larry's assistant was always present to help the talented participants. I was an observer along with more than a dozen participants. Each participant's fees as well as resulting handmade book and bookmark were paid by the Friends. Your President is the proud owner of a book and bookmark made for him by Larry Houston. Your Vice President Kaye Dotson made her own beautiful book and bookmark.

The Friends also supported Joyner Library staff and faculty events and recognitions such as the December Holiday Luncheon, library-wide meetings at the beginning of each semester, and Staff Development Day. The Friends also fund information and advocacy materials used to increase public awareness of Joyner Library's resources, services and needs, and to demonstrate the library's impact on the University and region.

On Monday, August 1, 2022, at 4:00 in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery of Joyner Library, the Friends sponsored a reading by ECU alumnus and former librarian, Donna Bunting Flake, of her North Carolina-based historical novel, *The Haunted Life of Lura*, just released in May of 2022. Flake's book is a portrait of Lura Kennedy of Raeford, North Carolina, the protagonist, and her yearnings for love, stability and acceptance. Lura faces unimaginable circumstances with escalating violence. For more information about Flake and her novel, see <https://donnabuntingflake.com/>. Flake's novel is available from Amazon: Kindle version, \$7,99; Paperback, \$16.95.

Al Jones, President, Friends of the Library

A Letter to Joyner Friends,

Being a member of the Joyner Library Friends Board of Directors for the past (almost) ten years has been a **J**oy. It has afforded me the **O**pportunity to interact with some amazing book-loving professionals, as well as **Y**oung people attending my alma mater. As a **N**ewcomer, I was amazed at the **E**nergetic people that helped me learn the **R**esponsibilities of being a board member. What they didn't tell me was that this was going to be **F**un! Using the **R**esources that our library offers, I have been **I**nvited to chair our spring banquet for the past several years. I got the chance to work with several **E**xciting authors (Vivian Howard, Margaret Maron, Kristy Woodson Harvey, Natalie Baszile) and I **N**avigated the many benefits that are available (Art exhibits, guest lecturers, pet therapy, library staff reinforcement, to name a few).

I am eternally grateful for the **D**edication and opportunity of **S**ervice that Joyner Friends Board has given to me, to East Carolina students, and the surrounding community.

—Johnnee C. Rice, '75. Kinston, NC

A Welcoming Environment for Young Visitors

By Ronnie Woodward

Community and campus partnerships help in bringing children of all ages to visit East Carolina University libraries. This year has seen young students capture iPad photos while touring the main campus library, during a scavenger hunt-style activity with university librarian technician Walter Lanham, and a donation of a 53-year-old ECU yearbook by middle school students from Elizabeth City.

ECU libraries assisted with Boys & Girls Club and the College of Business in a unique summer experience for girls attending the ECU department of management information systems Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) camp. A library session in the research and instructional services area focused on website development and entrepreneurship.

A day inside the main campus library for Grifton School students included an informal meeting with ECU student employees Jaylyn Johnson and Allison Davis. Johnson and Davis not only talked to the teenagers about academics, but they also fielded questions about dining halls, time management, living in a dorm and other aspects of campus life.

“My favorite part of the trip was the (ECU) student Q&A,” said Grant Madigan from Grifton School. “I was enraptured that the students were able to answer my questions to the best of their ability. That trip was a blast.”

The tour by Elizabeth City Middle School children focused on North Carolina and special collections. They donated a copy of a 1969 ECU yearbook that was found in their school. “We were able to show them where the yearbook would be preserved and explain how important it is to keep materials from the past,” said Jennifer Daugherty, head of the North Carolina Collection. “We also showed them a historic map with Elizabeth City on it and several books about their town. The students were very excited to learn all about special collections. We loved having them.”

Tours and informational sessions led by ECU library employees often contain an aspect of togetherness and are aimed at making a lasting impression on young minds. “We are so excited to have students across our region visit the library,” said Charlotte Fitz Daniels, Academic Library Services events and program coordinator. “The library is passionate about the success of all students and we want to expose them to what ECU offers. These young people are tomorrow’s leaders. Our libraries can assist them obtain tools that can transform their lives and enhance eastern North Carolina.”



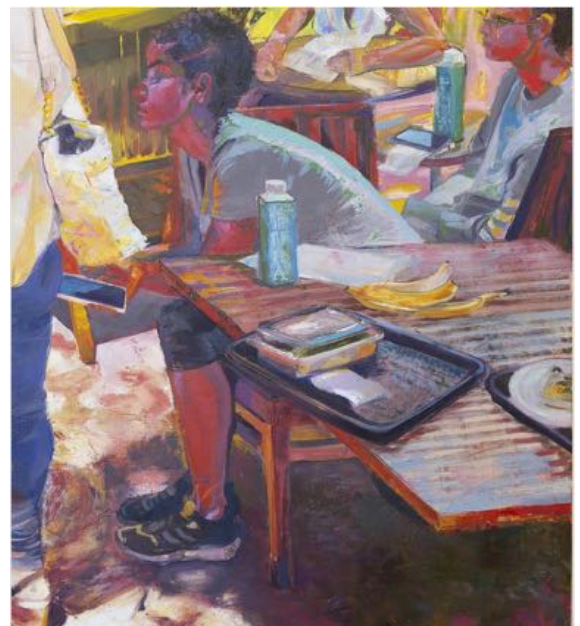
Crossroads: Change in Rural America

October 24th - November 30th

The Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery



October 14 at 12pm - Student Awards Luncheon and Ceremony
 Dec 12th – February 28th - Annual School of Art & Design Graduate Student Art Exhibit



November 3rd @ 4pm – Crossroads: Change in Rural America Exhibition Reception and Lecture by ECU Geography professor Misun Hur, in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery



Maps and Prints

A historic map or print of North Carolina can make for a unique and timely gift, including the treasured Edward Moseley Map of 1733.

Maps and prints made available by the Friends of Joyner Library cost \$25 each. In addition to the Moseley Map, the Friends also have the Henry Mouzon Jr. Map, 1775, available and artist Bob Pittman's print of "Harbor Reflections." Pittman's print depicts a boating scene from Oriental, North Carolina.

The Mouzon map shows geographic land formations from the region containing North and South Carolina along with Georgia and Tennessee. The Moseley Map is described as among the most precious possessions in our library and at ECU. It measures 26 x 33 inches and is available in a black-and-white or a colorized version. A brief description of the map and a list of family names that appear in it are included with the purchase of the print.



Joyner Friends Maps & Prints

<https://library.ecu.edu/giving/friends/maps-and-prints/>

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