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Friends of the Library Newsletter

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Events and exhibits

- The "Alzheimer's Fantasies" is on view in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery until Nov. 24.
- Main Campus Faculty Author Book and Alternative Textbook Awards - Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- The 17th Annual School of Art & Design Graduate Student Art Exhibit: Dec. 11-February 28
- Voyages of Discovery Series featuring LeVar Burton: Nov. 14.



The "Alzheimer's Fantasies" exhibit artist talk and reception was impactful and well attended — sponsored by the Friends of Joyner Library on Oct. 3.

Joyner Library partnered with the ECU® Office of Healthy Aging for an Alzheimer's and dementia resource fair outside of the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery, bringing social work students, community members, community partners, ECU staff and faculty to the library for quality interactions and conversations about aging, brain health, caregiving and other important topics. Friends board member Dede Carney attended the event.

After the fair, Michael Dorsey held an artist talk and reception for "Alzheimer's Fantasies," which will be on display into late November. This exhibit is in honor of the late Susan Lynne Dorsey, a former library employee in the Teaching Resources Center. Susan Dorsey was described as a caring and positive co-worker and individual. Michael Dorsey described his work as a visual conversation to himself while serving as a caregiver for his wife. Sale profits, which some occurred Oct. 3, will be donated to the North Carolina Alzheimer's Association.



From the President

Celebrating some changes and continued support

Dr. Kaye Dotson, Friends of Joyner Library President

Greeting Friends and Community!

I hope you have started the 2024-25 year filled with excitement for what is to come! FOJL found multiple opportunities in the last year, to come together, strategize, transition, and grow. Membership increased, and we are pleased to welcome our new Board members who expand and strengthen the FOJL. We welcome Terry Atkinson, Rhonda Hardy, Theresa Hardy, Bevley Greene, Diane Taylor, and Beth Winstead to the Board.

Our support of Joyner Library remains strong. In 2023-24, we met the challenge of change, with one of the notable changes being a transition from the annual banquet as our major fundraiser, to a series of genealogy workshops planned by the Events and Fundraising Committee and taught by Jennifer Daugherty, Head of the North Carolina Collection in Joyner. The committee determined that an educational series, such as this, was ideal for an approach to fundraising, as an alternative from our former banquet. Offered for a nominal fee that generated funds for the Friends, this series was deemed as an invaluable experience by several who attended. I had the privilege to attend and fully agree! We look forward in anticipation to the opportunities the committee may promote for our enjoyment and enrichment this year.

Funds generated through the Friends support Joyner events and programs that include ECU students, faculty and staff, and the greater community (external to ECU). Funding from the Friends may be used for the winter holiday lunch, years of service recognition, library-wide meetings at the beginning of each semester, and staff development day, or any of the other needs and opportunities identified through the year. The 16th annual School of Art and Design Graduate Student Art Exhibition was a shining example of just one of those opportunities. The Friends purchased, and now display, "Breaking Free," by Lee Turner during an art exhibit with 13 participating student artists. Joyner provides a time and opportunity to recognize student artists, as well as excellence in research and writing by students, and the Friends are pleased to offer their support.

The exhibits throughout the year, the recognition ceremonies, and all the many other events that Friends support, enrich and enhance the quality of student and faculty life at ECU. Finally, though, the icing on our cake, is the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library and reception in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery usually attended by Friends and the community. This past May, the Gallery was full of people and energy who were privileged to hear the keynote speaker Tom Campbell, an N.C. Broadcasters Hall of Fame member. Campbell provided extensive information and insight, along with a discussion of state history. It was a wonderful evening and culminating event for our year!

I trust this year will be just as memorable and meaningful as last. I look forward to another full and exciting year in 2024-25!

OUT AND ABOUT

Photos from events and involvement by the Friends of Joyner Library



The Friends support ALS Lego Challenge and numerous other events. Students and staff appreciate the support and enjoy these unique opportunities. This is Ian after winning the Spring 2024 Lego Challenge.



Tom Campbell served as keynote speaker for the Friends of Joyner Library annual meeting held May 7, 2024. Campbell is a 1963 graduate of J.H. Rose High School who is owner of Carolina Broadcasting and Publishing Company and was inducted into the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters in 2011. He was instrumental in the rise of NC Spin, a syndicated television show he created and produced for two-plus decades. His father, Hartwell, started WNCT-TV in December of 1953.



Members of the Friends Board are recognized as part of ceremonies during the annual meeting, May 7, 2024.



TRC employee Vatoia Gardner represented the library for tabling at the ECU Walter & Daisy Carson Latham Clinical Teacher & NC New Teacher Support Joint Conference. This included highlighting Friends of Joyner Library information materials and upcoming events.

Tell Me Who You Are: Profiles in Joyner Library Staff

By Carol Adamec Brown



Over the years, there have been interesting conversations with college students about career choices and where they might find fulfillment in their professions. Those who choose library typically describe deep satisfaction in their daily work. Talent and interests of library professionals are as varied as the enormous collection of books and materials available in any library.

At Joyner Library, here are just a few of the positions and titles discovered for this article: Library System Administrator, Associate Professor of Engineering & Technology, Student Hiring Supervisor & Kronos SuperAdmin, Course Reserves & Holds Manager, and Head of Service for Digital Collection. A small sampling of library staff ranging from newly hired to those with a lifetime of service agreed to tell a little about their history in Joyner. We also looked at some of their most memorable moments.

People enter the library professions for a variety of reasons. They come as student workers and decide they love library work, and they love who they work with and who they serve. Others reported library work as “fun,” intellectually challenging, an opportunity to use their best skills as designers, leaders, and administrators. They enter the profession from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are professional dancers, graphic designers, K-12 teachers, assistant staff for Reference and Government documents, and student assistants.

Angela Whitehurst is the Engineering and Technology Librarian. A former high school social studies teacher, Angela entered the library profession seeking an opportunity to work with older aged students at the college level. As Angela says, “A position in libraries seemed to be the best fit for me. ... I found my niche and was able to get my Master of Library Science degree a few years



later while working as a library assistant at Joyner Library.” Eventually, Angela gained a faculty level position and moved into other roles at Joyner. Especially meaningful for Angela has been the opportunity to serve on the library’s Director’s Executive Committee.

Kayla Hathaway is the Student Hiring Supervisor & Kronos SuperAdmin for Joyner Library. A professional dancer, advocate for the performing arts, teacher and mentor, Kayla’s work involves event planning and activities for students. “It’s been really rewarding to help foster a positive, supportive environment for students. I love that I get to be a part of the team that continues creating and molding into a place where students feel valued and can grow, both professionally and personally. I also have FOJL to thank for many of these events! Because of you, students can develop a deep love for Joyner and are becoming well-rounded individuals!” Kayla truly enjoys her work with students ... “especially during events like “Student Employee Appreciation Week” in April. Hearing them express how much they appreciate the effort we put into showing that their work matters really makes everything worth it.”

Aurora Venegas is the Course Reserves & Holds Manager and is also a graduate student in the Master of Library Science program in the College of Education. She is in her current position because, “I fell in love with working at the library and being surrounded by lovely and amazing colleagues and patrons (while working in Circulation and Interlibrary Loan as a student).”

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One of Aurora's best experiences is helping students whose first language is not English. "I love seeing their faces light up when they realize that I can speak their native language, which is Spanish. It is very important to me that patrons feel welcomed and comfortable when they ask for help, and I want to be able to provide the same level of service, no matter the language barrier." Clearly, Aurora meets a very special need in library services.



Joseph Barricella, Jr. is Head of Service, Digital Collections, Joyner Library. Joe's career path followed a digital route when he began as a graphic designer in the 1990s. He came to North Carolina as a graphic artist at the N.C. Maritime Museum. He was able to apply his many diverse skills into a single position at Joyner. Joe further explains, "Using various hardware and software, I gained a better understanding of how to provide digital access, both on campus and around the world, to historical publications, photos, and artifacts from our library's Special Collections department." His fondest memories are centered around event planning and special conferences like the 2017 Paraprofessional Conference.

Ann Carol Stocks came to Joyner thinking it would be just a short-term stay of employment. More than 40 years later, she now works as Library System Administrator. Back in 1992, she discovered being on staff with Joyner was the chance to work with the automated (library) systems. It was "fun" to learn about computers and automation. For those who love the orderly systematic world of computers, you might agree. Ann Carol says, "I was transferred out of the Technical Services unit to be part of a Systems Department – we spent a lot of time not only working on the system migration, but installing computers and training our co-workers how to use the computers even as we were trying to learn how to use them at the same time. Stressful, but fun!"

Some would define libraries as a place to access books, periodicals, films, and other formats of information. I would argue, the Library is so much more. It is a place where caring, creative people meet the information needs of patrons. It is a place where we can find out who we truly are, and a place to grow in knowledge and skill.

New member bios: Terry Atkinson and Theresa Hardy

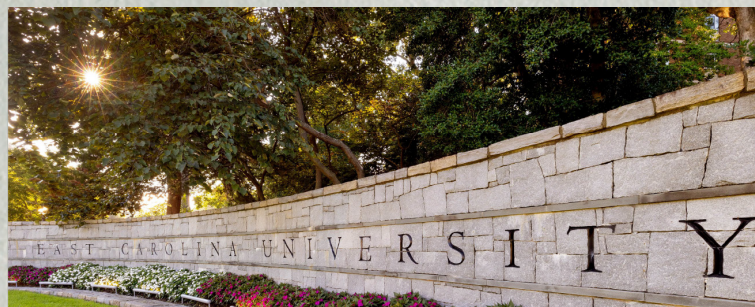
Terry S. Atkinson, PhD, an Associate Professor Emerita who taught graduate and undergraduate students in the East Carolina University® College of Education for more than two decades preceding her retirement in 2021, was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Joyner Library. Prior to teaching at ECU, she served as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, and principal in both public and independent schools. Terry served as the Executive Director of READ ENC Community Literacy Coalition during her final three years at ECU, where she was actively involved in early planning and ongoing implementation of community birth-grade 3 literacy initiatives and community engaged scholarship. She continues her investment in community and state literacy initiatives through membership and participation in the Sheppard Memorial Library Board of Trustees, United Way Board of Trustees, and Book Harvest's Education Systems Workgroup.

Theresa Hardy was recently elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Joyner Library. She is a lifelong resident of Kinston who graduated from East Carolina University with a BA ('82) and MLS ('86). Theresa started her career as a reference librarian with the Neuse Regional Library System and retired from Lenoir County Public Schools, where she was a high school media coordinator. Theresa says she always found her career challenging and rewarding. She is married to Ricky Hardy (ECU '82, '88) and they have two sons, Michael (ECU '13, '14), and Brian (ECU '17), daughter-in-law Jessica (ECU '13), and a Lil' Pirate™ granddaughter, Charlotte. Theresa says she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, traveling and going to the beach.

PIRATE NATION GIVES

Pirate Nation Gives 2025 is scheduled for March 5!

This is upcoming as the university's annual day of giving to celebrate past, current and future generations of proud Pirates™. Stay tuned on library social media and visit give.ecu.edu/PNG for the latest information.



Writer's Workshop

By Kaye Dotson

President of FOJL, Dr. Kaye Dotson, along with members and colleagues with FOJL, provided a special writers' workshop — "Publishing & Self-Publishing: The Writer's Workshop for You!" at Martin Community College in Williamston on Sept. 13 earlier this year.

Participants interacted and learned about books, and the logistics of publishing them. They also learned about FOJL, who we are and how we serve students and staff at Joyner Library.

The workshop sessions were as diverse as the knowledge of the presenters. Participants heard the story from Dotson about her dream to publish, and the process by which her work grew into a published book, *The Value of Games: Putting Play Back Into Practice for Children*. A colleague, Ms. Karen Coltrain, business education teacher and former media coordinator with Bear Grass Charter School and co-planner with Dotson for this event, shared the beautiful story of how her book *Why Do Raindrops Fall on Me?* was published and became a special gift to children and her family.

Ms. Diane Taylor, nationally recognized founder and publisher for Taylor Publishing, presented an inspiring and informative session on the ins/outs and how-tos of the publishing industry. She shared information from the perspective of both an author and a publisher as to how the process works in moving a manuscript from conception to print. Taylor is also a newly elected board member for FOJL.

ECU College of Education faculty, Dr. Crisiane Berry and Dr. Heather Seibert, provided sessions that are important to both writers and educators. Participants received the latest in cutting edge research in artificial intelligence and Creative Commons attributions. Dr. Carol A. Brown, retired and returning faculty member, described how attendees could document their own personal story through publishing a memoir. As board member with FOJL, Brown reminded participants that "Everyone Has a Story to Tell."

Important to the planning for the workshop was the support provided by Dr. Phyllis Broughton. Broughton is a servant leader in her department in the College of Education and president of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in eastern NC. She and members of her organization provided support and sponsored breakfast, ensuring a successful educational experience for writers and future writers in the region.

Included in Dotson's planning and vision for the workshop was recruitment for FOJL. Information enlightening attendees of the benefits of membership and the opportunities for many informative, entertaining events featured in Joyner Library were shared and displayed.



From the ALS Director

Jan S. Lewis, Director, Academic Library Services

Joyner Library is crackling with energy this fall! Our September gate count of 85,000 was up nearly 6% compared to September 2023. Students are benefiting from library resources, wellness activities, expert assistance, and a welcoming study environment, along with services provided by our partners in the Writing Center, the STEPP Program, and the Math C.A.V.E.

New this fall, ECU's Nancy Darden Child Development Center provides free Drop-Off Child Care services for ECU students in the library's family study room on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. We are excited that the Darden Center staff and the student-parents are using our Teaching Resources Center to access books and learning technologies, while we are benefiting from grant-funded improvements the Darden Center has made to the family study area, including a new rug, table and chairs. Free childcare during class hours is a great way to support our student-parents!

Graduate students will soon benefit from a gift from the Rand family. Edith Rand is a former Friends of the Library Board member and lifetime membership award recipient. She, her husband Skip, and son, Marshall, who received his M.A. in English at ECU, made a gift to repurpose Joyner Room 3006 to meet the specific needs of graduate students. The Board of Trustees approved the library's request to name the room in honor of the Rand family at its September meeting. This summer, we will renovate this space as part of a major study room renovation project. We will then use their gift to outfit the room to support graduate students.

ECU held its second annual University Day on Aug. 29. Spotlighting our legacy, long-term plans, and recent progress, the celebration in the Main Campus Student Center was a poignant reflection of East Carolina University values and traditions. [This video](#) captures multimedia presentations, a wonderful performance by a University jazz ensemble, and much more from the occasion. The University's laser focus on student learning and programs helped us earn the prestigious [Carnegie Leadership for Public Purpose classification](#) — placing ECU among just 25 colleges and universities with this distinction.

Strategic, ethical, and reflective integration of artificial intelligence is integral to being a future-focused, innovation-driven institution. The library is a key campus leader in this area. We serve on planning workgroups, participate in research projects, teach faculty workshops, include generative AI in our instruction sessions and student consultations, and explore ways AI can help us be more efficient and productive. This fall, several of our librarians created [A Guide to Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) for Students](#). It is publicly accessible; I recommend it to you if you are interested in learning more about AI.

Thank you for being a member of the Friends of Joyner Library. We appreciate your support.



Academic Library Services director Jan Lewis at the Ronnie Barnes Collection on the first floor of the library.

Feature story: Elmore embodies dedication to archives, preservation

By Ronnie Woodward

An award nominator described Martha Elmore as a consistent mentor, colleague and friend for many archivists.

Many is a key word, supported by the fact that Elmore began her service to archives and East Carolina University as a student employee in 1976 and since then has consistently thrived, led and adjusted for decades as a mainstay for ECU archives and manuscripts. She earned this year's Thornton W. Mitchell Service Award from the Society of North Carolina Archivists, recognizing her longtime impact and service to the archival profession in the state



"Martha Elmore is a genuine treasure," said John Lawrence, assistant director for Special Collections in Academic Library Services. "Our collections donors clearly trust her, and frequently ask for her assistance by name. No one knows this manuscript collection better than Martha, but best of all, she is a joy to work with."

Elmore was ECU's first director of archives, becoming interim head of the then-newly created University Archives in 1982. She has since held different library roles, currently serving as manuscript archivist to specialize in records donated to the main campus library from the private sector.

"Your purpose is to preserve records people will want to do research in," said Elmore, who grew up in Richmond, Virginia, and is a 1979 ECU graduate as a double major in history and anthropology. "Whether you are trying to preserve the history of the university, so people can use the files for research, or if you're trying to preserve correspondence and diaries that tell how people coped with wars or just ordinary life or how churches in the area developed, as examples, it's preserving history so that people in the future can actually go back to the original sources and see what happened. That is what the job is as an archivist, whether you are working with a university archive or a manuscript collection."

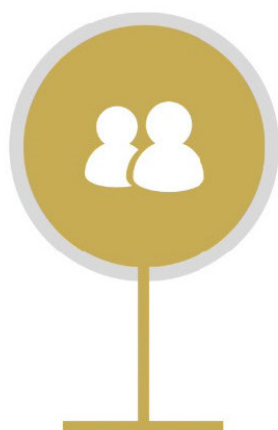
"As students continue to filter through ECU and complete their studies, Joyner will always be a constant space for long night studies, brief rushes for printing projects due in an hour, but more importantly, providing a sense of community that every Pirate holds dear even after they graduate and leave." - Library student employee Wren Holbrook said in an ECU News Services feature story about summer employment.



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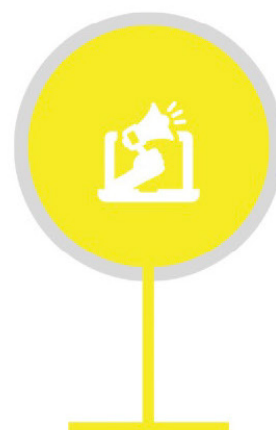
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