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Friends of Joyner Library **PUBLISHING AND WRITER'S WORKSHOP**



Feb. 21 | Joyner Library

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Network with others, meet publishers and hear from experts sharing traditional and nontraditional paths to publication!

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This workshop will provide traditional and nontraditional paths to publication and show participants how to navigate the process

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From the President

A deeper dive into the Feb. 21 workshop presenters

Dr. Kaye Dotson, Friends of Joyner Library President

The Friends of Joyner Library are moving and shaking this 2025 spring semester! The Events and Fundraising Committee produced an idea for this year's fundraiser that tapped right into the skills and talents of several board members, as well as that of other faculty of East Carolina University®. We thought you might like to know about the presenters of this 2025 fundraising event, especially since several of them are from your own Friends group. It is always good to know what services or skills might be available to you within your own reach!

This special event is a workshop for writers who want to be published — “Publishing & Self-Publishing: The Writer’s Workshop for You!” — scheduled for Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. in Joyner Library. The purpose is to provide support, community engagement, and information on the steps writers should know to bring their books to publication. Book topics might include anything from children’s books, cookbooks, inspirational works, memoirs, and any other ideas attendees might have. After all, everyone has a story!

Presenters will include your own Friends President, Kaye Dotson, who is an Associate Professor Emerita and past program director of the ECU® Library Science Graduate Program and is also a planner for this workshop. She continues her work in partial retirement, with research, writing, teaching graduate students and in volunteering service in the community, while currently serving the Friends of Joyner Library president. Contributing to professional literature in addition to articles, and inspired by her belief that teaching and learning can be fun, Dotson authored books *The Value of Games: Putting Play Back into Practice for Children*, and more recently *Banana I Am* and *Always Will Be: As Decided by You and Decided by Me*. Recent awards received include the Ray Moore Award, Faculty Author Book Award, The Leadership Legacy of Beta Upsilon Presidents, North Carolina Society of Historians Award of Excellence. Visit her website at kayebennettdotson.com.

Board member and presenter, Dr. Carol A Brown, has spent her life as an educator, having taught in schools and colleges for more than 50 years. She retired from ECU in 2017, but continues as Associate Teaching Professor in the ECU College of Education to teach children’s literature. She serves as a Deacon officer at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina. Along with bike riding, she enjoys reading and tutoring children. Her writing focuses on coursework with children's literature and her blogs, *Bottomless Book Bag*, are available at bottomlessbookbag.wordpress.com and *Your Fathers Eyes* yourfatherseyes.blogspot.com. Dr. Brown will describe how participants can document their own stories through the publication of a memoir.

Board member and presenter, Ms. Diane Taylor, is a journalist/publisher/entrepreneur with a degree in Broadcast/Journalism from Morgan State University and a Master’s in Technical and Professional Communications from ECU, and she is a recipient of the New York Newspaper Publishers Association Pulitzer award for journalism. She added “author” to her repertoire with her book *A Game of Faith – The Story of Negro League Baseball Player Carl Long* in 2013. She began Taylor Made Publishing, a successful publishing company, featured with *ESSENCE*, *TODAY Show Online*, *Huffington Post*, and many others, thereby receiving global recognition with the release of: *Daddy’s Little Princess and Dad, Who Will I Be?* In 2019, she received an invitation by the HBCU Global Alliance to travel to Ghana for literary contributions. To date, Taylor Made Publishing has assisted more than 50 authors to self-publish their books.

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In addition to her business, Ms. Taylor is a community advocate and volunteers to serve on numerous boards, lending her expertise to being the change she wishes to see in her community. Ms. Taylor will share 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. She resides in Greenville and has two children, Morgan (14) and Garrett Jr. (12).

Mrs. Karen Coltrain, co-planner and presenter of this workshop, is a Computer Skills, Business Education teacher, and a certified NC Media Coordinator. She currently teaches at Bear Grass Charter School and serves as an adjunct teaching professor for ECU. Mrs. Coltrain established Word Puddle Publishing House with the intention to provide access to publishing to others who have inspirational/educational ideas. Mrs. Coltrain wears the creative hats of both author and artist, having published books, provided figures and illustrations for other authors, and is known for her distinctive, whimsical, and inspirational artwork featuring detailed figures and settings. In her spare time, she designs and markets screen printing for shirts and custom items featuring her designs. She is the impetus behind a successful, long-running women's conference, currently in its 17th year, that she established and continues to direct.

Presenter Dr. Heather Seibert holds a Master of Library Science from ECU and a Doctorate from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. With more than 17 years of experience in education, she is currently an Assistant Professor in the MLS program at ECU. Her research and publications focus on Open Educational Resources (OER), Creative Commons licensing, workplace balance, and the role of Generative AI in education. Dr. Seibert has assisted other authors in creative aspects of preparing works for publication with critical information about Creative Commons, the copyright status of works, other types of licenses, copyright exemptions, and permissions. She has published broadly on information in these areas.

Dr. Crisiane Berry has worked in all levels of education from K-12 classrooms and curriculum coordinator in Georgia and North Carolina public schools, to professional development for in-service educators, and designing undergraduate medical curriculum material at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. She currently teaches at ECU in the Department of Math, Science, and Instructional Technology. Her research interests include emerging technologies, games in education, and teacher professional development. Dr. Berry designs and conducts presentations providing information on using AI for support in research and publication.

Each of these presenters has something unique and valuable to bring to the attention of future authors who will attend this workshop. They will share their experience and offer first-hand information on the road to publication. Together, this interdisciplinary team will seek to support ECU's motto, *Servire*, or "to serve," in helping to create a community of people armed with the tools and information needed to fulfill their dreams of publishing books and memoirs.

We are proud to have skills, strengths, and expertise from our own Board and from other East Carolina University faculty. We hope to see you there!

An Evening with LeVar Burton



Academic Library Services and the Friends of Joyner Library were campus partners for the 2024 Voyages of Discovery Series Lecture featuring award-winning actor and producer, literacy advocate and podcast host LeVar Burton. ALS employees Charlotte Fitz-Daniels and Jennifer Daugherty, and Friends president Kaye Dotson shared information and opportunities with other attendees.

Tell Me Who You Are: Profiles in Joyner Library Staff

By Carol Adamec Brown



Patrick Cash is the Manuscript Curator for the ECU Libraries Manuscripts Collection at Joyner Library. What is a manuscript curator, you may ask? According to the Princeton Review (2025) “It is almost like touching history.” In his position, Cash assists with the acquisition, preservation, accessibility, and promotion of the library’s manuscripts collection that document regional, national, and global histories. Prior to accepting the position of Manuscript Curator, he served as Joyner Library’s Assistant University Archivist from 2019-2022. Cash's favorite part of his work is when he gets the opportunity to promote and work with the library’s rich collections. “Whether it is collaborating with a patron to help them find information in a collection or finding unique and interesting collection material to promote, getting the opportunity to work with the historically rich collections we have in the East Carolina Manuscripts Collection makes the historian in me excited. Providing access to our collections is the most important and rewarding part of

my work,” he said.

Cash also enjoys serving the archival profession through his work on professional organizations such as the Society of North Carolina Archivists, and is excited to bring the 2025 SNCA annual conference to Joyner Library in May.

Mark Sanders is a Professor and the Assistant Director for Public Services at East Carolina University’s Joyner Library. He is responsible for the overall operation of the library’s largest division, comprised of approximately 45 faculty and paraprofessional staff. It includes facilities, circulation, interlibrary loan, library technology, the Music Library, research and instructional services, and the Teaching Resources Center. Working in a team-based environment, he is responsible for the final management and preparation of budgets, schedules, meeting agendas, assessment reports, goals, evaluations, policies, and other administrative documents. In addition, Sanders serves as a Faculty Fellow with the ECU Honors College. He holds a BA from UNC-Asheville, an MA from Penn State University, an MLS from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a graduate certificate in “Student Affairs in Higher Education” from ECU. His professional interests include learning spaces, access services, and budget planning.

In his free time, Sanders said he enjoys cooking, seeing live music (especially jazz, electronic, and Americana), traveling, and visiting cultural institutions such as museums, libraries, and parks. His favorite book is *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari, and his favorite movie is Pulp Fiction.



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PIRATE NATION GIVES

Pirate Nation Gives 2025 is 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 on challenges and ways to support the library and Friends of Joyner Library.





In 2016, **Ashley Moore** was working for Brody School of Medicine in the Pathology Department administration office. That's when she decided to apply for a position as an accountant with Joyner Library.

She tells her story — “I interviewed in September and found out the same week that I was expecting my first baby, so it was a transitional time in life for me. I couldn't have asked for a better place to start a new job just when I was starting a new phase of life. I remember walking into my office on my first day and thinking, ‘This could be my forever job!’ I've changed roles and responsibilities many times since November 2016 when I started working here, and I've loved every new opportunity.” Currently, she serves as the head of administrative services and the executive assistant to the director. When asked about her best memory or experience working at Joyner, she said, “It's just a combination of all the great things I've gotten to be a part of. Joyner Library has been a great place to grow, and every year has brought new learning opportunities. I've especially enjoyed my committee work, from serving on search committees and library leadership committees to working with the Friends group (FOJL), serving on staff development and mentoring committees. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to help the library re-envision and implement a new model for employee mentoring, and that continues to be one of my passion areas.”



Laura Newsome has been working for East Carolina University for nearly 10 years. Having worked in business and finance for many years, she wanted to broaden her knowledge, so about a year and half ago, she applied for an accounting position at Joyner Library. Currently, Newsome manages the state budget for the library which includes a wide variety of purchases from basic office supplies to extensive electronic journal packages. She also arranges all travel accommodations for employees who are traveling for conferences or workshops.

She said, “Joining the library's administration team has helped me to become more involved in committees here at the library and within the ECU community. The library hosts a lot of events for students, staff, and the public. I enjoy getting to see what's happening each week and being able to attend if it's of interest to me.”

Her fondest memories of the library include staff development days.



From the ALS Director

Jan S. Lewis, Director, Academic Library Services

Spring is my favorite season in Greenville and at ECU. Starting with my trip on Highway 33 from Chocowinity to campus and culminating at my parking spot on the mall, I am entranced by the beauty of the jonquils and other early bloomers, the Bradford pears (I know, they are not native and not to be encouraged, but they surely are pretty for a few weeks), the pale green of trees just coming into leaf, and the campus azaleas and purple and gold pansies filling the flower beds. In addition to this natural beauty, there is much to enjoy inside the library during the spring.

On Feb. 21, the Friends will offer a Publishing and Writer's Workshop to help aspiring authors realize their publishing goals. The modest workshop fee will support the continued work of the Friends. The 17th Annual School of Art and Design Graduate Student Art Exhibit reception will take place on Feb. 20. Join us as we announce the Friends Purchase Award winner and celebrate all the artists and their instructors. In March, the library will have its annual Staff Development Day, which is supported financially by the Friends. Coming up in May are the ALS Staff Assembly-sponsored Paraprofessional Conference and the Friends annual meeting. In addition, we are pleased to host the Society of North Carolina Archivists Conference at Joyner Library in May.

We have great exhibits on display this spring as well. Exhibits throughout Joyner Library highlight the departments that curate/work with Special Collections materials, and showcase a wide variety of items from our collections. Leading up to the summer Special Collections exhibit highlighting materials related to World War II, I encourage you to read the excellent blog posts that use some of these materials in narratives about how soldiers celebrated holidays, key battles, and life on the home front.

We are busy planning several renovation projects that will begin in May. New paint, flooring and furniture will refresh the Teaching Resources Center and support its programming and collaborations with ECU faculty, teachers, students, and visitors of all ages. All of our study rooms will be updated with new wall coverings, paint, and other features that will provide a welcoming environment. Stay tuned for more on these projects and others that are in the planning process.

One last plug: members of the Friends of Joyner Library can attend the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library's Members-Only book sale from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Greenville Convention Center. The sale runs through Sunday, March 2.

We are so grateful for your support, which is essential to our success. Thank you for the many ways you support the library and ECU. Thank you for being a member of the Friends and Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Jan Lewis



Academic Library Services director Jan Lewis stands at a book display on the first floor of the library.



The Greenville StoryWalks grand opening was held Jan. 18 at Wildwood Park. (ECU News photos by Steven Mantilla)

Feature story: StoryWalks merge fun, fitness with reading

By Ronnie Woodward



Parents and caregivers emphasized the fun of reading as they enjoyed spirited, reading-based activities for children at Wildwood Park on Jan. 18 to help introduce StoryWalks to Greenville.

StoryWalk panels, which combine reading with physical activity in outdoor settings, were installed recently at Wildwood Park and Greensprings Park, featuring children's books in English and Spanish. This project was led by East Carolina University Academic Library Services, in collaboration with Greenville Recreation and Parks, the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library and children's librarians at Farmville Public Library.

"This is a fun way to learn how to read and to start enjoying reading, rather than just sitting down at a desk," mother Katelyn Stephens said. "It's definitely a little more hands-on. This is one of our favorite parks, too. They have the best walking trails."

The book choices will rotate seasonally.

"I love it, because we are all for getting kids outside more," said Jennifer True, a mother who also works in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology in the ECU Brody School of Medicine. "We wanted to be here for this and knew it was going to be really exciting. The whole togetherness of the libraries we really want to support."

Project leaders at ECU include Laura Bright, collection strategist and assessment librarian, Eryn Staib, student engagement and outreach specialist, and Jan Lewis, director of ECU Academic Library Services and president of the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library.

May 13: Annual banquet and reception to feature Dr. Margaret Bauer

ECU's Dr. Margaret Bauer will speak about “Paul Green – More than The Lost Colony” at the Friends of Joyner Library annual meeting and banquet, May 13 at 5 p.m. in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery. She will be discussing his life and career. Not only was Green the author of “The Lost Colony,” he has an extensive body of work that included plays, screenplays, and novels.

Bauer is the Rives Chair of Southern Literature in the Department of English, a Distinguished Professor of Harriot College of Arts and Science and the editor of the North Carolina Literary Review. She has earned numerous awards in teaching, research and literature, including in 2017 with the North Carolina Award for Literature from Governor Roy Cooper and the R. Hunt Parker Memorial Award from the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association for her significant contributions to North Carolina Literature.



Green



Bauer

Supporting students and the library

The Friends of Joyner Library, the university's oldest Friends group, plays a critical role in promoting Joyner Library as a university and community resource, promoting student success, supporting library staff development, and providing funding to enhance and preserve unique collections. In recent months, Friends support was instrumental to the ALS Holiday Luncheon and with students for enjoyable exam slam programming during stressful times for students. The Friends also will sponsor the upcoming reception and awards ceremony for the 17th annual School of Art and Design Graduate Student Art Exhibition.



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