New Faculty Resource Center Coming Soon
Preparations Underway in Montgomery Library Basement

Construction will begin soon on a Faculty Resource Center (FRC). A federal Title III grant is funding the new FRC. The U.S. Department of Education awarded the grant to Campbellsville University in October 2015 on the basis of CU’s commitment to improving student retention and providing faculty with a professional teaching and learning center.

The FRC is being located in Montgomery Library’s basement, formerly occupied by the Teacher Learning Resource Center. It will be equipped with a state-of-the-art digital recording studio and editing station, along with areas for faculty collaboration, meetings and social space. A director for the FRC, who will offer training, professional development, and resources for faculty members, is also provided in the grant.

Other areas in the library will be affected by the remodeling. Some staff offices will be clustered into an office suite and ceilings will be repaired. Two ranges of bookshelves on the main floor are being relocated to the basement. The class room and work room in the basement will be combined to make one large room for the ranges. The additional space created on the main floor will include comfortable seating, study tables, and computer stations for students.

With construction set to begin in the next few weeks, preparations are nearly complete. Since December library staff has been removing books from the collection, relocating offices, and disposing of unusable furniture. The FRC and remodeling are scheduled for completion before the fall 2016 semester begins in August.

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Beulah Campbell Collection Online

CIC Shared Shelf Digitization Project Progressing

The Beulah Campbell Collection is making its way online! About one-fifth of the collection’s art work and a portion of its archival material are in the ArtStor Shared Shelf online collection.

The collection is available only to Campbellsville University at this time. Montgomery Library plans to make it more widely available in the future. It continues to digitize the collection’s materials and make them available online, adding metadata along the way to make the collection easier to search, discover, and understand. Education classes will use these materials this semester and in the future.

The Library is working with the Council of Independent Colleges’ (CIC) Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Research to share Campbell’s collection through the CIC’s Shared Shelf program.

The collection is accessible on ArtStor’s webpage, which is found by going to the Library’s webpage and clicking on “Databases A-Z”. From there go to ArtStor and click on the On-Campus Access link. When the ArtStor webpage appears, the Beulah Campbell Collection link is in the center column under the “Shared Shelf Institutional Collections” label.

On completion of this project, additional collections for digitization will be considered. The Shared Shelf program focuses on unique collections used for teaching and research. Any faculty member who has a unique collection and uses it in their classes may have the collection digitized and made available online. Please contact us about possibly collaborating! Other institutional projects include cataloging campus art, digitizing slides taken by professors on research trips, and documenting local architecture. Shared Shelf can support images, documents, videos, and audio material. Contact Abigail Parker arpar-ker@campbellsville.edu for more information.

Scanning and Fax Service

Montgomery Library now has a service in which individuals can scan documents or photographs and then save them on a thumb drive or send them by e-mail or virtual fax. It’s free and located at the circulation desk.

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Library Collections Being Winnowed
Free Books Offered to Campus Community

Montgomery Library is making way for renovations and for rejiggering space for library collections. As part of the preparations, staff members have been removing books from the library’s main stacks since last December.

The books being withdrawn undergo an evaluation process for de-selection. Several factors come into play when evaluating these materials. Books removed include textbooks, items in poor condition, duplicate copies, and books containing out-of-date information.

The discarded books are being offered to faculty, students, and staff for the taking at several locations within the Library. Look for these items outside Dr. Burch’s office and in the Library basement. Books that have not found new homes by February 19th will be sent to Better World Books, a global literacy project. Please come to peruse and reuse!

“Through the Portal” Book Club
A Club for You!

A new campus book club will soon meet. The “Through the Portal” Book Club is being organized by Montgomery Library. It is open to anyone of the campus community.

Silence by Shusaku Endo is the first work chosen for discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Montgomery Library Circulation Desk. The club’s first meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m., will be in the Chowning Executive Dining Room.

Set in 17th century Japan, a young Jesuit missionary arrives in Japan following the Shimabara Rebellion. Fr. Sebastião Rodrigues suffers persecution during the time following the rebellion (historically known as the time of “Hidden Christians”). His faith severely tested, he struggles to understand why God is silent amidst the intense suffering of His people.

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REBUILDING a Library in Desperate Times

Catastrophe struck the summer of 1939. The library on April 14, 1939 when fire destroyed the administration building. Built in 1906-1907 when Russell Creek Academy started, other states housed science laboratories, als, civic organizations, and educational and religious instructional offices, science and faculty offices, such as Business and Professional Women's Clubs, William Jewell College, T.S. Curry, Jr., and an auditorium in addition to the W.M.U. Training School, Carson Newman College, Baptist Sunday School Board, D.J. Wright (Campbellsville's president), and Central University of Kentucky (aka Eastern Kentucky University).

The library re-opened in the new administration building when it was dedicated on January 2, 1940 on the site of the old.

The fire wiped out the library's collection of over 5,000 volumes. Within the year, however, the entire collection was replaced. About 5,000 books volumes had been "properly catalogued during the catalogued".

What Are You Reading!? 

We were wondering what members of the university community read outside of reading for professional development or for preparing for classes? For this issue, Pat Cowherd was asked about her preferences.

The dean of CU's School of Business and Economics enjoys reading murder mysteries, especially James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell.

Both Patterson and Cornwell are prolific authors with Patterson publishing 141 novels and Cornwell 41 fiction and non-fiction books.

"I have read most of their books," she says.

The latest of Patterson's books that she has read include NYPD Red 4, Cross Justice, 14th Deadly Sin, Truth or Die, Murder House, and Burn.

Of Cornwell's recent books, Cowherd has read Depraved Heart, Flesh and Blood, Dust, and Red Mist.

Knowing her enthusiasm for both authors, Cowherd's colleagues gave her books autographed by both Patterson and Cornwell.

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