Dean of Library Services Moves to Tennessee

John Burch accepts Head Position at Martin

Since last May, Campbellsville’s former Dean of Library Services has been working at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

John Burch accepted the position as Associate Professor - Library Director at the Paul Meek Library. He began his duties in late May.

Directing a staff of nineteen, the comprehensive media center for faculty and students, and special collections, Burch became CU’s director of library services in 2000. He quickly instituted changes to services that would support an academic program for a small university in the digital age. He added to the intellectual resources of the library by expanding the use of databases. He laid the foundation to expand student outreach and serve students in far flung places such as Recife, Brazil.

Reference Librarian/Former Archivist Retires

August 31 will be Glen Taul’s last day as a Reference Librarian. He came to CU in 2009 as an assistant archivist to organize the papers of former Congressman Ronald Lewis. After serving as archivist, he became reference librarian after SACS’ last re-accreditation in 2014. He will return to Georgetown to write, travel, and volunteer.
“Through the Portal” Book Club Will Meet in November
Award Winning Science Fiction Novel is the Topic

In dystopian world 2044, Wade Watts searches for an Easter egg in a virtual reality game. The prize is a fortune left by the founder of a virtual society that has the most stable currency in the real world. *Ready Player One*, Ernest Cline’s debut novel when it appeared in 2011, will be discussed at the next meeting of the “Through the Portal” Book Club this semester. Steven Spielberg is adapting it to a feature film for release in 2018.

The club will meet at the Circulation Desk in the Montgomery Library, on Tuesday, November 7, at 3:30 P.M. Anyone interested in joining the discussion can pick up a copy at Montgomery Library’s Circulation Desk. They are free.

Prize Winning Books Added to Collections
Books Internationally Recognized in 2016 and 2017

Recent additions to Montgomery Library’s collections include books that have been recognized internationally for their import in the fields of history, poetry, fiction, and drama.

Winners of the 2016 National Book Award, the 2016 and 2017 Pulitzer Prizes, the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature, and the 2016 Man Booker Prize were bought as a way to include internationally recognized works of importance in the collection. These are in addition to the long standing inclusion of prize winning children’s literature.

Colson Whitehead’s novel, *The Underground Railroad*, was awarded both the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. His novel was recognized for melding both realism and allegory to combine the violence of slavery and the adventure tale of one woman’s absolute determination to escape the horrors of bondage. It is a mythical tale that speaks to contemporary America.

Other notable mentions are Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Pulitzer Prize winning *Hamilton: the Revolution* and Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan’s *The Lyrics: 1961-2012*.