



# Bibliophile

"A lover of books; a book-fancier"

## Key Notes From Dean Kenerson

The Brown-Daniel

Library continues to look for means to modernize our facilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

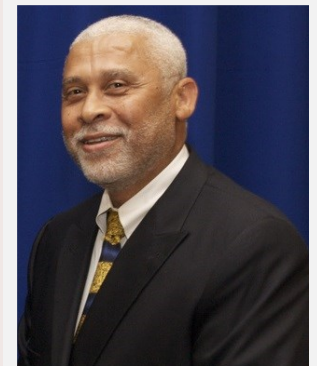
The state-of-the art in libraries and information centers have technologically evolved to expand support and meet the needs of students and faculty over the last twenty five years.

Libraries have developed multipurpose learning commons to facilitate student learning styles, learning outcomes and success in environments that are inviting. Library modernization provides various spaces for activities including group discussions, meetings, rooms for project development and training.

We are working with a consultant on a grant so that our library will deliver such a place.

Additionally, a grant proposal to develop a Makerspace is being submitted to the Apple/Thurgood Marshall College Fund for student use this year. Makerspaces are spaces provided for students, who have innovative and creative energies to further develop their talents. It is expected that the knowledge gained by students in such an environment would allow them to acquire higher critical thinking skills desired in today's employment marketplace. To

these ends, the library is hopeful and confident that these grant proposals will bring funding so that these ideas will be brought into reality. We will also continue to seek ways to modernize our library in other ways to keep pace with 21<sup>st</sup> century libraries.



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### Special points of interest:

- Streaming Videos
- Media Centers

## Contentdm Re-starts Library's Digital Projects

The Special Collections Department has renewed its license for Contentdm.

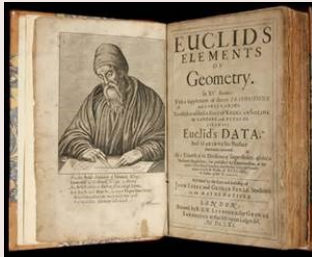
This widely used software has allowed the library to continue digitizing TSU yearbooks and university

catalogs. For the yearbooks, we have added 1961-2009. The university catalogs are up-to-date with the addition of the 2013-2015 edition.

Special Collections is making preparations to

digitize more of its collections, and is making progress with others including the Avon Williams Collection. The Collection Management Dept. is lending assistance with creating finding aids.

## New E-Resources and Services



### Project Euclid Provides Full Text Mathematical Articles

Although there have been scale backs and discontinuations of low use databases, the library was able to add faculty requests for electronic journals such as the *Journal of Visualized Experiments-Chemistry*. We were able to renew our subscription to **Project Euclid**, a mathematics database. During the Spring semester we introduced

**BrowZine** which allows the TSU community to access our e-journal collection on the phones and tablets as they are published.

Databases that are paid by the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) were added, as well as those from the Regents online Program. These additions included

Times Free Press and the Tennessean.

During the Fall semester, the library will have trials of three databases. To support film study classes, we will look at Screen Studies (Proquest) and Film and TV Studies with Full Text (EBSCO) in September. In October we will have a two week trial of Mintel, which provides marketing reports for business research.

## Women's History Month Wikipedia Edit-a-thon



Vanderbilt Librarians Deborah Lilton and Edward Warga conducted training sessions with TSU faculty to show them how to edit entries in Wikipedia.

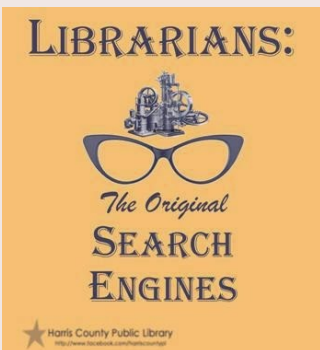
The Edit-a-thon was held on March 25th for three hours at the Brown-Daniel Library. Received a brief training session and then using resources gathered and

compiled by the librarians, they launched into editing the bios of outstanding TSU women such as Wilma Rudolph, Xernona Clayton and Dr. Glenda Glover. Participants include Dr. Samantha Morgan Curtis Writing Clinic students and students from Dr. Michelle Pinkard's Spoken Word class as well as Dr. Rosalyn

Word's class. Faculty participants included Dr. Joel Dark and staff participants included Anjetta Williams.

TSU Librarians who participated were Lynetta Alexander, Barbara Vanhooser, Sharon Smith, Vandy Owen, Julie Huskey and Glenda Alvin.

## Librarians at Conferences



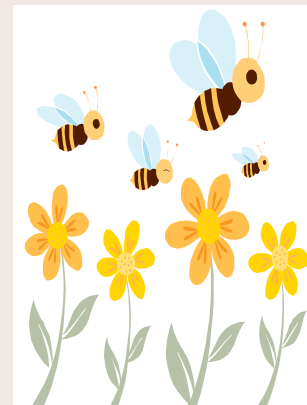
Dr. Murle Kenerson attended the Innovative Interfaces Conference for Deans and Directors in February and will be attending the TBR Deans and Directors Retreat, as well as the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in Orlando.

Glenda Alvin co-presented a program on managing change at the Charleston Library Conference and presented at a Research Forum for African American Studies Librarians at the ALA Conference in June 2016. She published three articles in *Against the Grain* for her column, "Collection Management Matters."

Vanessa Owen co-chaired the program at the Tennessee Library Association in April which was also attended by Anthony Prince, former editor of *Tennessee Libraries* and Julie Huskey, who assisted with registration. (Continued on P.4)

## What the Buzz?

- ◆ The Avon Williams continues its inventory and is looking for a completion date in the Fall of 2016
  - ◆ The Book Browsing Collection on the library's first floor has new bestsellers and books of popular interest. Currently featured are: *Life in Blue Thread, In Defense of Liberal Education, A God in Ruins and Beale Street Dynasty, The Girl on The Train, and All the Light We Cannot See.*
- ◆ Over the summer the Brown-Daniel Library weeded and updating its print reference collection. In future, we will be relying more heavily on the electronic reference collections including Credo Reference, Oxford Premium Reference, Gale Virtual Library, Encyclopedia of Social Work, Oxford English Dictionary, Granger's Index to Poetry and several others.



## Database Changes

Due to a decrease in funding, the library has had to reduce the number of databases that it can provide.

The library is providing enhanced access to articles that support popular databases, such as Wiley Online Library. We can no longer afford our full text Wiley Online Library subscription, so we are maintaining some core journals with high usage and

by providing pay per view service that uses tokens. We also have down sized our subscriptions to business databases such as Emerald and Mergent. Newsbank, and Consumer Reports.org had to be discontinued.. This Fall we also discontinued ReportLinker, which no longer offers a library version, but individual accounts.

The library received extra funds from the TAF committee to retain some of our databases.

The Library continues to received requests for new resources. As we move forward into fiscal year 2016-2017, we will have to look at other databases that have relatively low usage and/or do not provide full text articles, so we can make room for the new requests.



## Library Staff On the Move

Loretta Divens, Library Assistant III in Special Collections, retired in March. She worked with the library exhibits and its Art Corner.

Jarvis Sheffield replaced

her position in April. He is a returnee-several years ago, he was employed at TSU Media Centers.

We also had 2 resign from the staff; Kristopher Cole who worked in the Media Center

and LeSan Terrel, Library Assistant.

Lastly, Dorothy Fisher is the new part-time Administrative Assistant IV in the Library Dean's office.



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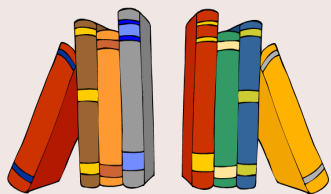
## The Mundane and Exalted at Avon Williams Library

Members of the Avon Williams library staff continue to strive to improve our customer service to our users and create a welcoming and supportive environment for the university community. Going the extra mile is our guiding principle.

The library's presentation of art exhibits by significant area artists has stimulated much interest on the part of university staff and our students and has attracted a large number of people from the community. An interesting spinoff from these shows is that we have videotaped the artist talks at the receptions and consequently, we are compiling a collection of videos documenting in their own words the insights and motivations that influenced their artistic endeavors.

We are nearing completion of the project to inventory the entire book collection. Ultimately the project fits nicely into our first priority of public service. For years we have had a large number of books on the shelves that could not be found in our catalog; likewise, we have had many books in the catalog that were not on our shelves. When this project is completed our users will no longer question why they cannot find books that the catalog says we should have; further they will find that we have many more books than they thought we had. The inventory project has also brought to our attention that we have a large number of books that needed to be removed from the collection. Ultimately we will have a leaner but more effective collection for our users.

## News About Collections and Services



**Tennessee State University is an AA/EEO employer.**

### **Reserve Collection:**

The library can no longer afford the Docutek database that it had been using for digitized classroom reserve materials. Faculty who need this service should now use E-Learn.

### Newspapers:

The library provides electronic versions of major Tennessee newspapers: Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Nashville . We also have an online subscription to the **Chronicle of Higher Education**.

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*Librarians at Conferences-*

Fletcher Moon had two presentations during the year: The first was at the NAAAS & Affiliates in Baton Rouge and the African History & Culture Conference. Both took place in February 2016.