



## **Celebrate the Spirit**

1906-2006

"Celebrate The Spirit" is located near the reference desk on the first floor of the Helm Library. The WKU Centennial Committee with Dean David Lee, Chairman, commissioned the mural and it was made possible by support from the Dean of Libraries, Michael Binder. The project was



under the direction of Lynne Ferguson, Kentucky Library and Museum Artist in Residence. Local artist, Alice Gatewood Waddell and Jayne Pelaski, Centennial Committee, assisted in the mural's design and completion. The painting of the mural began in June as middle and high school students, local artists, Western Kentucky University students and staff volunteering in painting the mural. Volunteers were Simarika Adhikari, Alexia Ault, Savannah Campbell, Heather Cowherd, Saena Garcia, Sophi Garfinkle, Julie Hansbrough, Lauren Kern, Morgan Kern, Kaitlin McGrane, Amy McCray, Patrick Merry, Devon Murphy, Jayne Pelaski, Delaire Rowe, Sara Travis, Catherine Watwood, and Katie White.

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## **Call for Christmas Trees**

On December 2 a collection of handmade ornaments will be on display at the Kentucky Museum. This collection includes over 1,200 pieces, each one made by a Warren County fourth grader! All Warren County Schools participated in



this project. We would like each school to have its own tree. If you have a tree you would like to donate or loan to The Kentucky Museum, please call 270-745-7056. Donations must be received by November 9.

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## **Library News**

**"Reflections on Wallace,"** an article written by Charles Smith, Science Library, appeared on the prestigious *Nature* in September 2006.

**Rosemary Meszaros**, Government and Law Information Coordinator, is named the Academic Library of the Year by the Kentucky Library Association.

**Personal Librarian** University Libraries launched a new Personal Librarian Program for students this year. This program will give students the opportunity to have one-on-one guidance from a librarian. Upon request the student will be assigned a librarian in his/her area of interest, will be given a tour of the library and will be provided with instruction on how to use our research databases, how to identify legitimate research sources and search periodicals. Special attention will be given to databases, periodicals, journals that are directly related to the student's discipline.

**The Kentucky Library and Museum** is looking forward to a terrific year. With the support of President Ransdell and Campus Improvement Funds, KYLM's Plan for Change is being put into action.

*Remote Storage.* By moving our collections out of the Kentucky Building into a new temperature and humidity controlled facility, we open up about 10,000 sq. feet of new gallery space for the museum.

*New Galleries.* The first new gallery spaces will be devoted to our outstanding collection of quilts, and our equally exciting collection of decorative arts. Furniture which descended through the family of Benjamin Franklin will be on display, the art collection of Perry Snell will come out of storage and be seen for the first time in corporate memory, our terrific Kentucky-made furniture, and our delightful sliver and glass collections will all have an opportunity to be seen in the decorative arts gallery space.

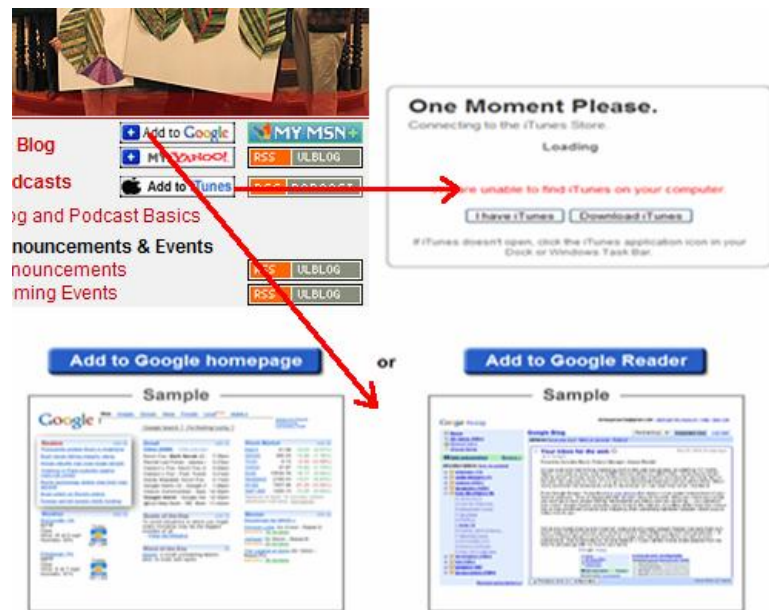
*Improving Accessibility.* Accommodating the public and the physically challenged has been a problem at the Kentucky Building. By altering the elevator so that it is self-operated and installing a new, self-operated chair lift, we will make the entire Kentucky Building self-accessible.

*The Western Room.* The old Orientation Room, its white tile floor and white cinder block walls will be transformed into the Western Room, a carpeted space, with wood wainscoting, tiered seating, built-in display cabinets, and high tech audio/visual displays, a space Western can be proud to show its prospective students and their families, as well as a warm inviting space for your next meeting.

There are more wonderful things to come over the next four years. Be on the look out for an invitation to the ‘Re-opening’ of the Kentucky Library and Museum!

### **Access to Libraries’ Blog and Podcast**

has been made more convenient recently. The Libraries’ Blog and Podcast were started in November 2005 and February 2006, respectively. Both the new web-based services use the RSS technology to push information to the user. While the Blog publicizes library events and new collections timely, the Podcast broadcasts



recordings of speeches and talks made at the various Libraries’ community outreach activities. Two speeches have been added to the Podcast recently. One is Haiwang Yuan’s Faraway Places presentation on Chinese culture reflected in his book *The Magic Lotus Lantern and Other Tales from the Han Chinese* published a few months ago. The other is a lecture on Heaven Hill given by Larry Kass, the family business’ Director of Corporate Communications.

Users can subscribe to the RSS feeds of the Blog and the Podcast, web addresses of the XML-based program that pushes information to the user as it is updated, by copying them from popup windows on the Libraries’ home page and paste them to their

favourite Blog readers and Podcast catchers to complete the subscription process. But now, the subscription is made easier with the newly added buttons of “Add to My Google,” “Add to My Yahoo,” “Add to My MSN,” and “Add to iTunes.” By clicking on them, the user can subscribe to the Libraries’ Blog or Podcast without going through the trouble of copying and pasting the RSS feed addresses. (Haiwang Yuan)

**The Main Library has added the ILLiad system** to assist patrons who use interlibrary loan. One of the main benefits of this ILL management system is that patrons register the first time they use it, and from then on the system automatically enters their personal information every time they request something. The other major benefit is the patrons’ ability to track requests. They will no longer have to wonder where their request or how soon to expect their material. ILLiad has something for the library’s interlibrary staff as well. More efficient tracking of requests and materials means less paper to keep up with in the office.

The ILL staff is in the middle of their ILLiad training. Once that is complete, and the library’s website is updated, the system will be going live. Interest is already running high among Western’s faculty. There have already been requests for updates and training on the new system. ILLiad is planned to be available for the patrons of University Libraries by the end of the semester. (Dan Forest)

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## **Lynne Marrs Hammer Ferguson Exhibit**



An exhibit of original oil painting and collages by the Kentucky Library and Museum Artist in Resident, Lynne Ferguson, are on exhibit from October 16, to November 17th, 2006, in Helm 100. Included in the exhibit are new pieces from a series of works entitled Living in a Fishbowl. Ms. Ferguson’s work is held in private and corporate collections throughout the US. Local corporate collections include the Medical Center at Bowling Green, US Bank, BB&T, and Glasgow Primary Care. Ms Ferguson’s work can be also seen at Memphis Marsha’s Gallery at 524 E. 12th

Ave., Bowling Green, KY.

## **New Gifts to University Libraries**

New gifts to University Libraries during the 2005-2006 academic year included:

- Estate commitments from Jonathan Jeffery and Jack Moore supporting the Kentucky Library.
- Cash gifts from Bob and Cora Jane Spiller, the Park Foundation and Pinnacle Foods Corporation along with the Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for the creation of the Duncan Hines Exhibit
- Gifts of stock from Joe Glasser for a collections endowment benefiting Gordon Ford College of Business and John Helm for Kentucky Library acquisitions
- Gift annuities supporting various museum and library projects from Dorothy Grider, Beulah Campbell and Dee Perguson
- Gifts in kind of artwork & catalogs from Joe Dudley Downing and a confidential donor
- A grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission for a manuscripts project
- More than \$50,000 in sponsorships for the Southern Kentucky Book Fest and other library outreach programs

These contributions account for more than \$ in University Libraries support, significantly affecting the future of libraries success. Western Kentucky University's motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master," is evident in the University Libraries. Continued support from alumni and friends brings that saying to life, providing a glimpse of history, access to the information of today and development of the leaders of tomorrow. For more information on how you can join the list of supporters who are making University Libraries even better, call Carrie Barnette at 270-745-7056. Together, we can make WKU's Libraries even stronger for now and generations to come.

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## **Ogden College, Rah! Rah! Rah!**

University Archivist Sue Lynn McDaniel was thrilled to receive the Kentucky Museum's first Ogden letter sweater. "We are in search of additional Ogden College artefacts and



personal papers that will tell us more about the private school which merged with Western in January 1927.”

Exhibited in the Orientation Room of the Kentucky Building, “Ogden College: Rah! Rah! Rah!” features the letter sweater, diploma and several photographs of Ras Jones, class of 1926. A pennant, donated by Jo Tilden, “Top” Orendorf, freshman class of 1926, is also displayed with the recent donation. Mr. Jones’ Ogden mementoes are part of the Jones family papers recently donated by the family of Ras Jones to the Kentucky Library & Museum.

“Our family has always viewed the Kentucky Library & Museum as one of the treasures of our community,” said Dru Howell, daughter of Ras Jones, “We are delighted father’s Ogden story will be preserved there.”

An adjacent exhibit “Western Genealogy” provides an overview of the schools which by location, or merger, are a part of Western’s history – Glasgow Normal, Southern Normal School, Ogden College, Potter College for Young Ladies, and the Bowling Green Business University are all part of the exhibit – all have a story that is part of Western’s history. A timeline of how each school impacted Western’s history is on display above the exhibit case. More information about these historically related schools is available at [www.wku.edu/Library/kylm/collections/inhouse/ua/schools/index.html](http://www.wku.edu/Library/kylm/collections/inhouse/ua/schools/index.html)

For additional information on this exhibit please contact Sue Lynn McDaniel at 270-745-2592.

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## **Shakers in Silhouette**

Two noteworthy items have recently been acquired to enhance our outstanding collection of Shaker materials in Special Collections. Through the generosity of John Helm, framed (5”x7”) silhouettes of Gertrude Soule, 1895-1988, and Bertha Lindsey, 1897-1990, were purchased.

Gertrude and Bertha were lifelong members of the Canterbury, New Hampshire Shaker colony. They were friends of Deedy Hall, collector, preserver, and founder of the South Union (Logan County, Kentucky) Shaker Museum. Eldresses Bertha and Gertrude endeavours and a noted Shaker scholar herself, as well as a former director of the Kentucky Library has a cassette tape sent by Bertha and Gertrude to Julia. The Shaker duo even visited South Union in 1976.

Bertha and Gertrude, each orphaned, arrived at Canterbury in 1905 and 1906, respectively. Celibacy was a tenet of the Shaker faith, so at age twenty-one, one had to decide whether to become a full-fledged Shaker or not. Neither eldress ever regretted her positive action in this respect. Their lives were long and full and focused on putting others first.

In 1981, Bertha fractured her hip while playing Frisbee with her golden retriever, Penny. The silhouette of Bertha and Penny was done a year before that accident. Although nearly blind by 1982, she continued corresponding (often by audiotape), working on an oral history of Canterbury's society, and cooking many delicacies for which she was renown.

Gertrude's silhouette was done in 1980, also. She was known as a kind and generous person and one that enjoyed walking down Canterbury's beautiful lanes and across her lush fields, while simultaneously drinking in God's beauty and listening to his winged creatures.

Special Collections sincerely appreciates benefactors who make such acquisitions possible. The silhouettes will ever be counted among our treasures and are housed in Manuscripts. (Pat Hodges)

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## **Christmas in Kentucky**

The Kentucky Library & Museum will host Christmas in Kentucky on December 2 immediately following the Bowling Green Christmas Parade. A day of family fun is planned, including pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, ornament making, Magic Shows, dramatic performances and many other family activities and the opening of the Holiday Ornament Exhibit. Ornaments on



display have been created by the fourth grade classes of Warren County (public, private, city, and county). Also on that day a beautiful quilt generously donated by The Thimbleberries Club of Bowling Green will be raffled off. Admission is free!

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## **Library Calendar of Events**

### **OCTOBER**

*October 12 – Kentucky Live presents Josh Hafer, Corporate Communications Manager, Heaven Hill Distilleries, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.*

*October 13 – “Crop ‘til you Drop,” a scrap booking event at the Kentucky Building*

*October 14 – Quilt Workshop w/Juanita Yeager at the Kentucky Building, 9:00 to 3:00*

*October 18 – Alt. Rock band, Woe Tomorrow, Java City, 11:30*

*October 19 – Far Away Places presents WKU Professor, Dr. David Keeling, on Turkey at Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.*

*October 20 – Guitarist, Brent Wilkinson, Java City, Noon*

*October 23-27 – 1Read, a Teen Read Project, featuring Kung Fu Princess by Pamela Walker*

*October 25 – Top 40 Pop band, Will & Zaney, Java City, Noon*

*October 26 – Curator’s tour of quilt exhibit /Evening of Wine and Roses – Members only event*

*October 31 – Shadow Dancer, Java City, Noon*

### **NOVEMBER**

*November 2 – On the Same Page kick-off – [www.bgOneBook.org](http://www.bgOneBook.org)*

*November 8 – Skip Bethune, Java City, Noon*

*November 9 – Kentucky Live presents Dr. James Klotter, “Political Scandals in Kentucky” Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.*

*November 15-17 – On the Same Page featuring Christopher Canyon – [www.bgOneBook.org](http://www.bgOneBook.org)*

*November 16 – Lee Quick will perform at Java City, Noon*

*November 16 – Far Away Places presents “Medieval Morocco” by Dr. Ronald Messier, Vanderbilt University, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.*

*November 29 – Comedian, Ken Frasure, Java City, Noon*

## **DECEMBER**

*December 6 – Deb Bishop, Java City, Noon*

*December – Membership Holiday Party at the Kentucky Building*

## **JANUARY**

January 19 – Very Special Arts exhibit opens at The Kentucky Building

January 20 – Warren County Quilt Registry Day

January 25 & 26 – One Campus-One Community-One Book Kick-off –  
[www.bgOneBook.org](http://www.bgOneBook.org)

January 31 – Author Shelia Williams speaks at Girls, Inc (260 Scott Way)

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## **New benefits for Friends of Libraries & Museum**

### **Basic Membership (\$50) includes:**

- Subscription to *Collections & Connections*
- Unlimited Museum admission
- 10% discount in Museum Store
- Invitations to special workshops, book discussions, presentations, exhibit openings and lectures hosted by University Libraries
- University Libraries borrowing privileges

### **Bronze Membership (\$100) includes:**

- All Basic Membership benefits
- 15% discount in Museum Store
- Invitations to special “Members Only” events
- Discounts on special workshops and select events

### **Silver Membership (\$250) includes:**

- All Bronze Membership benefits

- 20% discount in Museum Store
- 10 one-time use passes for The Kentucky Museum
- Invitation to special sneak-peek and behind the scenes events

**Gold Membership (\$500) includes:**

- All Silver Membership benefits
- Commemorative bookplate placed on a book in a subject of donor's choice
- Name listed on webpage, with name of book that is linked to TOPCAT

**President's Circle Library Society Member (\$1,000) includes:**

- All Gold Membership benefits
- \$500 of this will automatically go into a collections endowment
- Name placed on donor wall
- Guest passes for special events

***Ask us about becoming a Lifetime Member!***

**Library Mission:** WKU Libraries' mission is to contribute significantly to the pursuit and application of knowledge through providing access to, delivery of, and use of quality information. In order to meet and exceed this meeting, we depend on financial support from alumni and friends who recognize the values of University Libraries and the services we provide. In 2006, several individuals have shown their support of WKU Libraries through the provision of funding for specific areas on the library system.

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