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Libraries' S.C. Digital Newspapers Project, a joint project of the University Libraries' Digital Activities Center and the South Caroliniana Library.

The project will involve scanning about 100,000 pages of newspaper text and providing cataloging information to enhance access to information about the artistic, literary, religious, ethnic, cultural, economic, and political events in South Carolina during one of the most eventful periods of its history. The S.C. newspapers will be mounted on the Website of "Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers" (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>) which presently holds more than one million pages of historic American newspapers. The site is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a program jointly sponsored by NEH and the Library of Congress.

This project will capitalize on the Digital Activities Center staff members' management and technical experience in digitizing such cultural heritage materials as maps, manuscripts, and original newspapers and on the South Caroliniana Library staff's experience in identifying, cataloging, and microfilming newspapers. In addition, the project builds on previous collaboration between the University and NEH. In the 1980s, the University used a planning grant to inventory South Carolina newspapers and to publish *South Carolina Newspapers*, an exhaustive county-by-county reference book, edited by Dr. John Hammond Moore. In the 1990s, the University Libraries cataloged 1,249 newspaper titles and filmed 990,332 pages with financial support from the NEH United States Newspaper Program (USNP).

Boyd, who heads the Digital Activities Center, said, "For over 200 years, librarians at this institution have acquired, collected, preserved manuscripts and printed materials and have made them accessible to users. I hope that this next step towards even more accessibility to South Carolina newspapers will capture people's interest in South Carolina and American history from around the world. We are excited to bring these invaluable primary resources to the people through free access on the Web."

Remarking on the timeliness of the project, Keeney who is cataloger for the Published Materials Division of South Caroliniana Library

said, "The 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 2011 offers our nation an opportunity to re-examine the war's origins and impact.

As South Carolinians played significant roles during and after the Civil War, it is crucially important that South Carolina newspapers spanning the years 1860 to 1922 be made available to researchers through the 'Chronicling America' online database."

PEOPLE NEWS

ALABAMA

The Birmingham Public Library Board has appointed **Irene S. "Renee" Blalock** Director of the Birmingham Public Library. Blalock's career at the Library has spanned 30 years. She has served as branch head at Parke Memorial (now Southside), Eastwood, and the Avondale Branches; as the Library's Business Manager; as coordinator of the Southern Branch Region; and as Coordinator for Library Operations. In 1994 she was named Associate Director of the Central Library and moved to the Associate Director of Community Services (over the branch libraries) in 1998, the position she occupied until the Board's appointment on May 28.

In her long career at the BPL, Blalock has made important improvements to the system. She supervised the reorganization of the Library's management team and the creation of an administrative services division. She was part of the team that established and wrote the system-wide collection management policy. She oversaw numerous enhancements to the branch libraries, collections, and furnishings including major renovations at the Avondale and Springville Road Branches. She was project manager overseeing construction of two new buildings for the Five Points West and West End Branches.



GEORGIA

Linda Most has been appointed Assistant Professor of Information Studies at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia. Linda received her Bachelors degree in English from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. She holds the Master of Science in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University and the Master of Arts in History from Florida Atlantic University. Prior to beginning her doctoral studies she worked as a reference librarian at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, and as the Business Reference Librarian for the Palm Beach County Library System in Florida.

Blalock is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and presently serves on the board of the Public Library Association, a division of ALA. She has also been an active member of the Alabama Library Association, the Jefferson County Public Library Association, the Jefferson County Library Cooperative Board, and the Library School Association Board, which supports the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Services.

BPL staff is eager to work under her leadership and anticipates helping her improve and expand the library services desired by Birmingham residents. Blalock believes “public libraries have the power to make a positive difference in the lives of those they serve,” and “access to the resources and services of the public library are essential for a well-functioning and equitable community.”

The Library would like to extend its gratitude for the outstanding service of former director Barbara Sirmans and interim director Pamela Lyons. In the coming years, BPL looks forward to continuing its mission “to provide the highest quality library service to our citizens for lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and education.”



KENTUCKY

Dr. Ron Critchfield at Jessamine County Public Library was awarded the 2010 John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award, presented by the American Library Association (ALA) Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT).

As the award “honors intellectual freedom fighters in and outside the library profession who have demonstrated remarkable personal courage in resisting censorship”, the management team nominated Ron in light of his leadership during the controversies at JCPL. We are so pleased that the IFRT committee agreed that he is indeed an excellent choice for this award.

University Libraries Dean **Hannelore Rader** retired December 31, 2009. During her illustrious 13 years at the University of Louisville, Hannelore oversaw some of the Libraries’ most ambitious accomplishments, including the Libraries’ entry into the

Association of Research Libraries, the acquisition of the Libraries' 2 millionth volume, the installation of a robotic retrieval system, and a new addition to the Ekstrom Library. The Association of Research Libraries named Hannelore as the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year in 1998. Hannelore plans to remain in Louisville, doing all the things she never had time to do, including writing a book about her life.

Diane Pendleton Nichols has been named Interim Dean, University Libraries. Professor Nichols began her long library career as a Children's Librarian in the Louisville Free Public Library System. She started at the University of Louisville in 1968 as the Assistant Librarian in the School of Dentistry. She spent 30 years of her career at the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library holding several positions, most notably Acting Director of the Kornhauser Library. In 1997 she moved permanently to the Ekstrom Library as Interim Director of library. Her most recent position, before her current appointment, was Associate Dean, Libraries Operations and Director Ekstrom Library. She has had many accomplishments during her career, including overseeing construction of the new wing of the Ekstrom Library.

NORTH CAROLINA

Joe M. Williams (below) has been named Head of Access Services for the University Libraries at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Most recently, he was Director of the Learning Commons at North Carolina State University.



Dave Trudeau has been appointed Director of Library Services at Vance-Granville Community College in Henderson, NC. In his position, Trudeau will oversee the operation of the main campus' Learning Resources Center and the libraries at satellite campuses in Granville, Franklin, and Warren counties. Trudeau holds a B.S. in journalism/communications from SUNY Brockport, an M.L.S. from East Carolina University, and is currently pursuing a second M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University.

Jennifer L. Evans of the ITT Technical Institute Library of Charlotte, NC was presented the 2009 Horizon Award by the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. This award is given each year to a new chapter member who, through his or her current accomplishments and activities, shows exceptional promise to become a outstanding professional in the field of librarianship.

East Carolina University and the College of Education are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Elaine Yontz** as Professor and Chair, Department of Library Science. She joined the University in January 2010. Most recently Professor in the Master of Library and Information Science Program at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA, Yontz has been Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, and prior to that served as Associate Chair for

Contributed Cataloging at George Smathers Libraries, University of Florida. Her experience as an educator includes preparing students for professional positions in all types of libraries and information centers. She holds a PhD in College Teaching from the University of Florida, an ALA-accredited Masters degree from Florida State University, and an MFA in Music History, Literature, and Criticism from the University of Florida.

She has been active in research and scholarly activity since 1990, authoring numerous refereed articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Her professional presentations include invited panel appearances at the Library of Congress and on College of DuPage's Soaring to Excellence series. Current projects include an ongoing study that tracks the indexing and abstracting of open-access journals and a monograph in preparation on nineteenth-century children's magazines.

Yontz has held several elected offices and committee appointments in professional organizations at national and state levels; highlights include an appointment to Loriene Roy's ALA Presidential Task Force on Supporting LIS Education Through Practice, and service as chair of the ALISE Research Committee. She also has been active in Florida and Georgia library associations and is a past Chair of the ALCTS-Council of Regional Groups, and past President of the ALA-NMRT.

Information Services Manager of Belk Library and Information Commons of Appalachian State University, **Sue Hisle**, was awarded one of four Fall 2009 Appalachian Staff Awards. Recipients of the award are chosen for their accomplishments in the areas of dedication and service, innovation, human relations, safety and heroism, and other extraordinary achievements.

Prior to coming to ASU, she divided 5 years of service to East Carolina University between the Teaching Resources Department and the Reference Department at Joyner Library. Before entering academic libraries, Sue was a librarian in a K-12 school.

Jenny McCraw Dale (below) has joined the University Libraries at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro as the First Year Instruction Coordinator and Reference Librarian. Dale was previously the Instructional Design

Librarian at K-State Libraries, Kansas State University.



TENNESSEE

Heather Lambert has been appointed User Services Librarian - Emerging Technology and Assistant Professor at the James E. Walker Library of Middle Tennessee State University. Heather holds the MLIS from Louisiana State University and a masters in Anthropology from Ball State University. She comes to MTSU from the Williamson County Library in Franklin, TN where she was Reference and Instruction Librarian. She has a varied teaching, training, and service background in library and academic programs and an in-depth knowledge of new technologies and networks. At MTSU, Lambert will serve students by identifying effective emerging technologies and promoting their use, providing reference assistance, and teaching library research classes.

Amanda Xu has been appointed Collection Management Librarian for information technology and Assistant Professor at the James E. Walker Library of Middle Tennessee State University. She holds the MSLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and comes to MTSU from Saint John's University where she was an Electronic Resources Cataloger. She will guide the implementation of a new integrated library system at MTSU and provide on-going technical support for innovative initiatives to improve workflow for patrons.