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# NEWS FROM THE STATES



## TROY UNIVERSITY

**Military service is the focus of Troy University Libraries' new postcard exhibit**



A new project of the Troy University Libraries is tracing the history of military service from 1903 through 1966 through postcards. Consisting of a traveling exhibit and an online component, the project, "Military Service: A History in Postcards," features postcard images from the Wade Hall Postcard Collection held by Troy University Libraries and is made possible by a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. It will mark the fourth traveling exhibit featuring postcards from Hall's collection. The previous exhibits focused on scenes from Alabama's historic streets, historic or government buildings and tourism in Alabama.

The online component of the exhibit, which had its genesis in an effort to digitize the entire postcard collection, is available for viewing at <https://troy.libguides.com/military>, while the traveling exhibit is currently being developed and will begin touring to various libraries and museums in January.



## ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ARLA)

**ARLA Call for Proposals for 2021 Conference**



We need your expertise! The virtual conference is Oct 12-15. You can Zoom or pre-record your session.

To find out what types of sessions are needed visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ARLACFPINFO> Then go to the google form to sign up your session for our conference: <https://tinyurl.com/ArLACFP> You will need names, emails, phone numbers, and addresses of all co-presenters or panelists.



## GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (GLA)

**Beard and Hubbard Scholarships Open**

The Hubbard Scholarship is a one-time \$3,000 award presented each year with

the purpose of recruiting excellent librarians for Georgia and to provide financial assistance toward completing a Master's degree in library science. It is made possible by the family and friends of Mr. C. S. Hubbard, an early supporter of libraries in Georgia.

The Beard Scholarship is a one-time \$1,500 award presented each year. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance toward completing a Master's degree in library science for candidates who show strong potential to inspire and motivate their peers in the profession and in professional associations. It's made possible by friends and colleagues of the late Charles Edward Beard who served libraries and the library profession for almost 40 years with distinction and dedication.

To apply, submit the following materials to the vice-chair at [scholarship@georgialibraryassociation.org](mailto:scholarship@georgialibraryassociation.org) on or before May 14, 2021.



## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GREENSBORO

### Heilman Hired as Electronic Resources Librarian and Assistant Professor for UNC Greensboro's University Libraries



UNC Greensboro's University Libraries is pleased to announce the hiring of Katherine Heilman as the new electronic resources librarian and assistant professor in the Department of Technical Services. For the past eight years, Heilman worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Library as a collections and acquisitions librarian. Prior to this position, she taught special education at the secondary level for New York City Public Schools in South Bronx, New York.

In her role as electronic resources librarian, Heilman will be involved with the acquisition

of e-resources and support access to the Libraries' owned, licensed and subscribed online collections. She will also be working to ensure the effectiveness and discoverability of these resources to meet the educational and research needs of the University.

"I am really excited to join the UNCG community," said Heilman. "I look forward to working collaboratively across the campus with our students, faculty, and staff."

Heilman holds a master's degree in library and information science from Syracuse University and a master's degree in education from The City University of New York. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. When she is not working or chasing after her two young children, Heilman can be found cooking, gardening or reading on her front porch.

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GREENSBORO

### Thacker Steps into New Role as Information Literacy Lecturer for UNC Greensboro's University Libraries

UNC Greensboro's University Libraries is pleased to announce that Juanita Thacker has accepted the position of information literacy lecturer in the Department of Research, Outreach and Instruction (ROI).

In this role, Thacker will provide curriculum-integrated information literacy instruction for ENG 101 and 102 courses. She will also be University Libraries' liaison to the College Writing Program. Other responsibilities include providing reference support via one-on-one consultations and reference desk assistance.

A native of Winston Salem, Thacker received her bachelor's degree in business education/information technologies from East Carolina University and holds a master's degree in library and information science from UNC Greensboro.

She is a member of several professional associations, including the American Library Association (ALA), the Black Caucus of the American



Library Association (BCALA), and the Metrolina Library Association (MLA). She also serves as the marketing manager for Women of Color within Librarianship (WOC+Lib). In her spare time, she enjoys a wide variety of music, reading, television, and travel.



### VIRGINIA TECH

#### **New environmental history collection comes to University Libraries**

Millions of rare treasures lie behind the glass wall of [Special Collections and University Archives](#) at Newman Library. Tucked away in a secure location with environmental controls, you will find historic documents, photographs, maps, rare books, newspapers, and other items that are of special value and importance to history, literature, Virginia Tech, and beyond.

When a new collection is acquired, archivists like Bess Pittman of the University Libraries, delicately go through the old, fragile, irreplaceable items with great care to organize and preserve them and make them available to researchers around the world.

Currently, Pittman is processing the newly acquired and highly sought-after M. Rupert Cutler Papers with the help of a \$74,538, one-year [grant by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission \(NHPRC\)](#).

Containing a total of 182 cubic feet of materials, the M. Rupert Cutler collection documents Cutler's environmental, political, and business activities prior to and following his service in President Jimmy Carter's administration as assistant secretary for natural resources and environment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also captured are Cutler's personal experiences, service on the Roanoke City Council, insights into how major federal environmental legislation was passed and new policies adopted, and the establishment and early days of local Roanoke Valley environment-related initiatives, including the greenways program, Explore Park, Carvin's Cove Natural Reserve

for biking, and the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy.

Additionally, the collection contains contributions to environmental organizations nationally and in Virginia, where he served in leadership roles at the National Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, and Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

The collection dates from the late 1960s to the present, excluding some items from 1977 - 1981, which are housed in the President Jimmy Carter National Library archives in Atlanta, Georgia.



### CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### **Cabell County Public Library Named Finalist for 2021 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that the Cabell County Public Library is among 30 finalists for the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The Cabell County Public Library is the only institution in West Virginia to be selected as a finalist for this award.

"The revival and reinstitution of the National Medals by IMLS is another signal of recovery and renewal in the nation's very challenging—but very hopeful—times," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "We are celebrating not only the ongoing excellence of the best of our museums and libraries, but their extraordinary efforts through the pandemic, the recession, the racial justice protests, and national divisions to serve, heal, and bring together our communities. Congratulations to all 30 finalists."

The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

"We are honored to be among the fifteen library finalists for the National Medal for Muse-

um and Library Services” said Judy Rule, Library Director. “This award will show the value of our Library to the community and recognize the efforts of our staff who give great service. Thank you to Senator Joe Manchin for recommending us for this award. We also appreciate the support of our donors, trustees, and Friends to make serving and enhancing the lives of others possible.”

National Medal winners will be announced in late spring. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during a virtual National Medal Ceremony this summer.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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