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A Season of Change

The start of a new academic year brings a season of change at Kent State University Libraries. From minor renovations, such as the addition of restrooms on the first, fourth and fifth floors to merging our resources with the College of Podiatric Medicine's library, change is happening, and we're providing our students and community with state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

As our Centennial year is upon us, I can't help but reflect on the evolution of our libraries and their services. The expansion of the science corridor is one example of how we are advancing, moving and reallocating resources for more room. Our collaboration of services on the first floor of the library represents our initiative to enhance student and faculty support services. We're seeing more people in the library and more collaborative projects, as our users continue to take advantage of our new spaces. Our libraries continue to be the center of academic excellence at Kent State University.

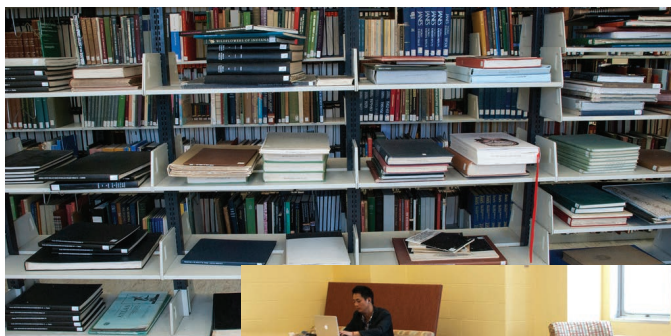
Come see what's going on at University Libraries as we kick off our Centennial at Homecoming, Oct. 20. Your continued support means our continued success.

- Jim Bracken, Dean of University Libraries

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bracken".



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: A PLACE TO STUDY, RELAX AND CONNECT





EMBRACE LEGACY

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

THEN & NOW

Making the Leap From Merrill Hall to its Iconic Presence at the Center of Campus

Then: A Cherished Legacy Begins

Kent State University Libraries opened on May 14, 1913, in Merrill Hall, just three years after the university's founding. Merrill Hall, which also consisted of administrative offices and classrooms at the time, housed only 3,680 volumes for the library. Two years later, the library was relocated to the atrium of the Administration Building. Without any heating equipment, the cold and damp atmosphere from harsh winter conditions caused thousands of dollars in damage to books. The Administration Building was then given emergency funds to install gas space heaters and eventually a central heating system.

Now: Establishing a "Working Library"

Former Kent State University President John E. McGilvery fought for increased appropriations for operations and expansion of the library. One of the goals in his 50-year plan for Kent State was to include a centrally located "working library." In 1970, the present facility of the University Library was finally completed. Located in the heart of Risman Plaza, the new library shelved more than 790,000 books.

Today, the library has grown to include nearly 3 million volumes and 13 locations and has evolved to become Kent State's center of knowledge and learning for current and future generations of students, faculty, administrators and visitors.

Celebrate the Centennial!

Join us as we kickoff the library centennial at the Homecoming Parade and Luncheon on Oct. 20, 2012, with fellow alumni, library staff and friends!

R.S.V.P. at <http://bit.ly/LibraryCentennial> or to Mary Lovin at 330-672-4483 or mlovin@kent.edu.



LUNA NEGRA GOES DIGITAL AS AURASMA

Kent State's Student-Run Creative Magazine Comes to Life with Interactive App Technology

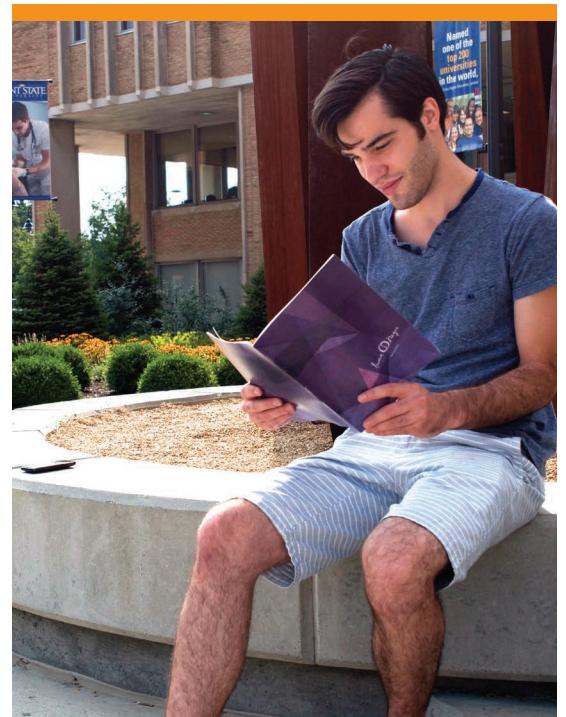
With the help of the University Library Student Multimedia Studio, Mathias Peralta, senior electronic media production major, brought *Luna Negra* life, giving the magazine a new way of telling its stories to the Kent community.

Peralta, now former co-editor of *Luna Negra*, designed an interactive feature for the magazine using Aurasma, an app that allows users to "discover, create and share" virtual content. This app allows readers to physically see and hear the authors read out loud when they flip through the pages.

"I'm extremely proud of the publication overall, mainly because we accomplished something that no other on-campus publication has done before," Peralta said.

One of Peralta's goals as editor was to improve the submission rates. He concluded that one reason for low rates was that the publication had no online presence. So Peralta, Art Director Ruth Turner and Web Developer Robert Conte worked all summer in the Student Multimedia Studio to build a website for *Luna Negra*. Once the website began running in October, he said the submission rate jumped from 60 to more than 100 submissions.

To see *Luna Negra* and read along with the authors, visit www.lunanegramag.com.

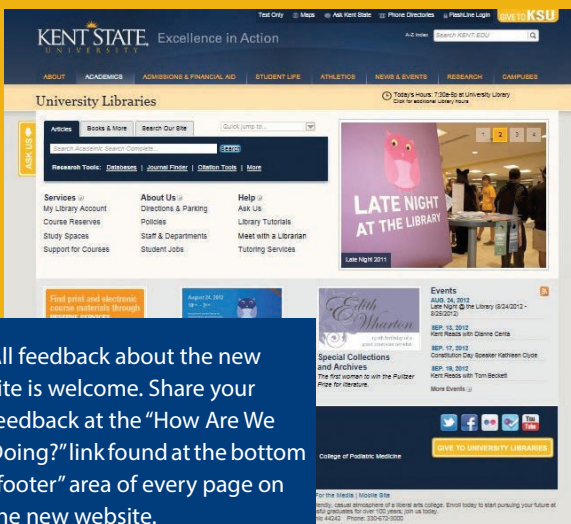


University Libraries Unveils New Website

University Libraries' website has a new look at www.kent.edu/library. A team of library faculty and staff, as well as University Communications and Marketing's Web department, spearheaded the redesign project more than a year ago for its launch this fall. Web committee member Ken Burhanna explains that the new design has three goals: "To better integrate the library into the look and feel of the rest of Kent State University's Web presence, to make the site more user-friendly, and to increase opportunities for reaching new audiences on and off campus." Users should see a more engaging and dynamic website with all the resources, tools and services they have come to rely on.

What should users know about the new site? "Most of the changes will be seamless," says Burhanna. "We've worked hard to put redirect URLs in place, so if you've bookmarked pages, those links won't be broken, but instead will redirect you to similar pages on the new site."

The University Library Web committee gathered input for the new design through focus groups, surveys and wire frame testing, with a formal usability study planned for fall. If you are interested in participating in the usability test, please send a note to Diane Sperko at dsperko@kent.edu.



All feedback about the new site is welcome. Share your feedback at the "How Are We Doing?" link found at the bottom "footer" area of every page on the new website.

JOSEPH F. MORBITO

ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY

More Than 15,000 Titles Available for Kent State University's Developing Designers

Nestled in Taylor Hall since 1987, The Joseph F. Morbito Architecture Library serves the research and development needs of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) students. Both undergraduate and graduate students spend countless hours in the library to get inspired and hone their architecture studies, interior design knowledge and urban design skills.

Named after the founder of the architecture program at Kent State University, the library houses specialized book collections, architectural drawings and print journals, as well as provides online research databases to connect students to current and past publications of interest. The collection reflects current trends in environmental design, green building, eco-systems, sustainability and biomimicry, the new discipline that studies nature's best ideas and applies them to solve human problems.

Library services available to students include computer work stations, black and white and color printers, a copy machine, and scanning equipment. The staff also provides orientation for new students, library instruction for classes and individual consultation for those researching papers, design problems and theses.

For more information, visit
www.kent.edu/library/architecture
or check out the Architecture Library
on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/ksuarchlibrary.



DID YOU KNOW?

The University Library serves as the focal point of not only the Kent campus, but the city of Kent itself. In fact, the 12-story library has been Portage County's tallest standing structure since its construction in 1970.

SAVE THE DATE

Dean Jim Bracken addresses the crowd.



University Libraries congratulate their graduating spring 2012 student workers.



Dean Jim Bracken poses with Amber Blakely, a speech pathology and audiology major.



FALL DONOR AND STUDENT RECOGNITION EVENT

A special event to thank all of our donors and hard-working students!

THURSDAY, DEC. 6
NOON - 1:30 P.M.

RSVP AT:

<http://bit.ly/LibraryRecognition> or
to Mary Lovin at 330-672-4483
or mlovin@kent.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 13	KENT READS WITH DIANNE CENTA
Sept. 17	CONSTITUTION DAY WITH KATHLEEN CLYDE
Sept. 19	MAP LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
Sept. 28	KENT READS WITH JIM AND NANCY PETRO
Sept. 29	PARENTS AND FAMILY DAY

Oct. 19	KENT READS WITH LAURA DAVIS AND CAROLE BARBARTO
Oct. 20	HOMECOMING AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES' CENTENNIAL KICKOFF
Nov. 7	KENT READS WITH CAROLYN BRODIE
Nov. 13	LIBRARY LIVE

Visit <http://libguides.library.kent.edu/events> for updates and a full list of events.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Celebrate the Centennial!
STARTING AUG. 27, 2012

Meet Me at the Library:
100 Years of Libraries at Kent State;
1st and 12th floors,
including Borowitz Gallery

Biblio-Mysteries;
12th floor

Check out our events page for updates at
<http://libguides.library.kent.edu/events>.



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Oct. 20, 2012

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Come walk in the parade
and celebrate University
Libraries' Centennial!

RSVP AT
<http://bit.ly/LibraryCentennial>.

STAFF NEWS

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

University Libraries welcomes **Karen Hillman** as **Director of Advancement**. Hillman is responsible for raising funds for University Libraries through a major gift program under the direction of Institutional Advancement.

As a former resident of Kent, she said working at Kent State University “feels like home.” A graduate of The University of Akron’s geology program, Hillman is on the rowing team for the Western Reserve Rowing Association in Cleveland and likes to golf. She is also a part of a local women’s book club and cooking club and resides in Avon.

Jasmine Jefferson began her nearly seven-year career with University Libraries as a Periodicals Undergraduate Assistant in 2005 while she was studying for her bachelor’s in American Sign Language. After earning her degree in 2009, she decided to pursue a master’s in Library and Information Science. She continued working as a graduate assistant for the library’s reference desk until receiving her postgraduate degree in May 2012.

Soon after graduating, Jefferson was offered her current position as a Reference and Instruction Librarian with a focus in biomedical science. Her main responsibilities include answering reference questions and conducting individual research sessions with students to help them effectively gather the information they need for research papers and other projects. Jefferson grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now resides in Stow.



Jasmine Jefferson and Karen Hillman