



EMBRACE WHAT'S NEW & EXCITING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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## EMBRACE VISION



### Welcome

It's an exciting time to be a part of Kent State University Libraries. With a \$5 million renovation that includes a state-of-the-art Math Emporium and high-tech spaces for students to study, relax and connect, the University Library is no longer a place where students come to only check out books. It's a place where students come to engage in active learning.

That in mind, we must remember our foundation and the grounds upon which University Library was originally built. A hundred years ago, there were no computers or cell phones or online library catalog. Students came here to read, research and connect with other students. That still rings true, but in a different way. Learning is evolving, and we're at the cutting edge of the paradigm shift. University Libraries is the heart of student learning – and the heart of Kent State University.

I hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of the University Libraries newsletter and that you, too, embrace the new University Library. Your support is vital in keeping us strong.

- Jim Bracken, Dean of University Libraries



## KENT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES TIMELINE

1920s



1930–1955



1913

1930–1955







CENTENNIAL KICKOFF

# EMBRACE CELEBRATION 100 YEARS

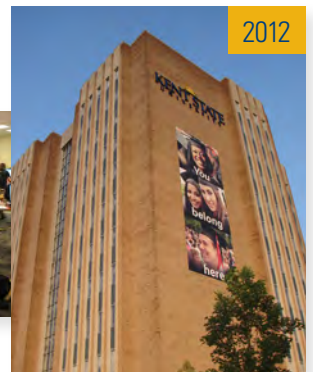
**University Libraries** first opened its doors on May 14, 1913, in Merrill Hall. Join us as we begin to celebrate 100 years of collections and service to the people in the Kent community and beyond. Opening with just 3,680 volumes, University Libraries has expanded and evolved into more than 1.5 million books and 13 locations. Over time, University Libraries has expanded its holdings, but its founding goals are as central today as they were in 1913 – making knowledge accessible to everyone and making our libraries the intellectual centers of Kent State’s campuses.

University Libraries will kick off our Centennial celebration at Homecoming in the fall of 2012 with several events, including participating in the parade and afterwards enjoying lunch at University Library.

## *October 20, 2012* Homecoming Parade & Lunch

Come walk in the parade and celebrate the University Libraries’ Centennial with fellow alumni, Library staff and friends!

Details to follow.



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# CHESTNUT BURR



## IN A DIGITAL WORLD

The University's Past Student-Produced Yearbook is Now Available Online!



It's often said that college years are the best of one's life. Today's students aren't likely to forget their Kent State memories. They capture their favorite moments with digital cameras and smartphones, instantly uploading them to Facebook and other social media sites.

But it wasn't always like that. From 1914 to 1985, Kent State students walked down memory lane by flipping through the pages of the *Chestnut Burr*. The annual publication recapped university events, student organizations and traditions. Now, alumni can keep those moments close by downloading individual yearbooks online, even on their Kindles!

This mass digitization initiative was made possible through the LYRASIS Library Consortium and Special Collections.

### FEATURED BRANCH

## PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

With 92,000 Theatrical and Musical Performance Items, Kent State University's Performing Arts Library Proves to be a Hidden Gem

Tucked in the basement of the Music and Speech Center, this library is anything but dreary. Collections of scores, books, CDs, DVDs, play scripts, journals and reference materials fill the space. Students, faculty and staff of the School of Music, the School of Theatre and Dance and the Kent/Blossom Music program all frequent the Performing Arts Library, as well as the rest of the university and surrounding community.

When John Mack (36-year principal oboist of The Cleveland Orchestra) died in 2006, his family donated about 700 pieces of his personal music score collection for preservation and safekeeping. The Performing Arts Library houses his great collection, along with others, for the Performing Arts Library patrons' use and learning.

**CLICK HERE** to learn more or **HERE** to contact Joe Clark, Head of the Performing Arts Library.

Follow the Performing Arts Library online

## EMBRACE FRIENDS

### University Libraries Advisory Council

University Libraries is initiating a new advisory council to encourage understanding and appreciation of the work of Kent State University Libraries and to publicize its collections, in particular, Special Collections and Archives, and services.

The council's first meeting is March 29, 2012.

**CLICK HERE** to ask Mary Lovin about involvement in the Council or call 330-672-4483.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LIBRARY LATELY, YOU'VE MISSED A LOT!

Come see the amazing changes:

- Second floor state-of-the-art Math Emporium
- Fourth floor Fab Fourth center for students to relax, connect and study
- Writing Commons with assistance available for all students
- Student Multimedia Studio with access to the latest technology and hands-on assistance



### THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT DONORS

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<i>Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Gaston</i>	<i>Francoise Massardier-Kenney</i>
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# EMBRACE GRATITUDE

## Donor & Student Recognition Event, December 2011

Students, staff and donors gathered for a celebration to recognize and reflect upon a year of achievement.

- 1 Graduating students Lori Boes, Don Lemmons and Bonita Pollack, along with Dean Jim Bracken stand with the books that have been given bookplates in their honor, forever recognizing their work with University Libraries.
- 2 Dean Bracken and Bonita Pollack share warm words.
- 3 Goodies were enjoyed by all.
- 4 The Dean shares his ten pounds of homemade sauerkraut.



## SAVE THE DATE

for the next Donor & Student Recognition Event:  
April 26, 2012 • 12–1:30 p.m. •

## THE LIBRARY HAS PEOPLE TALKING

“The Kent State University Library has truly become a vibrant place for learning. By connecting students, faculty and staff to accessible and innovative programs and resources, University Library is an invaluable asset to the Kent State community.”

David Hassler, Director, Wick Poetry Center

“Everyone that works at University Libraries truly cares about helping students. They really go the extra mile to make sure you get what you need.”

Nathan Christofaris, Kent State Student

“I absolutely love the *Chestnut Burr* archive. [It] makes researching KSU history SO much easier and faster.”

Jon Ridinger, Kent Patch, Kent State Alum

# BLACK HISTORY AT KENT STATE



## University Libraries Kicks Off Black History Month with a Tribute Exhibition and Reception

In honor of Black History Month, University Libraries is hosting an exhibition celebrating the past with a stunning visual display of authentic images and photographs detailing the great African-American icons who visited and performed at Kent State throughout history.

Legends such as Herbie Hancock, Bo Diddley, Bill Cosby, Earth, Wind and Fire and B.B. King have graced the Kent Campus. Come see for yourself on the first floor of University Library. For the month of March, this exhibition will be in Oscar Ritchie Hall.

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS THROUGH JUNE:

- Highlights of Civil War Collections
- Babar the Elephant's 80th Birthday
- Lincoln Assassination



## UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Spring 2012 (starting April 15):

*True Crime Pulp: From the Borowitz Collection*, 1st floor

Summer 2012:

*Salesman's Dummies (Canvassing Books)*, 1st floor

Fall/Winter 2012:

*Celebrating the Centennial of University Libraries*, 12th floor and 1st floor

Fall 2012:

*Borowitz Vitrine Cases Featuring "Biblio-Mysteries,"* Reading Room, 12th floor



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 29

**POETRY READING WITH YUSEF KOMUNYAKAA**

April 5

**KENT READS WITH JEFF WATTLES**

April 12

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

April 16-27

**ALUMNI AUTHOR SERIES**

**SEE US ONLINE!**



#### STAFF NEWS

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTIONS OF JENNIFER RICE, ANITA MARTIN AND FELICIA HAZEN

**Jennifer Rice** first started with University Libraries 11 years ago as a student worker in the Interlibrary Loan Department and began full-time employment in March 2001. In November 2011, Rice was promoted to senior library associate, and she says the switch from print to electronic resources has been a huge change for her department. Rice grew up in Alliance, Ohio, and currently resides in Hartville.

**Anita Martin** has been with University Libraries for almost 18 years, starting in September 1994; she was an undergraduate student assistant in the Processing Unit prior to that. Since her promotion to senior library associate in November 2011, she spends the majority of her time working on special projects with the print serials collection, including a periodical barcoding project that began in 1994 and is now almost complete, and several serials weeding projects. Martin grew up in Lisbon, Ohio, and currently resides in Ravenna.

**Felicia Hazen** has more than 20 years experience with University Libraries and was first hired as a library assistant in the Bindery Department. In April 2010, she made the leap to the Serials & Electronic Resources Department. After her promotion to senior library associate in November 2011, Hazen's main responsibilities include communicating with publishers and vendors regarding product trials, pricing and order requests. Hazen was born in Iasi, Romania, and moved to the United States in 1965. She currently resides in Cuyahoga Falls.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jennifer Rice, Anita Martin, Felicia Hazen



**EMBRACE OUR ENERGY**