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To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Library was honored to have R. Flowers Rivera read from her collections, *Troubling Accents* and *Heathen*. Her work reflects and re-imagines race, gender, class, sexual orientation, and regional identities of the south. This incredible opportunity was made in part by Dr. Heshium Lawrence and the University of Texas at Tyler Bookstore.

Among various other accolades, Ms. Flowers is the 2014 recipient of the Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award for *Heathen*, finalist for the Gival Press Prize in Poetry, nomination in Poetry for *Troubling Accents*, - Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters.

Following the reading, Ms. Flowers signed copies of her works and answered questions.

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**PETS**
(Pets Eliminate The Stress)

**Therapet** animals will be in the Library:
May 2nd 2-4pm
May 3rd 6:30-8:30pm
May 4th 2-4pm

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**Writing Lab Hours**
Tues thru Thurs
8pm -10pm
*until finals week

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**Coffee Shop Hours**
Mon-Thurs 7am-7pm
Friday 7am-5pm
Closed Sat & Sun

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Sometimes we have to do something that pushes us to go further. At the start of the Spring, I did that by participating in the Brookshire’s Fresh 15. No, I did not run 15 kilometers. Actually, I did not run at all. What I did was walk (along with 4 colleagues) five kilometers. But, it caused me to push myself further than usual.

When I think about reading, I know that often we find ourselves reading the same type of book, over and over. We tend not to go outside of the reading realm that we enjoy. But when we do, something happens! We find a new genre of reading to enjoy!

When we go outside of our reading zone, we begin to have new experiences and even grow in ways that we never thought we would. This way of thinking connects with the National Library Week’s theme of “Transformation”. So be encouraged to read something you usually wouldn’t, and experience your mind opening up to new possibilities!
Spring Displays at Muntz Library

The Library showcased several displays this semester. Below is a list of them.

**January**
- Hot Tea Month Display
- MLK Day Display
- UT Tyler Phase 1 Construction
- Squirrel Appreciation Day
- Best Seller Highlights

**February**
- Black History Month
- Faculty / Staff Publications - Display
- Local Black History – Vicki Betts
- Darwin Day
- UT Tyler Phase 1 Construction
- WISE

**March**
- Pokemon Across the Ages
- UT Tyler Phase 1 Construction
- WISE
- Orientation Advertisement

**April**
- MADD
- Swap, Swipe, Share
- Preservation Week
- National Library Week 11th-16th
- Poetry Slam w/ Communications Club
- Patriot Days
- GATE – Ghana

Faculty & Staff Recognitions

By Vandy Dubre

The Faculty and Staff Publications & Presentations Ceremony took place on February 24, 2016, in the UC Theatre. UT Tyler faculty & staff who made scholarly presentations, wrote an article, book chapter, book, or participated in a significant event in the community during 2015, were recognized at the ceremony. Provost Mirmiran presented the keynote address before each of the 200+ guests were honored.

The viewing before the ceremony was animated. Dr. Sarah Roberts provided jazz music selections, while faculty had the opportunity to speak with their colleagues and see the multitude of UT Tyler scholarly contributions.

For the rest of the month, students were able to view the display in the library, which included a photo and list of the achievements of the faculty or staff member.

To view pictures from the event, go to the link: [http://bit.ly/1YVsPdp](http://bit.ly/1YVsPdp) (in IE)

OR [https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10154115717124581.1073741837.31048369580&type=1&l=3275bc427f](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10154115717124581.1073741837.31048369580&type=1&l=3275bc427f) (Chrome – Firefox)

Upcoming Library Events

**Therapets**
- May 2nd & 4th: 2-4pm
- May 3rd: 6:30-8:30pm

**Finals Week May 1st-5th**
- Free Coffee: 11pm-1:30am
- Extended Hours (see page 1)

Quick Library Stats

Jan 1-April 7

Ref Questions Asked and Answered - 2,042

Book Checkouts - 3,973
Book Renewals - 1,004
Total Transactions = 4,977

ILL Borrowing (UT Tyler) - 1,870
ILL Requests/Loans (Others) - 332
Christina Gutierrez has taken on a new role as Reference and Outreach Assistant at Muntz Library. She also represented the Library at Patriot Days and played a pivotal role in the Faculty Staff Recognition Event.

Vicki Betts (Reference Librarian) presented “Eddie and Sugar Lou’s Hotel Tyler Orchestra,” Smith County Historical Society, February 2, 2016.

Jeanne Standley (Executive Director) serves on the TexShare Board of Advisors for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, UT System Advisory Committee on Library Affairs, and the TLA 2017 Conference Program Committee. She is also on the ballot as secretary of the Measurement, Assessment, Evaluation Section (MAES) of LLAMA. This year, Ms. Standley attended the annual TCAL meeting in Austin, Texas, and TLA in April.

Alma Ravenell (Public Services Librarian) will take on the role as Chair of TLA District 5. Ms. Ravenell accompanied Isabel Altamirano on a visit to the Houston Engineering Campus. Ms. Ravenell also attended a Fred Pryor Seminar, “How to Become a Great Communicator.” She also attended and presented a poster at the TLA Conference April.

Terra Bianchi (University Archivist) and Margo Duncan (Head of Library Systems) are presenting at The University of Southern Mississippi IR Day on April 30th.

Isabel Altamirano (Reference Librarian) Published an article in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship. “IndexCat: A Resource for Earlier Medical and Scientific Works.”

Vandy Dubre (Reference Librarian) performed with the music student opera as both her Music Librarian character, providing the educational component for the children, and as Priest 1. She also attended the Children’s Literature Conference in Hattiesburg, MS.

Rebecca Fernandez: attended the ER&L, Designing for Digital, six Data Visualization webinars, Microsoft Data Insight Summit, and taught staff sessions on Word 2013 and Excel 1&2.

Famous Librarians

Audre Lorde (1934 - 1992) was a Caribbean-American writer, radical feminist, womanist, lesbian, and civil rights activist. Lorde received a B.A. from Hunter College in 1959 and a master of library science from Columbia University a year later. During the 1960s, she worked as a librarian, becoming the head librarian at the Town School Library from 1966 to 1968.

Sanford Berman (1933-Present) is a radical librarian (cataloger) known for promoting alternative viewpoints in librarianship and acting as a pro-active information conduit to other librarians around the world, mostly via public speaking, voluminous correspondence, and unsolicited “care packages” delivered via the US Postal Service. Will Manley, columnist for the American Library Association (ALA) publication, American Libraries, referred to Berman as a “bibliographic warrior”.

Library Grad and Student Workers

Some of the library’s best resources hail from our own campus. They are our student workers. Without them, we would not be able to provide the level of service needed by our users. This semester’s staff include:

Grad Students

Reference Services: Joseph Watt & Gavin Sanders
University Archives: Mary Elizabeth Smith

Student Workers

Circulation Services: Ki’arra Semien, Savannah Harris, Jennifer Melton & Cree Summerville
Collections Services: Manish Kasu & Chris Omoye

Please join the Library in welcoming this most essential group of students!
**Doctor Who:** “You want weapons? We’re in a library. Books are the best weapon in the world. This room’s the greatest arsenal we could have. Arm yourself! (from Tooth and Claw in Season 2)”

**Terra Gullings,** University Archivist

One of the main functions of the University Archives and Special Collections Department is to preserve and document the history of UT Tyler and its activities. We collect materials that tell stories of how UT Tyler was created, about new programs, staff and student activities, and more. This month we visited the UT Tyler Physical Plant and discovered 15 boxes of news clippings, President’s papers, and documents detailing the Patriot Golf Classic. Most of these boxes contain documents from the 1980s-2000s, and will allow us to better capture UT Tyler’s detailed history. We even found the ceremonial mace used when UT Tyler was still Texas Eastern University, during the late 1970s. The mace is a large wooden staff carried by faculty during commencement. So, if you are ever interested in learning about the history of your University, or have materials that might help tell its history, please stop by the University Archives and Special Collections Department in LIB106!

Contact the Archives at archivist@uttyler.edu or (903) 565-5849.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

**Even More New Study Space**

by **Vandy Dubre,** Librarian

Along with revamping the third and fourth floors to create a better quiet zone and a more useful spacious third floor social zone, the Library also revamped the second floor Curriculum Materials Library (CML) room or LIB 211. Located on the library second (main) floor past the University President pictures and “Great Cow Mural,” sits the quaint CML room. This room houses the Library’s children’s literature and k-12 textbook collection.

Primarily for the children’s literature classes, this room is also used by education majors and the “fortunate to find it” nursing group. For years it housed rows of books and two large square tables. We received k-12 textbooks from Region 7, but due to the decline of their print textbook program, many of the textbooks became irrelevant due to changes in state testing and age.

So the textbooks were weeded and the empty shelves removed. Tables from before the third floor renovation were repurposed to the CML room which now holds six tables and rolling white boards for social zone study. There is a sign posted which tells when the room is reserved for the children’s literature classes that periodically meet there.

**New Liaison Librarians**

**Sarah Norrell** is the Business & Social Sciences Librarian. She earned her BA in English Literature and Writing from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and her MSIS from the University of Texas at Austin. Sarah is a native of East Texas and she loves being at UT Tyler and looks forward to the University’s future growth and development!

If you need to contact Sarah you may call 903-566-7472, or email her at: snorrell@uttyler.edu

**Suzanne (Suzy) Abbey** is the Librarian for Nursing, Health Science, Philosophy, and Religion.

In addition to her master’s degree in Library Science, she also has a bachelor’s degree in Food Science (Human Nutrition) and a master’s degree in Exercise Science. She started working at Robert R. Muntz Library in mid-March 2016 and looks forward to exploring East Texas.

If you need to contact Suzy, you may call 903-566-7165, or email her at: sabbey@uttyler.edu
LIB 202 & 423

**Practice Presentation Room (LIB 202)**

- LIB 202 & 423 may be checked out for one two-hour period per day, (per group—not per person in group), 2+ persons (maximum of 20), with one renewal only. Patrons must present their current UT Tyler ID card at the Circulation desk to receive the key.
- Both can be pre-booked up to 2 weeks in advance. See the Circulation desk for more info.

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**Practice Presentation Room & Large Group Study Space (LIB 423)**

**QUIET ZONES—PERIODICALS & LIB 422**

*Need a quiet place to study? Need to use a computer but also need quiet to concentrate? Well, look no further.*

Your Library now has New Quiet Zones to meet your needs.

The Library periodicals room, located on the 4th floor, is now the Quiet Study Zone.

With large tables, comfy chairs, & personal study carrels, there is a space for every need. Handicap accessible doors close the room off from the stair-well noise to make a truly quiet space.

If quiet study with computers is what you are seeking, LIB 422 is your spot.

This room doubles as the library instruction room, but when not in use, is also the quiet computer lab. There is a weekly class schedule posted outside the door.