Douglass Notes

Dean’s Desk by Janet Eke

During the last week of January 2019, the library staff returned its operations to the Frederick Douglass Library. This was a welcome home-coming after the library was closed beginning in the summer of 2018 when its roof replacement identified other issues that required the library staff to physically move their daily operations to Waters Hall and Wilson Hall.

Nonetheless, during this seven-month relocation period, the library staff continued to provide research, reserve, cataloging and access services to the UMES community. The library staff was able to meet the research needs of students and faculty through its extensive virtual collection of database articles covering thousands of scholarly journals and ebooks, as well as inter-campus and inter-library loan services. Reference librarians continued to teach hands-on research instructional sessions but did so in faculty classrooms. Committed to serving the UMES community, the library staff continued to maintain its usual hours – staying open until midnight during the semester, and 2:00 a.m. during mid-term and final exams.

Interim Dean Sharon Brooks was incredibly proud of the library staff during the relocation period, as they successfully provided the services necessary while in temporary quarters not designed for library operations. “In this tough situation,” she noted, “the staff stepped up to the plate, wore many hats and worked as a team in order to keep the library services moving forward.” The students also expressed enthusiasm at the reopening of the library.

Library Renovations by Joseph Broe

The Frederick Douglass Library received a much-needed facelift during 2018 that updated the look of the first floor. This was done to create an atmosphere to encourage study and cooperative work in a comfortable environment.

Yellow was incorporated into the design palette to provide warmth, while maroon and gray were chosen to encourage school spirit. Previous carpet was removed and replaced with a much more vibrant one that incorporated many colors. These colors were repeated in the fabric of the furniture, which added a splash of color to the overall space. Most of the new furniture has caster wheels that allow patrons to move it around to make it conducive to their study needs. Adjustable desks were added to help those that need to stand or sit.

In addition to the furniture, the library also received new computers. Besides traditional Windows PCs, the library now has Acer Chrome desktops with touchscreen and Apple Macs. This will accommodate patrons familiar with these platforms.

The renovation came at an ideal time, as the library had moved to a single service desk model that has become popular among libraries. This single service point allows students to get all questions answered at one location without having to go to three or four different service desks. The reference desk at the back of the first floor was removed, and reference services are now located at the circulation desk. Interlibrary loan materials are also located at this point, combining one-stop service for the three departments.

Hopefully, this is the first of many renovations to beautify and update the library. It is hoped that the Lower Level will be the next floor to receive a facelift.
In mid-August, the Frederick Douglass Library staff welcomed Janet Eke as a Reference Librarian to work evening hours during the semester. She comes to UMES with a wide-range of experience in academic libraries, secondary education and investments.

Most recently, Janet served for 10 years as a librarian at a private school in Connecticut where she integrated technology into the research curriculum by teaching computer science fundamentals, coding and robotics. Prior to that, she and her family lived in the Washington, DC area where she was a Social Sciences Reference Librarian at Georgetown University for four and a half years.

Before their move to the Mid-Atlantic region, Janet and her family lived in Salem, Massachusetts, and she worked at Fidelity Investments in database management.

Janet graduated with a Master’s of Library Science from Simmons College in Boston and has her undergraduate degree in Economics. She lives in Princess Anne with her two sons. David is a recent graduate of George Washington University, and Benjamin is a freshman at Johns Hopkins University and is on the Men’s Basketball team.

Ask A Hawk by Michelle Turner

I was born in Charleston, South Carolina and my alma mater was Maryland State College, now known as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. I was selected by the Oakland Raiders in the third round of the 1968 NFL Draft. My position played was “Offensive Tackle,” and I was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1989. I also had the distinction of being the first African-American head coach of the modern NFL era.

Who I am I?

Leave us with a quote.

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do” by John Wooden.

Nishae DeRamus, Senior Exercise Science Major (from Baltimore, Maryland)

What are your favorite library services to use?

I would say the laptops because students do not really want to carry their books and their personal laptops around.

How has the library helped you as a student?

The library has helped me be productive when it comes to my schoolwork. I am more focused in the library than I am in my room.

What do you hope the library looks like in the future?

I would hope the library looks more vibrant. I say vibrant because that would give the library more life and will encourage more people to come in the library.

History Fact Answer:

I am Art Shell.

Visit the Frederick Douglass Library Special Collections website for more information on UMES history.
Library Advocate by Ann Reed

Frederick Douglass Library is delighted to have Dr. Allen as one of its many repeat users. In this interview, he shares his library background and the library’s importance in both his personal life and his professional career.

Dr. Allen’s appreciation and passion for libraries, along with his interest in pharmacy, started at home with his mother who was an academic pharmacy librarian. Just as his mother fostered a love of libraries in him, Dr. Allen is doing the same with his own children. He and his 13 year-old daughter have a shared reading list, which includes the classics as well as contemporary fiction. They are currently reading *The Great Gatsby*, and next on the list is the Harry Potter series. His 10 year-old son, on the other hand, prefers “typical boy” fare.

When Dr. Allen uses the Frederick Douglass Library, he tends to gravitate to the second floor and lower level because of their peaceful environments. These areas provide workspace conducive to uninterrupted study on the project at hand. Additionally, he views FDL as an extension of the classroom, especially in its ability to facilitate team learning. He emphasized from his own personal experience, however, the equal importance of the library for student engagement – not only with each other, but also with faculty.

When it comes to Dr. Allen’s professional research and reading, the topics of interest include leadership, change management (including authors like John Kotter), pharmacy and higher education. At the time of this interview, his current scholarly research is on drug-induced liver disease. To meet his research needs, he relies heavily on inter-campus and inter-library loan services at the library.

Dr. Allen pointed out that the library as a resource is infinite in its reach for resources and study. As significant as smartphones are, not everything is available through their connectivity. That is where the library website meets his needs with its ability to access scholarly database articles, government documents and ebooks. Moreover, to Dr. Allen, the library’s greatest resource is its librarians and staff, who are the very foundation of any library.

The Frederick Douglass Library makes Dr. Allen feel grounded – and the sight of him hard at work in the library, is a benefit to us all.

Library Updates

Library Grant:

FDL received a Title III grant "Creating A Quiet Area for Library Users" that will be located on the Lower Level of the library.

Workshops & Conferences in 2019:

March 20-22 - Interim Dean Sharon Brooks and Joseph Bree attended the Library Management Skills Institute I: the Manager at UMBC Tech Center.

April 10-13 - Interim Dean Sharon Brooks and Joseph Bree attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference in Cleveland, OH.

September 24 - Stephenie Schwartz Bailey from the Conservation Center for Arts & Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia met with Interim Dean Sharon Brooks to assess FDL’s Special Collections and conduct a hands-on Preservation Workshop for all library staff to demonstrate the care and conservation of items housed in the collection.

October 15-18 - Joseph Bree attended the Library Management Skills Institute II at Loyola University Maryland Graduate Center.

October 29, 2019 - Librarians met with five representatives from OCLC to discuss FDL’s vision for the future and to showcase WorldShare Management Services, a cloud-based advanced library services platform that streamlines library workflows.

Library Outreach in 2019:

During the spring and fall semesters, First Year Experience library sessions were taught by the library staff.

On September 28, the library participated in the UMES Fall Community Festival.

Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship handed out mid-term success kits in the library on October 3rd.

On October 31st, FDL supported the campus-wide Annual Parade of Costumes and Princess Anne’s Halloween Fest.
Media Services Department

The Media Services Center is responsible for the acquisition and maintenance of the Frederick Douglass Library’s non-print collection of videotapes, DVDs and compact discs. The Center also provides banner and poster production, lamination and spiral binding services. Historical events and programs of UMES recorded on videotape are also housed in the non-print collection.

Visit the FDL Website:

www.umes.edu/fdl

Notable Additions to the Collection by Marvella Rounds

**Agriculture & Food**
The Science of Animal Growth & Meat Technology by Steven M. Lonergan

**Computers & Technology**
3D Printing Technology in Nanomedicine edited by Nabeel Ahmad
Digital Technology and Sustainability: Engaging the Paradox edited by Mike Hazas and Lisa Nathan
Ethics in Information Technology by George Reynolds
Handbook of Electronic Assistive Technology edited by Donna Cowan and Ladan Najafi
Machine Learning with Python: A Problem Solver’s Guide to Building Real World Intelligent Systems by Dipanjan Sarkar
Technology in Medieval India: c. 650-1750 by Irfan Habib
The Technology Takers: Leading Change in a Digital Era by Jens P. Flanding

**Art & Photography**
Art ≠ Propaganda by K. P. Brehmer
Masters of Landscape Photography, consultant editor Ross Hoddinott
Nature Photography: Insider Secrets by Christopher Weston

**Education**
Building a Better Teacher: How Teaching Works (and How to Teach it to Everyone) by Elizabeth Green

**Literature**
Arabic Science Fiction by Ian Campbell

**Pharmacy**
Pharmaceuticals & Personal Care Products: Waste Management & Treatment Technology edited by Majeti Narasimha Vara Prasad