The End of an Era @ the Mary Livermore Library

by Anne H. Coleman

Lillian D. Brewington, Special Collections Librarian extraordinaire, moved into a new phase of her life. After more than 36 years of employment at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Lillian retired July 31, 2009.

Lillian’s distinguished career began in 1964, when she worked as a Records Clerk in the Registrar’s Office for two-and-a-half years. In 1967, she left the University and moved out of state with her family. However, after living in Maryland for eight years, Lillian returned to Pembroke and to UNCP. She began working in the Library’s Technical Services on July 17, 1975. The organizational structure of the technical services area afforded her the opportunity to work in several different capacities including purchasing, accessioning, and labeling. Lillian fondly remembers that she also dealt with “anything else that needed to be done.”

In July 1980, Lillian accepted the position of secretary to the library director, Dr. Robert Hersch. During this period, she also volunteered to serve as the head of Government Documents Services. Later, always looking for a new challenge, Lillian decided to pursue a master’s degree in library science. She remained in this position from July 1987 until she graduated from North Carolina Central University with an M.L.S degree. After earning the M.L.S. degree, she served as the Government Documents/Serials Collections Librarian from 1989 until her phased retirement began two decades later on July 1, 2006.

At that time, Lillian took a one-month leave from UNCP and then returned to work half time as the Special Collections Librarian. According to Lillian, her schedule of 20 hours per week allowed her to “come in late and leave early,” thus giving her more time to spend with her husband (Hartman), her children (Carilta, Michael, and Ray), and her beloved grandchildren. Lillian’s phased retirement ended on July 31, 2009, and she “officially” retired from her many years of devoted service to the Library and UNCP; however, she still plans to stay involved by volunteering in Special Collections and staying active with the Friends of the Library.

During Lillian’s years of service to the campus, she worked with four library directors (Miles L. Raisig, Dr. Clarence Toomer, and Dr. Elinor Foster); witnessed campus leadership by five chancellors (Drs. English Jones, Paul Givens, Joseph Oxendine, Allen Meadows, and Charles R. Jenkins); and worked in each of the Library’s service areas except Serials Services.

When asked what she planned to do during her retirement, Lillian said her future looked very bright. She plans to spend lots of time traveling to the beaches and mountains of North Carolina with her family. She

Library Scholarship Continues at the Library

by Anthony Holderied

The staff at the Mary Livermore Library has been active in publishing endeavors during recent months. Staff members have published journal articles, book reviews, written grants, and have given presentations at a local conference. Serials/Digital Operations Coordinator Robert Wolf was scheduled at press time to have published an article entitled “Budget Crisis: A Review of Perpetual Access” in North Carolina Libraries Volume 67, Issue 1/2. The article discusses ways in which libraries attempt to maintain access when forced to cut database and electronic journal subscriptions.

Catalog Librarian David Young reviewed the book Landmarks of Hyde County, North Carolina: The Mainland & Ocracoke Island by Claudia R. Brown and Diane E. Lea. The review was scheduled to be published at press time in North Carolina Libraries Volume 67, Issue 1/2.

In April, Assistant Dean for Research Services Anne Coleman completed a bibliography of scholarly output by UNCP scholars entitled Campus Scholarship, 2008-2009: A Bibliography. Additionally, Anne made an electronic copy of the bibliography to become part of the Library’s online collections.

Anne continues to serve in three editorial positions for professional organizations. She currently serves as an associate editor for North Carolina Libraries and as a member of the editorial boards for the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) Newsletter and Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMCo) Newsletter. Anne also serves credit for writing a North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) project grant proposal that was funded to secure a presenter at a pre-conference workshop at NCLA’s biennial conference.

On March 28, Anne co-presented a session entitled “Docking Your Scholarship: The UNC Digital Repository Initiative and BraveDocks” at UNCP’s annual Digital Content Consortium. Also presenting on the panel was Associate Dean for Collection Management Susan Whitt, Access Services/Reference Librarian June Power, and Robert Wolf.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to midnight
Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. to midnight
Mary Livermore Library Announces Staffing Changes
by David W. Young

On March 9, Christopher Bowyer joined the staff of the Mary Livermore Library as Circulation Administrative Support Associate. Chris has numerous areas of responsibility, namely statistical data entry, running search reports for missing books, inventory processing, and customer service. When asked about his current job, Chris stated, “I like to meet new people and learn new skills.”

Prior to becoming a member of the library staff, Chris had worked at Best Buy in Southern Pines as a Computer and Service Technician. In 2004 Chris earned an Associate’s Degree in applied science from Sandhills Community College. Subsequently, in 2006, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in psychology from The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. As for future plans, Chris intends to attend graduate school at UNCP in the coming year.

Chris is originally from West End. He is the youngest of four children and has two brothers and one sister. Currently, he resides in Raeford. When not working at the Library, Chris enjoys bowling, hanging out with family or friends, and traveling.

The Cataloging Services area of the Library welcomed back a familiar face on April 13 when Saprina Oxendine began her employment as University Library Technician for Media Cataloging. Saprina processes both monograph and media materials for the library collection and also assists the Acquisitions Department as needed. This is the second time Saprina has held a permanent position at the Library. As she explains, “I was hired originally in November 2001 as Library Technical Assistant in the Acquisitions Department, but I left in August 2005 to be with my family. As the economy changed, I had to change with it. I was very fortunate that there was yet another opportunity for me at UNCP.”

Before her initial arrival at the Library in 2001, Saprina had been employed at the University’s Business Office in the Student Accounts Unit. Saprina holds a Bachelor of Science in business management from UNCP which she earned in 2000.

Although she is originally from Laurinburg, Saprina now lives in Pembroke with her husband Timothy and two children (Timothy, six years old and Abigail, three years old). She also has four brothers who live in close proximity to Newton Grove.

While not at work, Saprina cherishes opportunities to garden, read, cook, and teach children at her church.

The Library bid a fond farewell to staff member Marsha Davis, former University Library Technician for Cataloging Services, on June 30. After a year and a half of dedicated service, she ended her employment to return to Delaware to be with her family. During her employment at the Library, Marsha assisted with the cataloging, preparation, and processing of all books which had been ordered for the collection. She also handled media requests, pre-searched records on Bravecat and OCLC, and aided the Acquisitions Department in the Library as needed.

All of the staff of the Mary Livermore Library would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Marsha for her cheery disposition and contributions to the continuation of successful library services at UNCP.

Lillian wanted to express her sincere appreciation for the library staff members with whom she has worked over the years and for the dedicated student assistants whom she supervised, particularly those who finished their degrees and came back to the Library as staff. This list of former students includes Eric Chavis, Leah Hammonds, Banessa Hunt, and Saprina Oxendine, as well as Carlene and Nickie. Lillian said, “I truly enjoyed every minute of the time spent working with the awesome employees of the Mary Livermore Library, and I am so proud of my former students and all of their achievements.”

In closing, the staff of the Mary Livermore Library would like to thank Lillian for her dedication to her job, her coworkers, and the campus community. She has left an indelible imprint on the University, the Library, and her colleagues. We would like to wish her well with the words from this “Retirement Blessing”:

Thank you for your insight, your guidance, your companionship, your integrity, and for all the sacrifices you made.

May God bless the path you take.

May God bless your future labors with success.

May your newly found freedom bring you great pleasure and deep satisfaction.

May God bless your body with health and your soul with joy.

May your work here continue to flourish in your absence.

May you continue to spread your kindness and wisdom upon us for many years to come.

May God watch over you and your family and shield you from harm.

May all your prayers be answered.

Amen.

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