University Archives: Winning Awards and Providing Increased Access

Tuskegee University Archives has also been nominated for the State/Local Records Commission Annual Award in Archival Preservation and/or Records Management, which will be awarded on November 1, 2010. After a 40 year stint at the University of New Mexico Meteoritic Museum, the George Washington Carver Meteorite returns to the Tuskegee University Campus. Although just a slice (22 pounds) of the original meteorite, the meteorite represents a rare type and has been researched by many around the world.

Congratulations to Dana Chandler and the Archives staff for winning second place at the 3rd Annual Academic and Student Support Fair held on August 19, 2010 in the Daniel Chappie James Center. The theme for the Academic and Student Support Fair was entitled, "A Pathway to Achieving Academic Excellence (PAAE)." The Archives staff participated with a booth at the Fair. Veterinary Medicine, Deidre Quinn-Gorham, came in first.

Finally, we are live!!! The Archives website is now up and running. Representing one year of preparation and over 500 items uploaded, the website will aid patrons throughout the world. Available for viewing are yearbooks, photographs, diagrams, audio and video materials. Go to the library website and click on the University Archives Repository.

The George Washington Carver Meteorite

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University Libraries Host Orientation for New Students

The Tuskegee University Libraries held its annual orientation for new students from September 27, 2010 through October 7, 2010. Students participated in classes that offered instruction on the use of tools and resources that are necessary for conducting basic research in the four libraries of the university and the University Archives.

Students participate in one of the orientation sessions that was held in the Computer Lab of the Ford Motor Company Library.
Legacy Museum News

The SGA had its Opening Mixer at the Legacy Museum. Approximately 150-200 students attended this event which incorporated fun, food and planning for the year.

The Student Government Association officers are:

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The ladies of the Beta Xi Omega Graduate Chapter (Tuskegee, Alabama) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) visited the Legacy Museum on September 10, 2010. AKA is an international service organization that was founded in 1908 at Howard University.

The Tuskegee University Libraries Connection

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The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Process

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a service that allows library users to borrow materials from other libraries. The following is a list of the things that you should know before using the ILL service.

- You must have a valid Tuskegee University identification card.
- You must print out an ILL form from www.tuskegee.edu/libraries, and complete it. Books, dissertations, journal articles, archival materials, and newspaper articles can be requested.
- A total of ten items may be requested at one time - it can be 10 books or ten articles or a combination of books and articles as long as they do not exceed ten in total.
- Before we place a request externally, we check our own resources to ascertain that the material is unavailable in our own libraries.
- Delivery time depends on who is supplying the material - within the state, 3 - 7 days; from outside the state, 7 - 10 days.
- A notification is sent out to the borrower by email or phone when the material arrives.

ILL requests are handled in the Learning Resource Center, which is located on the third floor of the Ford Motor Company Library.

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News from Circulation/Reserves

The Circulation/Reserves Department would like to remind all patrons to please have your Tuskegee University ID card that is required to check out books and reserve materials.

The Circulation/Reserves Department would also like to announce the arrival of a new employee. Ms. DeKara Daniel, a Tuskegee graduate, is the new Circulation/Reserves Assistant. She is enthusiastic about her work and has the knowledge and the ability essential for the job.

The Circulation/Reserves Department is located on the first floor of the Ford Motor Company Library.

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Employee Spotlight: Mrs. Frances Davis, Engineering Librarian

Mrs. Frances Davis is a native of Tuskegee, Alabama. She started working with the Tuskegee University Libraries in 1954. Mrs. Davis started at the Main Library, known today as the Ford Motor Company Library, when the libraries were just developing. She has also worked at the Nursing Library (now closed) and the Veterinary Library (now the Veterinary Medical Library).

Mrs. Davis has had many accomplishments during her career. She was among the first black librarians from Tuskegee University to be allowed membership in the Alabama Library Association. She went on to serve as president of the Special Libraries Association of the Alabama Library Association in 1974.

Mrs. Davis plans to retire in December. When asked what are some of her most memorable moments at Tuskegee, she said, "When the students were striking about the cafeteria food and they locked the trustees in Dorothy Hall (which is the Kellogg Center today)." She says that she will miss the students the most. She has seen some students go on to graduate and then send their children and then their children’s children to the University. That is why she says that she feels like a grandmother and a great-grandmother to the students.

Mrs. Davis hopes that Tuskegee’s future will continue to do well and make progress with the new president. She believes that Tuskegee is on the right path.

The Engineering Library is designed to serve the research needs of the students and faculty of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. It is located in Luther Hilton Foster Hall, and has approximately 11,000 books, 3,500 bound periodicals, and subscribes to over 200 journals in Engineering and related areas.

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Students in Action

In an effort to keep the Legacy Museum available to visitors and guests, Dr. Jonathan Robinson, curator, has recruited many student volunteers. The Legacy Museum now has over 30 volunteers, ranging from all 5 colleges on the Tuskegee University campus. Their responsibilities are to educate themselves about the historic collection of art and artifacts, maintain a welcoming and presentable museum environment, and give educational tours to visitors and guests of the museum.

The Legacy Museum volunteers are: Kaila Stubbs, Annika Scott, Ormond Castle, Jessica Salter, Zachery Phillips, Porsha Curtis, Evelyn Richardson, JaDon Ogletree, Melanie Tolbert, Jordyn Calhoun, Erica Ballard, Jahquille Ross, Jessica Warlington, Courtney Bryant, Ashley Lewis, Marcus Tarver, Janae Reynolds, Sabyne Damas, Shakila Taylor, Shani Ricks, Je’na Givens, Lauren Bales, Morgan Arline, Houston Frazier, Kayla Mosley, Keith Oliver Jr., Trena Sharpe, Sydnie Jarman, Eric Bourne, Mia Stone, Jessica Daniels, Ashley Edwards, Dominique Foster, Indya Jackson, Jasymne Gilbert, Amber El Dorrado, Asha El Dorrado, Meghan Council, and Courtney Freeman.

-JaDon Ogletree & Zachery Phillips
Student Volunteers

New Faces

The Tuskegee University Libraries family welcomes the following new staff members.

Yolanda Callaway
Library Assistant
Veterinary Medical Library

DeKara Daniel
Library Assistant
Circulation/Reserves

Cheryl Ferguson
Archival Assistant, University Archives
(Also pictured: Student employees Preston Massey (l) and Reina Jackson (r))
Book Club Recommendations

**The Coldest Winter Ever**
by Sister Souljah

*The Coldest Winter Ever* captures realistic characters and situations that we can relate to personally or not so personally. It also helps us to be thankful for our own upbringing and our lives. A great read for a new and different generation.

**Cheaters**
by Eric Jerome Dickey

Eric Jerome Dickey has always been a personal favorite author of mine. Dickey's way of writing is always simple and easy but keeps you drawn in. *Cheaters* is about love, betrayal, and self-discovery. This is a great book for curling up on the couch.

These books and other good reads can be found in the collections of the Tuskegee University Libraries.

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Recommended Reading for Recreational Readers

**The GovDocs Spot**

With campaign season in full swing and elections quickly approaching, it is important to be aware of the issues that are currently being debated by political candidates throughout the nation. The following is a list of resources that can help you become familiar with those issues.

**Democratic National Committee**
**[www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)**
The website of the Democratic National Committee provides information about the history of the party, the party’s national platform, and election news. The website also provides links to information about local candidates in the upcoming election.

**Republican National Committee**
**[www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com)**
The website of the Republican National Committee provides information about the issues that are important to the party. There is also a section devoted to the upcoming elections.

**Tea Party Express TV**
**[www.teapartyexpress.tv](http://www.teapartyexpress.tv)**
This website provides some information about the grass roots Tea Party movement and participant efforts to influence the November elections.

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Industry Notes: Library Science Research Grants and Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology. The award recognizes research that is relevant to the development of information technologies that affect the storage, retrieval, dissemination, and management of information. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2010. More information about the award can be found at [www.lita.org](http://www.lita.org).

Applications are also now being accepted for the Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide support for research that might lead to the improvement of the library and information services that are provided to any specified group of people. The deadline for proposal submissions is January 14, 2011. More information about the grant can be found at [www.al.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ora/orawards/baberresearchgrant/babercarroll.html](http://www.al.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ora/orawards/baberresearchgrant/babercarroll.html).

For more information about research grants and awards that are available to library science researchers, please visit the **Awards & Grants** section of the website of the American Library Association ([www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm)).
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