November 1, 2010

Dear Friends of the ECU MLS Program:

As I write this, it’s 63 degrees and a beautiful sunny day in Greenville. I have been at ECU as Library Science Department Chair since January 4, 2010. I am very, very happy to be here. I have found the students and faculty wonderful, the work fascinating and challenging, and the campus and city to be most hospitable to newcomers. I’m grateful for the opportunities I’ve had to meet many of you in person, and I look forward to more. If you are ever in Greenville, including if you live down the street from my office in Umstead, please make an appointment and come by to visit. We are always delighted to welcome guests.

I’m sure that many of you are interested in the Department’s accreditation and recognition efforts. We are actively seeking accreditation from the American Library Association. We are committed to maintaining our recognition from the American Association of School Librarians and are closely monitoring the standards revision process that is underway. We likewise are nurturing our ties with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction so that our curriculum will remain on the cutting edge of new directions adopted for school libraries within our state. If you have questions about any of these efforts, please contact me directly at yontzm@ecu.edu (the M is for Mary, my “real” first name).

If you are wondering what you can do to support our Program, here are some suggestions:

- If you had or are having a good experience in your MLS program, tell your friends. If not, please tell us.
- Donate at https://onestop.ecu.edu/onlinegiving/. Thanks to the many of you who do this regularly. Your donations demonstrate to the College and University that our Program has wide support, and the funds generated are especially important to us in these rough financial times. Your participation matters more than the amount; any amount is vitally important and gratefully received.
- Be active in giving us feedback. This year we are revamping and extending our mechanisms for gathering and using input from our stakeholders, which include current students, alumni, and employers. If you are willing to be an active participant, please let me know at yontzm@ecu.edu.

The great hunger of my life is to know that I make a difference. To be part of a group of professionals who make a difference, every day, places us among the privileged of the earth. I am grateful for your participation in our precious enterprise, and I thank you for all of your good work and for your support of the ECU MLS Program.

Sincerely,

Elaine Yontz
Meet Elaine Yontz

Dr. Elaine Yontz joined the Department of Library Science as Professor and Chair in January 2010. Most recently, Dr. Yontz was Professor in the MLIS program at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. She was Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida, and prior to that, Associate Chair for Contributed Cataloging at George Smathers Libraries, University of Florida. Her experience as an educator includes preparing students for professional positions in all types of libraries and information centers. She holds a PhD in College Teaching from the University of Florida, an ALA-accredited Masters degree from Florida State University, and an MFA in Music History, Literature, and Criticism from the University of Florida.

She has been active in research and scholarly activity since 1990, authoring numerous refereed articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Her professional presentations include invited panel appearances at the Library of Congress and on College of DuPage’s Soaring to Excellence series. Current projects include an ongoing study that tracks the indexing and abstracting of open-access journals and a monograph in preparation on nineteenth-century children’s magazines.

Dr. Yontz has held several elected offices and committee appoints in professional organizations at national and state levels; highlights include an appointment to Loriene Roy’s ALA Presidential Task Force on Supporting LIS Education Through Practice, and service as chair of the ALISE Research Committee. She also has been active in Florida and Georgia library associations and is a past Chair of the ALCTS-Council of Regional Groups, and past President of the ALA-NMRT.

On the Road Again

The Department of Library Science will be hitting the road again this fall and will be appearing at several venues throughout the State. First up, we were at Wilson Public Library on September 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Several present and future students stopped by.

October 14 we put in an appearance at the Graduate School and Professional Fair at Campbell University.

October 21 we attended the ECU Graduate School and Professional Fair.

And of course we wouldn’t miss the North Carolina School Library Media Association 10th Annual Conference November 3-5 in Winston-Salem. As usual, we will have a booth in the Benton Convention Center Exhibit Hall. We look upon this opportunity to meet and greet so many of our past and present students.

So definitely stop by, say hello, and pick up a little treat.

We have a couple of trips planned for spring. We will be going up to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank area in February—date to be announced. And we have been invited to attend the Eastern North Carolina Career Alliance in Raleigh on February 16.

Under Construction—Re-designing the Department Website

During the spring of 2010, the College of Education (COE) created a new design for its webpage. The Department of Library Science was also part of this redesign to ensure uniformity with in the College of Education. As the redesign took place, the MLS Web & Technology Committee examined the content of the previous departmental site and developed an outline for new headings and content. This information was given to Jennifer Vinciguerra, Technology Consultant with the College of Education who put the content into the new design. You’ll notice these on the left sidebar of the site (http://www.ecu.edu/educ/libs). Many revisions have been completed; however, this process is ongoing as updates are incorporated. The committee’s work will continue during this academic year. If you have suggestions for our website, please contact Dr. Barbara Marson, MLS Web & Technology Committee Chair at marsonb@ecu.edu.
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Alumni News

Becky Callison (MLS 1998) was named Director of the Wilson County Public Library.

Carrie Houseknecht (MLS 2010) wrote and was awarded a grant from the DARE Education Foundation for an initiative to create 21st Century learners.

Shirley Fairfax-Lewis (MLS 2005) accepted the position of first-ever Archive Librarian at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. Prior to this position, Shirley worked for many years as a school media coordinator.

Charles Millard (MLS 2010) wrote a proposal for a Mildred Sheffield Wells Charitable Trust grant and was awarded $39,223.

Kelly Puglisi (MLS 2010) received full funding thanks to Progress Energy on Donors Choose for $500 worth of library books on energy conservation, alternative energy, and recycling for her library.

Greg Needham (MLS 1998) was named Director of the Pitt County Public Library.

Jane Sasser (MLS 2008) was the only North Carolina recipient for the Books for Children Grant from the Libri Foundation. She will be receiving $1,100 worth of books for her library.

David Trudeau (MLS 2008) was named Director of the Vance-Granville Community College Library.

Leta Woodall (Licensure 2010) was recognized as the Johnston County Schools Media Coordinator of the Year, 2009-2010.

Student News

Shelly Cullipher is one of two recipients awarded the NCSLMA Scholarship for 2011.

Lisa Denning applied for and received an LSTA grant for North Harnett Primary School. The State awarded $10,000 and the school received a matching grant from Harnett County Schools for $5,000. The money will be used to purchase new books for the media center collection which will bring the average copyright age up to standard.

Jenni Dry is working as a graduate assistant in Joyner Library’s Reference Department here on the ECU campus.

Jenny Gerami-Markham was named North Carolina Teacher Assistant of the Year for 2009-2010.

Ellen Poppe, Teacher-Librarian in Wake County, had her first children’s book published and released this summer. The book is entitled Tank: An Ugly Dog’s Adventure was written for ages 6-10. Ellen also created a Literature Resource Guide for grades 2-4 to go along with the book.

Morgan Reece has been selected to serve on a panel for the Division of School Media & Technology at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology Conference in October in Anaheim, California.

Charles Millard (MLS 2010) has been named to ALA’s Emerging Leaders program.

Julie Sloup was the Grand Prize Winner of the Second Annual Imaginative Classroom Contest sponsored by SchoolCenter. Julie designed a playful and interactive website that includes a “Digital Detectives” section where students use suggested databases to answer engaging questions and a site which hosts a “Battle of the Books” contest where students can discuss their favorite books on an online discussion board.

Kevin Vickers was awarded the Diane Kester Innovator Award.

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Faculty News

Dr. Ruth Clark, associate professor, will be featured in a “Life’s aha moment” video sponsored by Mutual of Omaha. These anecdotes recall life’s defining and life-changing moments (http://www.ahamoment.com/pg/moments/view/15737). Dr. Clark’s article, “Adolescent and young adult literature research: listening to librarians and educators talk back: host responses to book-talking styles” was published in Voice of Youth Advocates, 32(6), 476-479.

Dr. John B. Harer, associate professor, attended the 2010 National Storytelling Conference held in Los Angeles, California where on August 1 he conducted a workshop on the Alexander Technique. Dr. Harer delivered a poster session at the 2010 Library Assessment Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 25-27.


Dr. Patrick Valentine, assistant professor, published “School libraries in 19th Century North Carolina, 1800-1876: ‘The want of books is now an immediate, practical and pressing one’” forthcoming in North Carolina Libraries (Winter-Spring 2011). Dr. Valentine’s article “America’s antebellum social libraries: A reappraisal in institutional development” will be forthcoming in Library & Information History 27, 1 (January 2011). Dr. Valentine presented on “Assessing the information literacy of your school: Knowing your users and non-users” at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah, Georgia, October 1-2.


Dr. Larry Nash White presented at both Library Research Seminar V in Maryland, October 6-9 and Library Assessment Conference in Maryland, October 25-27. His presentation was entitled “Library administrators’ uses and perceptions of performance measurement information in the strategic development of competitive responses.” Dr. White’s book, L.E.A3. Ding Your Library is scheduled for publication this fall by Libraries Unlimited.

Welcome to the Profession!

Several of our students have recently been hired in professional positions:

Chris Davenport was hired as the Media Specialist at West Hoke Elementary.

Karen Garris was hired as the Media Coordinator at Carver Heights.

Jenny Gerami-Markham has hired as the Media Coordinator at Lyle Creek Elementary School in Conover.

Leigh Graham was hired as the Media Coordinator at West Rowan High School in the Rowan Salisbury School System.

Laura Hile was hired as Media Coordinator at B. T. Bullock Elementary School in Sanford.

Carrie Houseknecht was hired as Media Coordinator at Manteo Middle School.

Amy Irving was hired as the Media Coordinator at West Guilford High School.

Melanie Kloack just got her first job as a School Media Specialist at 71st Classical Middle School in Cumberland County.

Angel Murdock accepted a position as Media Coordinator at Harnett Central High School in Harnett County.

Cindi Pettigrew was hired as Media Coordinator at North Johnston Middle School in Johnston County.

Beth Sellers was hired as Media Specialist at North Elementary School in Kings Mountain.

Sarah Slate began work as the new Media Coordinator at Tramway Year Round Elementary School in Sanford.
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