

# Beyond the Stacks

a glimpse behind the scenes of the Department of Library Science

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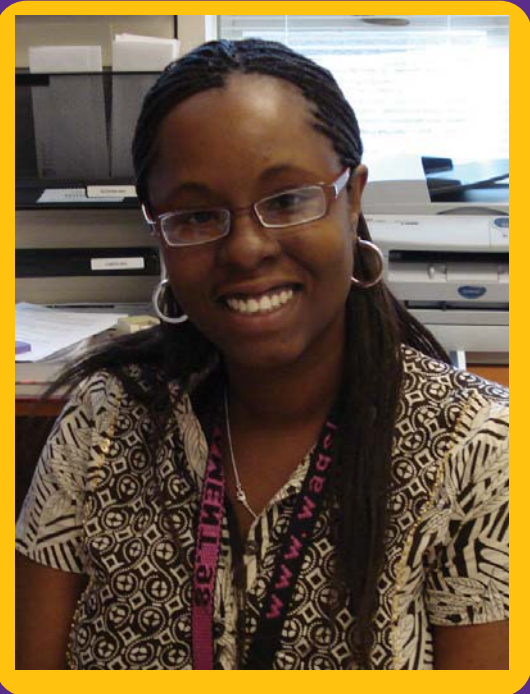
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# Welcome!

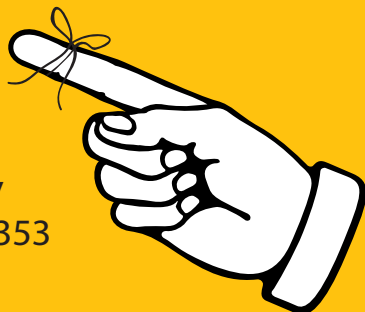
The Department of Library Science welcomes new Administrative Assistant, Renita Harley.



Welcome aboard, Renita!

DON'T FORGET! WE HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Department of Library Science  
1000 East Fifth Street  
103 Umstead Building  
College of Education  
Mail Stop 172  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353  
USA



## Famous Quotations Cryptogram

Can you decipher this quote by an important figure in library history?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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" A \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_  
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A \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ ."  
A U X E R W N P N E R Y B R N D N E R  
- \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ A K \_\_\_\_\_  
P N B O U L Y B V D U B F Q Y B



# ALA Accreditation Process

## ECU MLS Program Receives Extension of Pre-Candidacy

ECU MLS program representatives met with the American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation (COA) on April 17, 2009 to request an extension of the pre-candidacy status. The representatives included Dr. Linda Patriarca, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Sandra Warren, Interim Assistant Dean of the College of Education and Dr. Larry Nash White, Interim Co-Chair and MLS Program Director.

The COA voted unanimously to extend the pre-candidacy status of our MLS program for three years to allow the program to complete the candidacy request process. This provides the MLS program with up to three additional years to complete the candidacy process, which is the second of the three steps to the initial awarding of accreditation from COA. The program completed the first stage, pre-candidacy in fall 2005 and has been working in every capacity to progress to initial accreditation since that time. The last step is the final presentation and site visit which will be scheduled after the candidacy process is completed.

The ALA accreditation process is a 5-7 year process begun in 2005 by the program for our public and academic pathway students. The school media pathway is already accredited and approved by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the American Association of School Librarians (AASL).

## On the Road with LIBS

The Department of Library Science participated in a variety of events this semester which allowed for face-to-face interaction with students. We thank our students for visiting us at the events shown below. As always, we invite you to look for and join us at future events whenever you have the opportunity.

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We enjoyed seeing you at:

- MLS Road Tours-  
Greenville, NC February 28, 2009 in 2409 (2nd floor) of Joyner Library on the ECU campus.  
Wilmington, NC March 21, 2009 at the NE Branch in the Pine Room, 1241 Military Cutoff Road.  
Smithfield, NC April 4, 2009 at the Johnston County School Board office.
- ECU Commencement- May 8, 2009 at 6:00pm
- Department of Library Science Open House- May 9, 2009 2:00pm-4:00pm
- College of Education Graduate Recognition Ceremony- May 9, 8:00pm Minges Coliseum

## Road Tour - MLS Program Stakeholder Sessions

The MLS Road Tour met at the Johnston County Schools Central Services building, Saturday, April 4. Dr. Bryan Martin, Human Resources Department, and Diana Freeman, head of Media Services, had prepared the way and spread the word.

About 40 students and potential students showed up, most from Johnston County but also some from other school systems and public libraries.

Dr. Diane Kester, Interim Co-chair of the Department of Library Science, and Dr. Ed Shearin, visiting professor, joined Dr. Patrick Valentine in greeting everyone.



The Library Science department faculty briefly explained the Master of Library Science program and the pathways then fielded a number of questions.

Current students were able to give their perspective in the discussion and provided some very nice testimonials. This important feedback is used to provide service, program improvement and growth.





# Department of Library Science

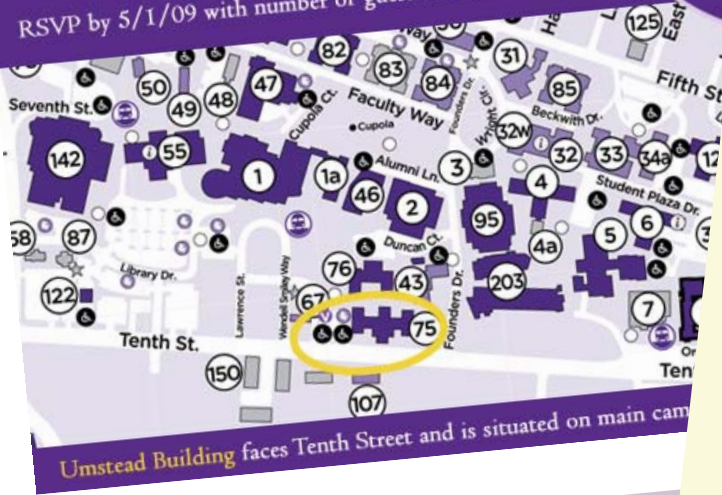
# OPEN HOUSE

Class of 2009  
You and your guests are invited to the Department of Library Science's Open House to view our new home.

Please join the faculty, staff of the Department prior to the College of Education graduation ceremony for light refreshments and a chance to visit our new home in the Umstead Building.

Saturday, May 9, 2009  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Umstead Building  
RSVP by May 1st

RSVP by 5/1/09 with number of guests at [mathisk@ecu.edu](mailto:mathisk@ecu.edu)



Umstead Building faces Tenth Street and is situated on main campus



The Department of Library Science thanks all of the students and their family members who came out to visit us at our Open House.

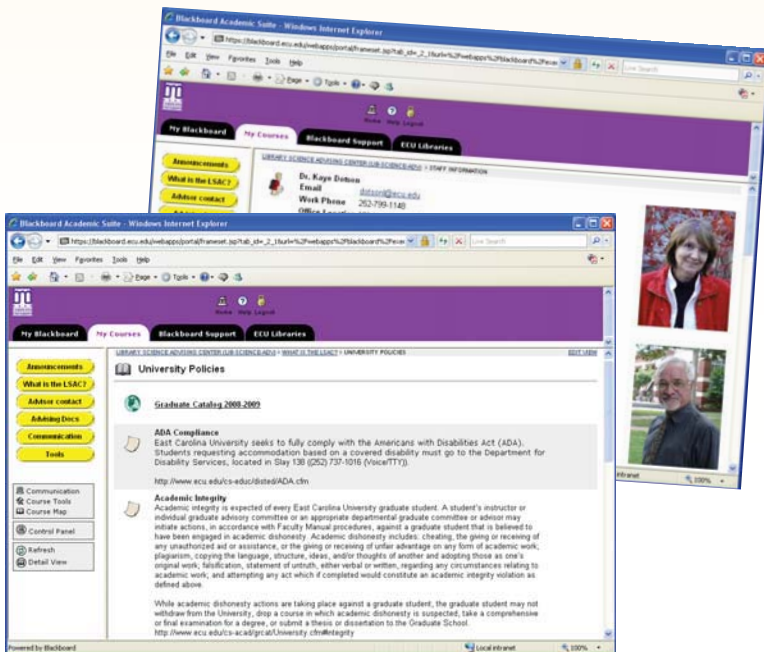


# ADVISING CHANGES

## The Department of Library Science Creates an Advising Center

This spring the Department of Library Science has created the Library Science Advising Center (LSAC).

The LSAC is instantly available to all students in the Library Science program through Blackboard. Students will notice the Library Science Advising Center link amongst their course links in Blackboard. Students admitted to the Department of Library Science are instructed to use this site to obtain course scheduling and advising assistance while they are in the LS program.



All advisees for a particular advisor (the LS faculty) are placed in a group for interaction, which may also include advisors. Students can find the name of their advisor here on the LSAC site or in the Banner Self Service area of [Onestop.ecu.edu](http://Onestop.ecu.edu).

We welcome your input and feedback on this process. Please let us know how we can make it better for you.

# Meet the Faculty



## Dr. Kaye Dotson

My aunt, Sarah Bennett Smith graduated from ECU in the early 1950's, much to her family's pride. I am the second family member to graduate. I earned my BS, MLS, CAS in Library Science, and EdD in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Library Science here at ECU. Our oldest daughter Kylie, is an assistant professor in COE's COAD department. She, like I, earned her BS and MS here at ECU. My youngest daughter, Ashlie, is currently pursuing a MS here as well, having earned her BA at ECU. I always felt honored to attend ECU and now I feel honored to be working here, enjoying all the benefits of ECU and also having opportunity for close interaction with both of my children. ECU means family to me in more ways than one!

The fact that LS is a quality program, offered entirely online, accessible to so many, makes the Library Science program a gold star program. The close interaction faculty enjoy with students is remarkable.

I have been a practicing school librarian for 20 years and have presented at numerous conferences and have published articles about the role of the school librarian. Now I am focusing as much as possible upon the internship experience and developing leadership skills in librarians.

I have worked in all areas of teaching librarianship, from K-12 through the community college, university undergrad courses, and now finally at the graduate level

I think I am a good example of life-long learning in action. I have never taken a very long break from participating in some type of coursework. I believe education opens doors, and what you find on the other side is always interesting! It is my goal to try to help others find what I have found.

# Faculty Awards

## Emerald Literati Network 2009 Awards for Excellence

Dr. Larry Nash White and Dr. John B. Harer were both recently selected to receive Awards for Excellence from the Emerald Literati Network.



Each year Emerald Publishing invites each journal's Editorial Team to nominate what they believe has been that title's Outstanding Paper and up to three Highly Commended Papers from the previous 12 months.

Dr. Harer's article, "Employees as customers judging quality: Enhancing employee assessment" published in *New Library World* has been chosen as a Highly Commended Award Winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2009.

Dr. White's article, "Aligning library assessment processes to the library's service environment: A conceptual model" published in *Library Review* has been chosen as a Highly Commended Award Winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2009.

The award winning papers are chosen following consultation amongst the journal's Editorial Team, many of whom are eminent academics or managers. These two articles written by ECU Library Science faculty were selected because they were two of the most impressive pieces of work the team has seen throughout 2008.

Further information regarding the Awards for Excellence can be found at the following site:  
<http://info.emeraldinsight.com/authors/literati/index.htm>

## East Carolina University Service Awards

In addition to recently being appointed to the Board of Program Reviewers for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Dr. Diane Kester has also received an award from East Carolina University for 40 years of service to the State of North Carolina. Dr. Kester spent 20 years in Wayne County Public Schools as a school media coordinator and has now served 20 years at ECU in the library science program.

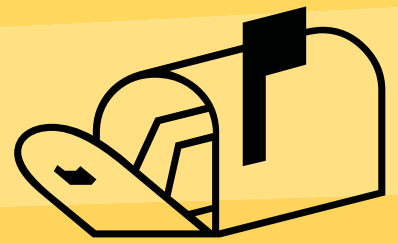


Above: Dr. Kester with ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard.



Above: Dr. Kester with Provost and former College of Education Dean, Marylin Sheerer and fellow College of Education Service Award winner Lou Anna Hardee.

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The Dewey Decimal Designation for Correspondences & Collections of Letters

## "Name the Letters Page" Contest Winners

The winner of the "Name the Letters Page" contest is Jennifer Gillis. Her submission is the Dewey Decimal Designation for correspondences and collections of letters. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Catherin Gibson is runner up with her suggestion, "Enscripted," which is a nice take on the word encrypted.

The editors thank all the students who submitted entries. Read the letters to the editors from your classmates below.



### Correspondences

"Oh my! Thank you for holding out till I graduated before making the change in the way registration is handled. I guess the new and improved way must be more effective, or it wouldn't have been done. I'm glad I got to do it the old fashioned way!!!"  
- Vickie

"Thanks so much for the effort that goes into this [newsletter]. It provides a great snapshot of what is happening!"  
-Angela



Do you have any questions or comments about Beyond the Stacks? Has your school or library participated in an interesting event that you think others would like to know about? Have you received an award, a new position in the field of library science or published an article about the field? We would love to hear from you. Send your letters to [mathisk@ecu.edu](mailto:mathisk@ecu.edu). In the subject heading put "Beyond the Stacks."

# Student & Alumni News

## Departmental Awards

Congratulations are in order for Elizabeth L. Keith, recipient of the Diane Kester Innovators Award, Kirstie Fischer, recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award and Angela Finn, recipient of the Mildred D. Southwick Scholarship.



## MLS Student Earns Grant for School Library

Patricia (Patty) Stringer has won a grant for her middle school library from Guilford County Schools Library & Media Services. Eight grants in the amount of \$4200 were awarded. The nonfiction grant was based on curricular needs. Patty had to do a collection analysis, utilizing Titlewise, and build a book list on Follett. She focused on Social Studies for grades 6-8.

## ECU Department of Library Science Student Creates Dewey Decimal Rap

While enrolled in Dr. Barbara Marson's Cataloging course, LIBS 6026, student Scott "Scooter" Hayes decided to add his own take on teaching others the Dewey Decimal System by creating the Dewey Decimal rap. (The department knew he was one of a kind all along, since he included carrot cake as his favorite vegetable on his bio.)

Since then, StarNewsOnline.com has written an article about Scott. This ECU MLS student is doing more than wearing wigs and performing in rap videos; he is using technology, pop culture, and humor to get children more interested in reading.



Read the full article from StarNewOnline.com:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20090414/columnists/904149919>.

Watch Scott's Dewey Decimal Rap video on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHUQb5xg7A>

# Class of 2009 MLS Graduates

Amie L. Aydlett  
Holly W. Bailey  
Debra L. Barton  
Emma K. Braaten  
Allison E. Bryan  
Teree L. Crawford  
Annette M. DiBona  
Rebecca M. Fleming  
Delane O. Fuquay  
Tonia J. Genco  
Leigh C. Grainger  
Marlene E. Greeble  
Wendy S. Hair  
Jane B. Hobaugh  
Shanna C. Moore  
Monica B. Jackson  
Tarja L. Kelly  
Sa'Cola D. Lehr  
Kathleen D. Lim

Melissa A. Mayhew  
Donna K. McAlonen  
Linda D. McCurdy  
Flora M. McLain  
Betsy A. Merricks  
Amy M. Mitchell  
Lori E. Munroe  
Janice L. Ponger  
Bryan R. Shaw  
Melissa R. Souther  
Jeanne-Marie Standal  
Julie W. Stewart  
Emily R. Thompson  
Carrie L. Tripolone  
Laura E. Tutoli  
Teresa C. Wetherell  
Connie S. Williams  
Linda T. Winkler  
Heather C. Woody

## Congratulations!