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Second Floor Changes: A Work in Progress



These are all good ideas, and the library has been working to incorporate them in the renovation. This summer contractors removed a wall to expand the student space, renovated two restrooms for public use, added outlets, and installed new carpet. The library installed vending machines and has ordered five Agati

During spring semester, the library sponsored a "Write on the Wall" event to solicit student ideas on how to transform the second floor group study into a technology-rich student learning space. The library posed the challenge to students: "This Wall is Coming Down. What's Next? You Tell Us."

Elements Media Tables with flat panel screens, specifically designed to facilitate groups working with technology. The tables allow students to plug in up to four laptops or tablets and share the screen content with the other members of their work group.

Students responded with a wide range of comments, some serious and others more in fun. In all, 85 suggestions were made, and a few repeated themes emerged. The greatest number of comments recommended the following:

Future plans include purchasing moveable whiteboards and additional modern, comfortable furniture as funds become available. The goal is to transform the second floor into a group work area that will enhance the learning and research opportunities for students.

- 1) More outlets
- 2) Smart boards/whiteboards
- 3) Modern technology furniture
- 4) Comfy furniture
- 5) Food/vending machines.

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More News from

Oct. 11 Forum to Feature Student Information Skills Report

The Ottenheimer Library **Project SAILS** (Standard Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) team will present the results of the 2012 assessment of UALR students' research and information literacy skills at an open meeting for faculty and staff at 2 p.m. *Thursday, Oct. 11*, in the library's room 535.

During the spring semester, 225 students took the Project SAILS cohort test. Based on the *ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education*, the test measures a variety of information literacy skills through a series of 45 multiple-choice questions.

Results indicate that the research skills of UALR freshmen are below the average of all other freshmen who took the test nationwide. UALR juniors and seniors, however, demonstrated comparable skills to their peers at other institutions.

Project SAILS team members include J. B. Hill, director of public services; Carol Macheak, head of reference; and John Siegel, instruction coordinator.

LibraryiPhone App Now Available

UALR recently launched UALR Mobile, a campus mobile app that features links to 12 individual sites, including the Ottenheimer Library mobile catalog, Blackboard, an interactive campus map, the academic

calendar, Trojan Trolley GPS tracker, UALR news, and more. Free from *iTunes*, the UALR app is compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad devices running iOS 4.0 or later. An app for Android devices is expected to be available soon.

Once users download the app, the mobile catalog is available by touching the "Library" icon. With the catalog, users can access more than half a million books, journals, CDs, and DVDs or go to the library mobile "Main Site" to access article databases and other library information.

For additional information or to download the app, see *UALR Mobile App*: <http://ualr.edu/www/mobile/>

Professional Activities

Dean **Wanda Dole** presented "Community Users in Academic Libraries: Data-Mining for Fund Raising," a paper co-authored with **J. B. Hill**, director of public services, at the 4th Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference in Limerick, Ireland.

Dole and **Hill** published an article, "Assessing the Good Will of Community Users in an Academic Library," in *New Library World* vol. 113 (2012), 270-280.

Hill presented "Service Delivery and Value: The Use of Data for Improvement and Assessment" at the ILLiad International Conference in Virginia Beach, Va.

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Hill and **Lisa Li**, reference librarian, (shown above) presented a poster session, "Distance Learning Library Services at Urban and Metropolitan Universities," co-authored with **Carol Macheak**, head of reference, at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Karen Russ, government documents librarian, and **Melanie Thornton** with the UALR Disability Resource Center, presented a poster, "Ripple Effects of Collaboration," at the 9th Ark-AHEAD Conference in Paris, Ark.

Linda Wen, head of IT, presented two papers, "SCATs of LC and SuDoc Schemes" and "Millennium Hosted," at the Innovative Interfaces Users Group meeting, Chicago.

Other Staff News

Shawhan Dempster joined the circulation department as night supervisor. He is working on a nursing degree at UALR.



Li, reference librarian, (shown above) presented a paper, "Computer Science Citations: an Analysis of Doctoral Candidates' Research," co-authored with UALR Computer Science Professor Tang Peiyi at the 6th Shanghai International Library Forum.



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