FROM THE DEAN OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
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The major annual objective for the University Libraries’ professional and paraprofessional personnel is to provide a range of sophisticated library and information services for Ball State’s students, faculty, and other community members in a welcoming and customer-friendly environment.

During the past fiscal year of 2013-14, key accomplishments included:

• The Libraries’ turnstile recorded 1,546,573 visits for the 329 days open. This turnstile count represents a daily average of 4,701 visits.

• Bracken Library is open 123 hours per week, longer during finals, including until 3:00 a.m. for five days each week, Sundays through Thursdays.

• Seventeen hours of weekly coverage, including extended evening hours, were added for the popular LiveChat short messaging service that is used by students and faculty to ask research questions that are answered at the point of need by Information Services librarians.

• The University Libraries conducted a variety of local and international outreach activities through a series of sessions for participants in special programs such as Summer Residential Scholars, Intensive English Institute, Pan-Africa Youth Leadership, and the Summer Athlete Summer Bridge Program.

• The Libraries now offer students a way to record and report their study time in Bracken Library with a simple card swipe at a new system located at the Main Circulation counter. This system was developed to streamline the recording of this information for members of student organizations who are required by the organizations to log their study times in Bracken Library.

• The University Libraries are serving as a development partner in the creation of a national library technology system focusing on the management of electronic resources to support learning, teaching, and research.

• The University Libraries produced or acquired over 244,000 digital assets in FY 2013-14 to support learning, teaching, and research. This exceeded the strategic plan goal by more than 50,000 items.

• The Libraries successfully completed the strategic initiative project to digitize and make web accessible 3,400 legacy-format films, videos, and audio recordings, exceeding the goal by producing a total of 3,554 digitized media assets.

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Board of Governors Recognized

The Board of Governors for the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library are a group of dedicated supporters of the University Libraries who give of their time and talents to help establish goals and coordinate functions of the Friends.

At the Library Friends’ annual dinner on April 2, 2014, five new members were welcomed to the Board. Linda Barb, Kay Rankin, Doug Seefeldt, and Allen Williams began their three-year terms, and student member Jake Griffin started a one-year term.

Lindsey Arthur, Patrick Collier, Todd Murray, and Linda Needham were recognized at the annual dinner for completing their three-year terms, and student member Nichole Penza for completing two consecutive one-year terms.

John Bower, Mary Carter, J. Andrew Dale, Christopher Flook, Eileen Joschko, John McCreery, and Brenda Williamson are continuing their terms as Board members.

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Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library

The Ball State University Libraries receive many generous donations of materials each year that support and strengthen our collections to serve the learning, teaching, and research needs of students and faculty. These gifts, along with the rest of the Libraries’ diverse digital and print resources, contribute to Ball State students’ academic success and career preparation.

In reviewing this year’s gifts, I want to especially acknowledge the contributions from three long-standing members of the Library Friends and supporters of the University Libraries who passed this last year and are greatly missed.

Dear Friends of Bracken Library

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MARK YOU CALENDARS!

Join us for the 2015 Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library Annual Dinner on the evening of April 1, 2015 at the Ball State Alumni Center.

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Gifts-In-Kind Build Strong Collections

In addition to their generous financial gifts, Friends helped strengthen our collections by donating hundreds of books, DVDs, journals, manuscripts, archival collections, and other materials that support the educational, instructional, and research needs of Ball State students and faculty. The following are just a few examples of the gifts-in-kind received from Library Friends in the past year.

John Bower established the Indiana Artisans exhibit in the University Libraries consisting of the photographs, publications, and organization records documenting this collaborative group of Hoosier artists and craftsmen.

Frank and Judy Bracken donated the Frank A. Bracken U.S. Civil War Collection of 378 books and hundreds of documents, artifacts, maps, and photographs, as well as the Bracken Family Papers containing books, diaries, correspondence, photographs, and videotapes. (See upper right Civil War photograph.)

The family of former Ball State Provost and Acting President Richard Burkhardt and his wife Dorothy Burkhardt presented the Libraries with a collection of books in the subject areas of literature, French history and culture, and American history, along with photographs, framed awards and certificates, and Dr. Burkhardt’s administrative and professional papers.

Bob Cunningham gave original cartoons, photographs, scrapbooks, and political campaign materials of his late father Robert Cunningham, former Muncie mayor, newspaper columnist, cartoonist, and businessman.

Christopher Flook donated 324 digital files of photographs and other documentation of pioneer Indiana broadcaster Don Burton and materials related to the history of WLBC radio. (See lower right photograph of Don Burton broadcasting on WLBC.)

Jo Ann Gora presented the Libraries with 727 books, pamphlets and magazines, audio books, CDs, and videotapes in the subject areas of sociology, criminology, education, women’s studies, literature, and Ball State history, plus framed photographs, artifacts, and administrative records related to her tenure as Ball State president from 2004 to 2014.

Doris Lawhead gave the Libraries the papers of her late husband Victor Lawhead, Dean Emeritus of Undergraduate Studies and former Director of the Honors Program at Ball State, along with a collection of 187 books and a variety of issues of academic journals related primarily to education and literature. (See photograph on front page, bottom right.)

Todd Murray donated ten 16mm films of World War II footage and navy training from his uncle who was a fighter pilot in the Pacific theater during the war.

John Rouse presented the Archives with his published and unpublished writing, correspondence, teaching materials, newspaper columns, and 114 videotapes of the Public Affairs Roundtable program that he hosted on WIPB from 1982 to 1994.

Joe Trimmer gave 266 books, 38 video recordings, 14 audio recordings, 13 theses, and a collection of slides related to the teaching of English and Literature.

Allen Williams provided Archives and Special Collections with digitized copies of photographs, publications, and other materials from his significant collection documenting the history of the African American student experience at Ball State.

Annual Dinner Features Presentation on The Lenape on the Wapahani River

At the 2000 annual meeting of the Friends, then Provost and President of the Board of Governors Warren Vander Hill announced that “future presentations to the Friends Annual Dinner shall be known as the Kirkham presentation to the history of WLBC radio.”

On April 2, 2014 sixty members of the Library Friends enjoyed a program featuring a special premiere of the documentary film The Lenape on the Wapahani by Christopher Flook of the Ball State Department of Telecommunications and student filmmakers Miranda Wustefeld, Kathie Green, and Kayla Eiler.

One of Flook’s most recent projects with Ball State students was “The Soul of Indiana: Reasserting the Importance of Iconic Local Identity” which showcases each of Indiana’s county courthouses and adjoining squares. He donated the digital photographs of the courthouses to Archives and Special Collections and they are now available in our Digital Media Repository at http://libx.bsu.edu.

Flood and his students in the immersive learning project spent a year traveling to Ohio, Oklahoma, and on the White River in Indiana to produce the film. They shot hours of video about the tribe and discovered many local legends concerning the founding of both Muncie and Anderson, Indiana. Flood plans to donate the outtakes from the documentary to the University Libraries to be made available for research through the Digital Media Repository.