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Meet the Departments

Management Information Services

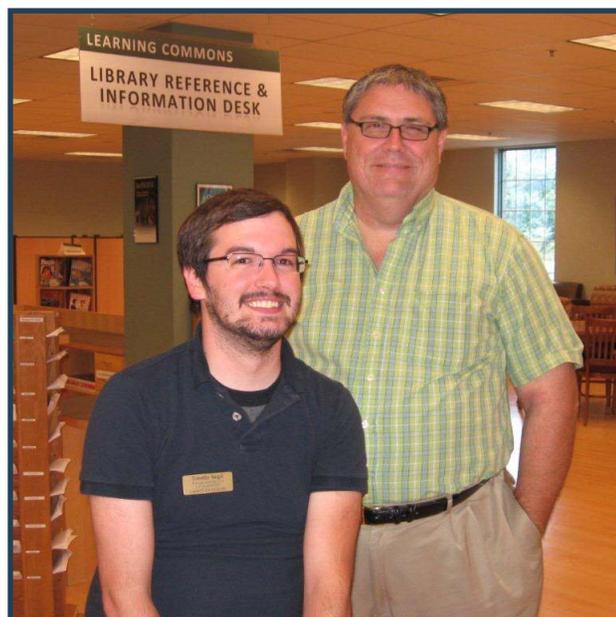
The Library Systems and Learning Technologies team has now been rolled into the new Management Information Services Team led by Greg Smith and joined by Tom Fesmire. As the Director of this team, Greg will continue his finance and assessment responsibilities. Tom, Assistant Director, will be responsible for dealing with issues related to the structure of Voyager data. The functions performed by Tim Siegel and Buddy Shearer will remain largely the same.

These gentlemen operate behind the scenes. They don't have a public face, but what they do has a huge impact on how the public is able to use the services that the ILRC has to offer. Two major projects accomplished over the summer were the revamping of the LUCAS page and redesigning the library web page. Last spring these ambitious gentlemen worked with Serial Solutions to incorporate the Summon product into our web offerings. This program al-

lows users to search for multiple formats from one search box.

New Library Web Page

Great changes have been made to the ILRC catalog over the summer. We believe that this update modernizes the look of the catalog system with new graphics and a new arrangement of information that should make research easier for Liberty's faculty and students. The new site improves navigation, clarity of content, and ease of use. You will now be able to search Summon, LUCAS, and Liberty's databases from the main page itself instead of having to go through a series of clicks.



Left to Right: Tim Siegel & Buddy Shearer



Tom Fesmire



Greg Smith



LUCAS has a new look

The new LUCAS, Liberty University Library Catalog, is here.

We have recently upgraded to the newest version of ExLibris' Voyager system, the platform that underpins LUCAS. The primary one that will affect you is the new interfaces for WebVoyage (LUCAS).

We believe that this update not only modernizes the look of the catalog system, it also provides you with more functionality and greater ease of searching.

Other enhancements are planned for the near future including a browsable bookshelf to help find the exact location of a title on the shelf, a citing guide for each result, a text this call number feature, and external links to buy a title if Liberty does not have it in stock and the need is immediate.

Buddy Shearer and Family Join Mission Effort to China



Bridging the World Summer Camp provides Americans the opportunity to travel to China and teach English for three weeks to Chinese students. My family and I traveled to Beijing, China this past summer to work at the New Bridge International School. Our camp consisted of 125 Chinese students and twelve Chinese teaching assistants. In addition to our family, we worked with about 10 other Americans to teach conversational English. The students ranged in age from five to eighteen years old and were divided into classes based on their English skill level.



A typical day involved three hours of classroom teaching in the morning with afternoon fun and games aimed at building relationships. Our morning classes provided opportunities to teach the children the true stories of Christmas and Easter along with other American themed lessons. We taught dance, music, crafts, sports, and more as part of our afternoon activities. Each evening we provided an activity for

the children to participate in which ranged from a talent show to a hoedown dance party. Every activity and classroom time was specifically designed to allow the Chinese and Americans to build strong relationships amongst one another.



The ultimate goal of the trip was to build relationships and allow a chance for us to share the Gospel with our new Chinese friends. In the end, seeds were planted in the hearts and minds of the Chinese students and we are extremely grateful for the support we received throughout this journey.

We continue to pray that the seeds planted will lend a plentiful harvest of new believers in the future! In John 4:35-37, Jesus says “I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true.”

Meet Jeannie Crossland

What are your responsibilities in the ILRC?

My principle role is to assist the Resource Management Librarian (Acquisitions) with purchasing and tracking the orders of electronic databases. I also perform varied tasks associated with processing, and maintaining the print and electronic periodicals collection.

What do you enjoy/not enjoy about your job?

I've been a stay at home mom for the past few years so making the transition back into the work force was made so much easier by the fact that I really like my job. I enjoy the people that I work with the most. Everyone has been so helpful and encouraging. I also like the Wednesday morning services and Friday morning devotions with my co-workers.

What is your hometown? Tell us a little about your family.

I grew up in the small town of Brookneal, VA which is about 30

miles south of Lynchburg. I am happily married to Tony Crossland. We have three wonderful boys, Daniel, Nathan, and Caleb and a beautiful daughter, Carrington. Our son Nathan is getting married in a couple of weeks. He works for the theater department here at Liberty. My husband and other boys work for Delta Star. Carrington is a freshman at LCA and is active in the drama department.

What are your future career plans?

I hope to continue working for Liberty University and I am excited about seeing all the changes and growth that the university has planned.

What have you read recently that you would recommend or not recommend to others?

Being an avid reader this is a tough one for me. However one of my most favorite titles and one that I would most definitely recommend is "Safely Home" by Randy Alcorn. It is a fictional story that follows the lives of

two college friends whose paths cross again after twenty years. One is living a safe and comfortable life in the United States but is apart from God. The other is living for Christ in the underground persecuted churches of China. There are several vivid scenes that take place in heaven. A thought provoking book on many levels, it will challenge you to think about our many freedoms and how we take them for granted.



Student Worker of the Month

Ever wonder how selections were made for Student Worker of the Month? This fall new guidelines were established to expand the number of students who are eligible and to distribute the awards more evenly throughout the ILRC Departments.

Guidelines:

1. Three winners will be chosen each month with all departments receiving an opportunity to be represented throughout the year. Awards will be given in October, November, December, February, March, and April.

2. Winners receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble along with a special certificate. Their

pictures will be included in the ILRC newsletter and on a display board.

3. The award will be presented to the winners by their supervisors and the winners will be acknowledged at the Christmas and at the end-of-year convocations.

Choosing winners:

1. Nominations can be made by a faculty or staff person from any department of the ILRC and submitted to the committee responsible for their particular area.

2. The nomination form follows the same criteria as the student worker evaluation forms referring to Attendance, Accuracy, and Attitude.

Nomination forms will be available from the Head of Public Services.

3. Committees will be formed that consist of representatives from the various departments of the ILRC. One award will be given by each committee for each month an award is given. Members of the committees may be either faculty or staff and will be chosen by their department. A real effort has been made to provide equal representation for all departments according to the number of student workers hired.

4. Winner's names will be chosen by the 7th of each month that the award is given.

Meet Matthew Grannell



What are your responsibilities in the ILRC?

I work alongside the other ILL/Document Delivery staff and faculty to ensure that library patrons are assisted to receive their requested items in an efficient and timely manner.

What do you enjoy/not enjoy about your job?

I enjoy the people I work with and our office environment.

What is your hometown? Tell us a little about your family.

I hail from south central Pennsylvania. The lay genealogists in my family have traced our family's history to the 11th century and the Isle of Mann.

What is your major?

I studied English and philosophy during my undergraduate career.

What are your future career plans?

Current future plans include an MLIS/MLS degree.

Have you read any good books lately?

*I just recently cracked the first pages of both *Zen* and *The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* and *In Cold Blood*. Both seem good.*

Do you have any hobbies?

I own and ride a 30 year old Honda motorcycle; my wife and I enjoy our two dogs and we (excluding the dogs) began a Scuba Diver certification program. I also enjoy good films, books, art and cuisine.

Public Service for Persons with Disabilities

Attention has been directed in the last few years to creating equal access to public facilities and services for persons with disabilities. Beyond physical access, however, patterns of interaction are equally important. To address this issue and to encourage the use of positive communication, the Office of Disability Employment Policy has created guidelines for respectful conversation. They offer a chart of affirmative vs. negative phrases to use and suggestions for communicating with persons who deal with specific disabilities. This information can be found at: <https://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/comucate.htm>.

In general they offer the following principles to follow:

1. Relax
2. Treat the individual with dignity, respect, and courtesy.
3. Listen to the individual
4. Offer assistance but do not insist or be offended if your offer is not accepted.

Thank you for offering excellent service to all of the customers of the ILRC.

New Furniture

Over the summer some new types of furniture were created for use in the ILRC. Responding to student requests for more electrical outlets, Notebook Counters were created. These S-curved walls offer a place for customers to pull up a stool and plug in their laptop. The inside curve of the S offers space for small groups to meet and study together. On the first floor are round semi-enclosed areas called group study circles. They also offer space for small groups to work together without disturbing those nearby. In back portion of the second floor computer lab, partial walls create rectangular study spaces a little larger than the group study circles. Movable tables, chairs, and white boards offer students flexibility in where they wish to study and how they want to configure their space.



Periodicals Flood

While some of the Eastern states were experiencing the floods caused by Hurricane Irene, the Periodicals Department was dealing with its own crisis of unwanted water. A break in a pipe coming from Jazzman's coffee shop on the second floor released a burst of water into the compact shelving storage area.

Quick action on the part of the Information Management staff and volunteers from other Library departments salvaged as many titles as possible.

Rescue operations took over the first floor Quiet Study Zone as well as much of the Information

Management office space. Large fans were brought in to keep air circulating as items were spread out to dry. Thankfully damage was kept to a minimum and back issues of our print journals are on the shelf and ready for circulation.



Meet Caitlin Schanaker



What are your responsibilities in the ILRC?

I am the Lender, so I am mostly in charge of the items that are sent from our library to other people and places.

What do you enjoy/not enjoy about your job?

I am really enjoying the job so far! I like the relaxed atmosphere.

What is your hometown? Tell us a little about your family.

I am from Casa Grande, Arizona. I was raised in a Christian family with three brothers! My dad is a judge, and my mom is a horse trainer. They are both successful, hard-working, wonderful people.

What is your major?

I was an English major and an Art minor at California Baptist University.

What are your future career plans?

I am possibly going to pursue teaching as a long-term career, but for now, I am working full-time while my husband goes to law school here at Liberty. My husband and I got married on New Year's, 1-1-11. I love being a wife!

What have you read recently that you would recommend or not recommend to others?

*My favorite book to date is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. It's such a beautiful, enchanting story.*

Do you have any hobbies?

My main hobby is crafting. I have my own little shop that I keep up on the side, on etsy.com called Posies by Cait. It's been a wonderful outlet for me, and I really enjoy it!

BOOK REVIEWS

Book Reviews are being added as a regular feature of the ILRC Newsletter. If you would like to have a book review published in the next edition, send email to: reschwed@liberty.edu.

From Angela Thompson – Library Information Management:
Pansy (Isabella Macdonald Alden), *Ester Ried Yet Speaking*. Lothrop, 1883.

Subject area: Children's fiction; Christian living

Description/Critique:

I discovered Pansy's works just this summer, but she has already displaced many of my longstanding favorite authors. *Ester Ried Yet Speaking* is the connecting book in her two longest series, the Ester Ried series and the Chautauqua Girls series. I have been both inspired and challenged by the characters in these books, particularly *Ester Ried Yet Speaking* and its sequel, *Workers Together, or an Endless Chain*. Ultimately, I believe God has used these books to draw me closer to Himself and to give me a greater passion to reach others with His message.

From Philip Leineweber – Computer Labs & Facilities
Köstenberger, Andreas J. *God, Marriage, and Family*. Crossway, 2010. ISBN: 978-1433503641

Subject area: Christian Living

Description/Critique:

Köstenberger theologically and practically addresses the issues of gender, sex, marriage, and family and their biblical applications in an ever changing world and culture. He thoroughly deals with such issues as birth control, homosexuality, divorce, and remarriage. The over 100-page bibliography in the back is itself worth the cost.

From Robert Weaver: - Collection Management
Wodehouse, P. G. (Pelham Grenville), *Selected Stories* (by P.G. Wodehouse). Modern Library, 1958 Call Number PR6045.O53 A6

Subject area: Fiction, humor

Description/Critique

If you've ever read a book or seen a movie featuring an unflappable English butler or valet, with or without a dim-witted employer, you've seen a reflection of Jeeves. Now try some of the original, created by P.G. Wodehouse, in some of the funniest stories in the English language. Jeeves' employer, Bertie Wooster, may be a royal blockhead, but as he narrates his misadventures and how Jeeves never fails to extricate him from trouble; you're sure to find yourself laughing heartily as Jeeves saves the day again and again, all with unruffled calm and composure. You might also try *Carry on, Jeeves* in our audiobook collection. The best film version of the Jeeves & Wooster stories stars Steven Fry & Hugh Laurie, produced by the A&E network.

Book Reviews: continued

From Tim Siegel – Library Systems and Learning Technologies
Norman, Philip, John Lennon: *The Life*. Ecco, 2008.

ISBN:006075401X

Subject area: Biography

Description/Critique:

Norman's *John Lennon* is a journey into the life of one of the world's most famous musicians. Love him or hate him, Lennon left a mark on the world through his music and political protests. As much as you think you know about Lennon, this book will reveal more. Norman's exhaustive research leads you to form a more complete picture of this elusive musician, following his life from early childhood to his fateful death.

This book is filled with interviews from friends and former band members, bringing you closer to Lennon than ever before. This book tells the story of a shy Liverpoolian who grew up to be one of the biggest pop stars of all time, and the struggles that came with his fame and continual spotlighting. The book tries hard to remain unbiased and does a good job at making Lennon seem like just another person who happened to be lucky enough to make it big. If you consider yourself a fan of the Beatles or Lennon, you owe it to yourself to read this book.

From Nicholas Pavlovic – Computer Labs and Facilities
Idleman, Kyle. *Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus*. Zondervan, 2011. ISBN: 9780310331933

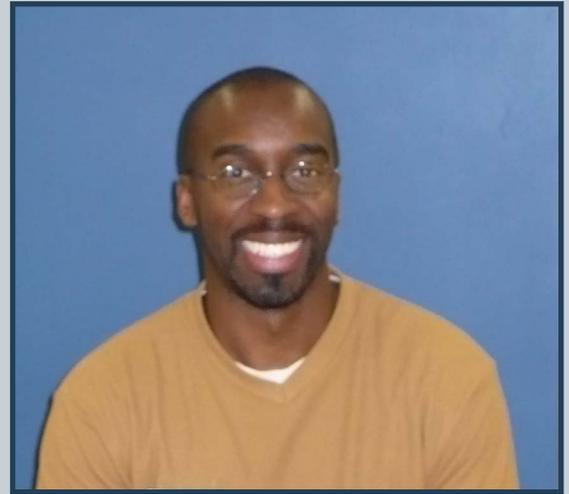
Subject area: Religion / Spiritual Growth

Description/Critique:

The most basic definition of a fan in the dictionary is "An enthusiastic admirer." In the new book, *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman, the reader is challenged to become more than a fan of Jesus but instead, a completely committed follower of Jesus. Idleman challenges his readers to have a DTR (Determine the Relationship) talk with God. He is practical, frank, and offers eye-opening illustrations, often by confessing his own short-comings. Scripture is used to support his challenges and encourage the reader. As an introduction to each chapter there is a short story of a real individual living life as a committed follower of Jesus. This book will challenge both new believers and committed Christians alike.

Side note: I was able to get this book through ILL. It was my first time using their service and I was very impressed. It was simple and I received my book in a reasonable amount of time. It is a service I look forward to using again in the future.

Meet Chad Wilson



What are your responsibilities in the ILRC?

I supervise student lab workers and help provide customer service to students and patrons on the 2nd floor of the ILRC computer lab. I also manage digital signage displayed in the ILRC and assist in the creation of designs and graphics for ILRC use.

What do you enjoy/not enjoy about your job?

The staff and student workers are all great people to be around, and you really can't ask for a better working environment. Also, skills that are learned while on the job go far beyond just technical knowledge and can be beneficial for almost any future job.

What is your hometown? Tell us a little about your family.

I was born and raised by my parents in my hometown of Martinsville, VA. I have been married for over 4 years and have a 9 month old daughter.

What is your major?

I have a BS in Communications and am currently working on an MS in Sports Administration.

What are your future career plans?

I initially would like to spend some years coaching a Division I Track & Field team, and then move on to becoming an Athletic Director for a high school or a college. I also have a slight interest in sports marketing.

Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy running and participating in athletic activities. I also enjoy coaching track & field and drawing cartoons and caricatures.