AMONG FRIENDS
a newsletter for the members of the Friends of the Duke University Libraries

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News & Events
Stay up-to-date with the Duke Libraries at our online News, Events & Exhibits page (blogs.library.duke.edu). There you can get daily updates on library events, services, tutorials, archival photos, trivia, and more.

Exhibit: Mapping the City: A Stranger’s Guide
A map can be more than just a navigational guide. Duke students, in collaboration with the Franklin Humanities Institute BorderWork(s) Lab, have created an exhibit that presents maps from the Rubenstein Library and examines the various ways a map may be viewed. The exhibit includes rare works from the Libraries’ collections, including the Willem Blaeu Atlas, of which only six are known to exist, and photographs of early East Campus. The exhibit is located in the first floor of Perkins Library and will run through March 18. More information about the exhibit can be found at library.duke.edu/exhibits.

Rubenstein Library Has Moved
In preparation for renovations, which will officially begin in May 2013, Rubenstein Library staff and collections have moved to their temporary renovation quarters on the third floor of Perkins Library. The Rubenstein Reading Room has reopened, and services have resumed. The Biddle Rare Book Room will remain closed until the renovation is complete in summer 2015. The Gothic Reading Room and the Breezeway Room will close in May 2013. For updated news about the renovation, please visit http://blogs.library.duke.edu/renovation.

New Card Comes with Extended Libraries Access
Thanks to the creation of a new borrowing card, Friends will now have card-sweep access to Perkins, Bostock, and Lilly Libraries during all hours that those libraries are open, even after 7 p.m. when the libraries close to the general public. The new card can also be used to check out library materials. Friends can still use their old borrowing cards to check out materials, but the old cards do not come with a card-sweep strip for entering the buildings. If you are interested in receiving a new card, please visit the Circulation Desk in Perkins Library. To see the hours of operation for the Libraries, please visit http://library.duke.edu/about/hours/.

Reading Blue Devils Go Green
Among Friends is going digital! In support of Duke University’s Sustainability Initiatives, Among Friends will be converting to a digital-only format in the near future. Friends who currently receive this newsletter in print should visit http://library.duke.edu/support/friends/ to update their email addresses. Among Friends can also be found online at library.duke.edu/support/friends/newsletter. The transition will take place over the next few issues of Among Friends.

If Walls Could Talk
The Historical Transformation of the Duke Libraries
The Friends Annual Dinner will be held on May 15, 2013, in the Boris Duke Center at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. The evening will begin with an outdoor reception on the terrace (weather permitting) followed by dinner and a program about the history of the Duke University Libraries. Valerie Gillispe, University Archivist, and Tom Kearns, lead architect for Shepley Bulfinch, will speak about the origins of the Libraries and the transformations they have undergone over the years. Seating is limited, so save the date and respond to Megan Lawson (919-660-5856, megan.lawson@duke.edu), if you would like to attend. Tickets to the dinner are $80 per person. We are grateful to SunTrust for generously serving as our presenting sponsor.

Battle of the Books
The 2013 Andrew T. Nadell Book Collectors Contest has begun! Since 1947, the Friends have presented the contest in alternate years to promote reading for enjoyment and the development of students’ personal libraries. The 2013 contest is named for Dr. Andrew T. Nadell M’74, an avid collector in the areas of Gothic Revival, Doctors of Medicine, and Learned Professions and Occupations. The contest, open to all Duke undergraduate and graduate students, requires the submission of a written application and participation at a showing of the collections. Winners of our contest have the opportunity to compete against students from peer institutions in the National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest. We invite all local Friends to attend the judging event on Thursday, February 21, 1:30-3:00 pm in the main lobby of Perkins Library.

Road Trip!
On Friday, April 26, the Friends will be hitting the road to Wilmington, North Carolina, to learn more about the race riot of 1898. In honor of the 115th anniversary of this historic event, we will tour the 1898 exhibit at the Cape Fear Museum with LaRae Umfleet, historian and author of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission Report. We will also visit the Bellamy Mansion and 1898 Memorial, followed by a tour of key sites and a discussion with Barbara Wright, author of the novel Crow, a fictional account of Wilmington in 1898. The evening will be open for sightseeing and dinner in Wilmington before the return to Durham.

For more information or to sign up for the trip, please contact Megan Lawson (919-660-5856, megan.lawson@duke.edu). The trip is open to everyone. The cost of the trip is $75, which includes transportation, lunch, and admission to the sites.

Libraries Redesigning Website
Duke Libraries will be redesigning our website, with the launch slated for fall 2013. The new site will have improved functionality for all devices and will feature faster access to the most commonly used resources. The online catalog will not be affected by these changes.

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This fall Duke joined a number of other universities partnering with Coursera to offer online courses to anyone—for free. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are gaining in popularity as more and more “students” take online courses from universities across the globe on wide-ranging topics. With support from the Libraries’ Center for Instructional Technology and several departments across campus, Duke faculty are developing 11 courses for this academic year. Enrollment in these courses has already surpassed a half-million.

Coursera courses don’t follow a standard format. They may go for 14 weeks, the typical length of an academic semester, or not. They can require readings or quizzes, but students don’t have to follow them. There is no penalty for taking a course and dropping it, or not attending at all. Then again, there is no credit earned for completing a course successfully. Some participating institutions, including Duke, offer a statement of completion from the instructor in place of grades. Each course includes access to a discussion forum so students can talk to each other, often answering one another’s questions in record times.

For those who are interested, Duke will be offering seven courses for the spring. These courses are:

• Bioelectricity: A Quantitative Approach, taught by Roger Coke Barr (second offering of the course, start date: February 4)
• Introduction Human Physiology, taught by Mimi Jakoi and Jennifer Carbery (start date: February 25)
• English Composition I: Achieving Expertise, taught by Denise Comer (start date: March 18)
• A Beginner’s Guide to Irrational Behavior, taught by Dan Ariely (start date: March 25)
• Medical Neuroscience, taught by Len White (start date: March 25)
• Healthcare Innovation and Entrepreneurship (start date: April 15)
• Sports and Society, taught by Orin Starn (start date: April 30)

For more information about courses offered by Duke, please visit coursera.org/duke

DukeReads Launches New Website

DukeReads, the online book club for members of the Duke community, has launched a new website and blog. Started in 2007, DukeReads presents books selected by Duke faculty and experts to give alumni and friends a forum for discussing books and sharing insights with favorite Duke personalities. A new book is presented every two months.

The DukeReads blog will offer featured content, as well as a way to interact with other DukeReads members. The blog will also include expanded content from the Libraries and our partners at the Duke Alumni Association and the Gothic Bookshop. To view the new blog, please visit sites.duke.edu/dukereads. To view the DukeReads website or to join DukeReads, please visit dukealumni.com/forever-learning/dukereads.

Duke Libraries Among Most Beautiful

Travel+Leisure magazine recently included the Duke Libraries in their list of America’s most beautiful college libraries. The magazine spotlighted the popular Karl and Mary Ellen von der Heyden Pavilion, noting the steel arches and the Reading Blue Devil weathervane as favorite features. Completed in 2005, the von der Heyden Pavilion is home to the Perk coffee shop and is consistently named as one of the best places on campus for students to write a paper. For the full article, please visit travelandleisure.com/articles/americas-most-beautiful-college-libraries.

Duke Libraries Move Forward

This fall Duke publicly announced a new $3.25 billion comprehensive campaign, Duke Forward. The Libraries will be participating in the campaign, with a goal of raising $45 million over the next five years. Over the past decade, the Libraries have undergone a physical and technological transformation, preserving the best of our tradition and history while introducing new spaces and resources for the Duke community. In the process, we’ve become one of the most popular destinations on campus. Support for the Libraries through the Duke Forward campaign will help us advance the university’s highest academic priorities. Duke has built one of the top research library systems in the country. As our prominence and reputation continue to grow, the whole university will benefit.

The Libraries have named five areas as campaign priorities. They are:

• Spaces for Study and Community
• Building Distinguished Collections
• Technology for Faster, Easier, Smarter Research
• Programs that Educate and Engage
• Supporting Experts and Innovators

For more information on how to support the Duke Libraries for the campaign, please visit dukeforward.duke.edu/libraries or contact Tom Hadzor (919-660-5940, t.hadzor@duke.edu).