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Library News Update

“Brother, when I spread the news around is to see how them cavemen coming to town” – “Jean and Dinah” by the Mighty Sparrow, 1956:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGB6_3g5FYE

$$ Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Book Budget Update: The Political Science Book Budget for the new fiscal year became available in October. It is almost the same as last year’s: $4400. As of this date (April 10), the balance stands at approximately $2500
Bonnie MacEwan, dean of libraries at Auburn University Libraries (AUL), has retired after 13 years at AUL and 36 years in the library profession. MacEwan was instrumental in the development and transformation of the Auburn libraries into a one-stop destination for users to research, study and get academic assistance across a wide variety of departments. She guided AUL through renovations of the Library of Architecture Design and Construction and, most recently, the challenging expansion of the university’s main library by 69,000 square feet over a 20-month period.

MacEwan earned her BA from Whittier College in 1972 and her MALS from the University of Colorado in 1978 and prior to her arrival at Auburn, was assistant dean for collections at Penn State University for a decade before being promoted to the scholarly communication position designed to explore new technology-driven publishing ventures in collaboration with the Penn State University Press; art, archaeology and music librarian at the University of Missouri, Columbia; and Humanities Librarian at Central Missouri State University.

MacEwan has served as a member of many boards and committees, including being a member of the Association of Research Libraries Board; elected to the Association of Southeast Research
Libraries Board three times as President, member-at-large and secretary/treasurer; member of the Network of Alabama Academics Libraries Board and serving a term as president; chair of the Collection Management and Development Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association. She served on several national editorial, library, and publishing advisory boards, including the boards for Wiley/Blackwell, Elsevier, ProQuest and EBSCO. She has served terms on the editorial committees of Library Acquisitions Practice and Theory, Library Resources, and Technical Services, Portico.

MacEwan’s publications focus on the development and academic use of electronic information in libraries.

(Text supplied by Jayson Hill, Director of Communications and Marketing, Auburn University Libraries)

**LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES: ADDENDUM**

In light of the recent retirement of Dean Bonnie MacEwan and Associate Dean for Public Services Marcia Boosinger, I thought I would inform you of interim staffing arrangements. A search committee for Interim Dean chaired by Associate Provost Emmett Winn ran a search for Interim Dean as an internal search with interested library faculty members applying (there were two candidates). Nancy Noe was appointed Interim Dean starting April 2. Ms. Noe has been at the Ralph Brown Draughon Library since 2000 and has been a member of the Reference Department during that time with a number of changing responsibilities over time including serving as Library Instruction Coordinator for many years, serving as English Subject Specialist, and most recently, as Subject Specialist in Hotel and Restaurant Management; Human Development and Family Studies; Nutrition Science and Dietetics; and, as a member of the Instruction Team, had responsibility for teaching UNIV library instruction sessions as well. Whoever serves as Interim Dean is not eligible to apply for the permanent Dean position. A search committee for the (permanent) Dean position will be formed in the near future.

Similarly, in the very near future an Interim Association Dean for Public Services will be appointed and this person too will not be eligible to apply for the (permanent) Associate Dean for Public Services position. I will keep you informed when I know more.

Additional library retirements: longtime staff member Donnice Pink retired from the Catalog Department within the Technical Services Department after 42 years on March 1. Kim Conner, Human Resources/Business Manager will be retiring June 1. Ms. Conner has been with the Libraries for around five years or so (I forget, exactly) but has been an employee of Auburn University for a total of 30 years. Finally, Pambanisha (Pam) Whaley, Head of Document Delivery Services (this includes Interlibrary Loan) is leaving on April 30. As many of you know, Ms. Whaley has done an outstanding job modernizing and improving Document Delivery
Services. She has been at Auburn University Libraries for about 15 years and has served as Head of Document Delivery Services for probably close to 10 years.

**MyLibrary @ Auburn University Website Being Phased Out**

I’m not sure how many of you are using this or are even familiar with it, since the MyLibrary @ Auburn University website was first introduced as an option about 20 years ago but a few “old timers” may still have a MyLibrary account so please be advised that it is on its way out. I have to admit I never really used my own MyLibrary account after setting one up and had actually forgotten about it in recent years.

The Auburn University Libraries will be **phasing out the MyLibrary @ Auburn University website over the next several months** with an ultimate goal of shutting down the website at the conclusion of Auburn University's 2018 Summer semester, August 4th, 2018. The following dates and information are tentative and subject to change at any time. More information regarding the shutdown will be forthcoming.

- **March 20**: Website visitors will no longer be able to create new user accounts. All current user accounts will remain active and accessible. **DEADLINE PASSED**
- **May 8**: Website becomes "read-only." Read-only mode means that current user accounts will remain active and accessible after the transition; however, users will no longer be able to make changes to their accounts, including content associated with their account (i.e., add or remove personal links). If you have not exported the links stored in your personal links area, please do so as soon as possible.
- **August 4**: **Website will be shut down, and a splash page with information and links to recommended bookmark management resources will replace the current website's homepage.**
Although acquisition of new databases is unlikely, it can be useful to know what political science-related databases are out there. Those that appear particularly relevant and those that attract faculty and student favorable commentary go on my ever increasing wish list for those rare times when extra funding for major acquisitions becomes possible.

**House of Commons Parliamentary Papers**

This database is the most detailed primary source for the past two centuries, for Britain, its colonies and the wider world. It is a major part of the historical record. The Parliamentary papers influenced public opinion and social and political philosophy, and provided a forum for ideas for hundreds of thinkers, among them Marconi, Keynes, and Beveridge. They are the working documents of government for all areas of social, political, economic and foreign policy, showing how issues were explored and legislation was formed.

Link: [https://trials.proquest.com/trials/trialSummary.action?view=subject&trialBean.token=8AIOORLAK0J1ZY8PXQLG](https://trials.proquest.com/trials/trialSummary.action?view=subject&trialBean.token=8AIOORLAK0J1ZY8PXQLG)

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Contact the Collection Management Team (libcoll@auburn.edu) with any comments.

**Archives of Sexuality & Gender (includes LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 Parts I and II)**

Primary Source Content Materials: Periodicals, personal papers, manuscripts, photographs, ephemera, and a variety of other content types

LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 Parts I&II, is a milestone digital archive that offer an expansive, detailed look at LGBTQ history. This two-part collection houses over*3 million
pages of content that has never been available to the public*. This complete collection will help researchers gain a deeper understanding of the issues that have impacted, and continue to impact, persons within the LGBTQ community.

**As the largest collection available in support of the study of gender and sexuality**, this archive explores content from regional communities in the United States, Canada, and beyond. Records from underrepresented communities, lesbian feminist groups, non-profit organizations, court cases, and more offer an historical perspective that was overlooked for decades.


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**New Book of the Month**

While every book the library acquires is, I hope, of interest and value, this column features just one title chosen from the latest available monthly New Political Science Books list.  The monthly list will continue to be sent via e-mail separately from this newsletter.