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The reunion changed my attitude towards genealogies. I started to use the Internet to trace my “roots” back as far as possible, starting with my great-grandparents who lived in Denver. Going back through several branching lineages, I was able to get three of our family lines traced back to the 17th century, just using free genealogical databases on the web. Two of the three lived in New England, having immigrated to New England from England soon after the time of the Pilgrims. That was truly getting exciting. The real excitement came when I traced one of the roots back to French Canada in the 17th century, the line of the LeRois, a good French name. The first LeRoi to immigrate to the New World married someone described by genealogists as la fille de roi, literally translated as “the daughter of the king.” That truly was exciting when I began to dream of being descended from someone who was from the French royal family. Not sure, though, that I would be happy with tracing my line back to Louis XIV or his predecessors! So I looked up on the Internet to see if my translation of this French expression was correct based upon the limited French I learned in academy and college. I was chagrined to discover that la fille de roi was applied in the 17th century to a girl who was a “ward of the state” — most often applied to orphan children. The practice then was that the French royal family would finance the sending of orphans to French Canada, or “New France” as it was called then, thinking they would get a better life there than if they lived around Paris. So my ancestor on the LeRoi side was an orphan girl, who could not be traced back any further to her parents living in France!

Why do I mention my first serious ventures into the world of genealogical research to my fellow librarians in ASDAL? It’s because all of our Adventist libraries serve as storehouses of genealogical information that concern Seventh-day Adventists. Researchers look to us for information on Adventist genealogy.

A second reason for mentioning this is that we have an invaluable database for SDA genealogical research, the SDA Obituary Index. For example, all the obituaries that have appeared in the Review and Herald, our official church paper, since the 1850s are indexed in this valuable database. If you are not certain how to easily access it, go to the Andrews University Library website (http://www.andrews.edu/library) and select “Adventist Resources,” then select “SDA Obituary Index.” Probably all of our North American library web pages have links to this database. Or you can access it directly at: http://www.andrews.edu/library/ASDAL/sdapiobits.html.

The great need is to expand the number of periodicals that are indexed thus far in the database. It’s possible to do data entry using an Excel spreadsheet. This can be done anywhere in the world and be downloaded to the central database housed at Andrews. Personally, in the last two years, I have inputted thousands of obituary entries into the Obituary Index database from periodicals that before 2012 had not been indexed (Western Canadian Messenger and Eastern Canadian Tidings, which are predecessors for the Canadian Messenger; Asiatic Division Outlook and its successor Far Eastern Division Outlook; Eastern Tidings and its successor Southern Asia Tidings; West Michigan Herald and Indiana Reporter, both of which preceded the Lake Union Herald; besides several journals from Africa and the Caribbean region). I discovered that some of my Adventist Johns relatives had not been added to the SDAPI database, so I had the privilege of adding some of my own relatives! The database still has major gaps. For example, most issues of Canadian Adventist Messenger have not been indexed. ASDAL wishes to laud the efforts of Carol Nicks and her colleagues at Canadian University College who just started filling this particular gap in the spring of...
2014. The work of indexing goes much faster when it is spread out over many indexers. Some of the union papers for North America have gaps, such as *Columbia Union Visitor* and *Atlantic Union Gleaner*. The *SDA Periodical Index* Board, chaired by Larry Onsager of Andrews University, would welcome librarians who wish to contribute to this invaluable “genealogical” research project. Don’t proceed, however, without first getting specific directions from Jim Ford, managing editor of the *SDA Periodical Index*. His email is fordjim@andrews.edu. You will get more details on the indexing of SDA periodicals by attending the 2014 ASDAL at the General Conference headquarters in July. Hope to see you there!

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Hello ASDAL!

We’re getting closer to our annual conference which will be held July 7-10, 2014 at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists building, Silver Spring, Maryland. Our conference theme is: Adventist Archives: Building on Our Past in Bits, Bytes and Boxes.

I’ve attached a preliminary program schedule, but do keep in mind that things can—and often do!—change. I haven’t included all of the program details, but hopefully enough to give you a feel for the great conference that we are organizing for you. I will send updates via the ASDAL listserv, and will post the program schedule on the conference website. Of course, the full printed program will be available with your registration packet. You can always email me with any questions at: lcurtis@llu.edu.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in July!

Lori N. Curtis
ASDAL President-elect

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**ASDAL 2014**

**Adventist Archives: Building on Our Past in Bits, Bytes, and Boxes**

July 7-10, 2014
Silver Spring, Maryland

*Lori Curtis*
Program

Sunday, July 6, 2014
5:30 PM Registration and Meet and Greet – Hotel

Monday, July 7, 2014
8:00 – 8:45 Registration
8:00 – 8:15 Worship – Jim Nix, Director, Ellen G. White Estate
8:15 – 8:45 Introductions, Welcomes, and Announcements
8:45 – 9:30 History of the Adventist Resources Section – Jim Nix
9:30 – 10:00 History of the Digital Initiative Within ASDAL and Recent Developments – Jim Ford, Merlin Burt
10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
10:15 – 12:00 Adventist Digital Library – Merlin Burt, Jim Nix, David Trim
12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00 Successfully Starting and Maintaining a Digitization Program: Pitfalls, Hurdles, and Victory Parades – Julie Johnson
2:00 – 2:30 Adventist Digital Library – Questions & Answers
2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
2:45 – 3:30 Business Session I – Warren Johns
5:15 – 7:00 Dinner on your own
7:00 – 10:00 SDAPI or ALICE – Hotel

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
8:00 – 8:30 Worship – General Conference Auditorium
8:30 – 9:00 Introductions, Welcomes and Announcements
9:00 – 10:00 Current State and Future Prospects of Adventist Archival and Manuscript Collections – David Trim
10:00 – 10:45 “Okay, So What’s in the Archives?” – Heather Rodriguez-James
10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
11:00 – 12:00 Adventist Resources Section Business and Update Session
12:00 – 12:30 Group Photo – General Conference Building lobby
12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH
2:15 – 3:00 Breakout Sessions
3:00 – 3:15 BREAK
3:15 – 3:45 Business Session II – Reports from Breakout Sessions
3:45 – 5:00 TOUS – GC Archives, White Estate, GC Library
5:00 – 7:00 Dinner on your own
7:00 – 10:00 SDAPI or ALICE – Hotel

Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Tour Day!!
We will begin our day with a tour of the Washington Adventist University library, then on to the National Cathedral. We will then head to the Library of Congress for a behind the scenes look at departments,
processes, etc., specifically designed with ASDAL’s needs and interests in mind. We will visit the Folger Shakespeare Library before touring the Franklin Delano Roosevelt monument, the World War II memorial, and the Martin Luther King memorial. We will have a box lunch sometime in there and when finished at the monuments, we will then head on for dinner at Union Station. It will be a long day (roughly 12 hours), but I think it will be interesting. You will want to wear comfy shoes; there will be a lot of walking involved. Due to the expected heat and humidity, we have tried to keep our activities inside with air conditioning as much as possible. However, the monuments and memorials is outside and you might want to bring a hat. We will have water available.

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The Adventist Digital Library and Adventist Resources Section at the ASDAL Conference

Jim Ford

During the Adventist Resources Section (ARS) portion of the ASDAL Conference there will be a major presentation on the Adventist Digital Library. We’ve been talking about and hoping for this for a number of years. A number of people have been working carefully on this over the past year and we hope to have a functioning and exciting product to show you at the Conference. The Adventist Digital Library presentation, demonstration, and general discussion will be focused on Monday morning of the Conference, so don’t come late if you can help it.

The rest of the ARS section of the programming at the Conference will take place largely on Tuesday. Since the overall theme of the conference revolves around archives the lines of demarcation between what ARS typically does
and the overall conference presentations are rather fuzzy. David Trim will give a presentation on the state of Adventist archives around the world, and we will have Jim Nix talk about the history of the Adventist Resources Section of ASDAL. Jim was the “father” of ARS in the days when he worked at Loma Linda University’s Heritage Room and White Branch Office.

Jim Ford is Associate Director of the Center for Adventist Research at the James White Library, Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan (fordjim@andrews.edu).

Librarian Trains Others in Lebanon
Becky St. Clair and Chandler Jordana
Article submitted by Sarah Kimakwa

Felipe Tan, senior cataloger at the Andrews University James White Library, visited Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon, earlier in March to host a workshop for the personnel of the George Arthur Keough Library. “The overall goal was to help the MEU personnel re-catalog the growing collection of Islamic, Arabic and theology collections of the library,” explains Tan. “I provided them with the know-how and tools to accomplish this task.”

The Dewey Decimal Classification is a commonly used scheme that, according to Larry Lichtenwalter, dean of the faculty of philosophy and theology at MEU, “scatters books under broad headings.” The Library of Congress Classification, however, has been designed for academic and research collections in specialized disciplines. It is used by most academic libraries in the United States and in several other countries. Lichtenwalter hinted at his own partiality towards the newly implemented system, emphasizing that it will make all of the holdings within his department easier to find.

Tan carefully initiated the re-cataloging process at the MEU Library. According to Lichtenwalter, he wanted Tan to reorganize the library collection to foster a more effective research environment for graduate and undergraduate students in anticipation of more cooperative programs with Andrews.

“Because of our close collaboration with Andrews University, especially in the School of Theology, it was advised that we transform our collection,” asserted Farid Khoury, head librarian, who also noted that the Library of Congress Classification is used by most American academic libraries. “Therefore,” continued Khoury, “in our last academic resource committee, we made the decision to start this process with the collection of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology and the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies.”

Khoury additionally emphasized that this transition will serve as a “pilot step after which the overall process will be revisited and evaluated” and that the entire library would not be converted until the staff had experienced and evaluated the changes brought about by the switch firsthand.

“A decision will later be made as to whether we will use both the Dewey Decimal System and the LC Classification System for our library or if everything will be transformed into the latter scheme.”

Lyndi Khalil, assistant librarian, also participated in the workshop.

“Felipe was very professional and knowledgeable and helped us to consider things we didn’t realize needed to be considered,” says Khalil. “He would love to come back and visit our library and told us that he’s always available for email consultation should any future dilemmas occur.”
MEU is constantly seeking for innovative ways in which their facilities and infrastructure can be positively altered, however, the re-cataloging of the library archives of an entire faculty is exceptionally noteworthy because it would make MEU’s George Arthur Keough Library the first academic library in Lebanon to utilize the precise Library of Congress Classification System.

“I found the MEU library personnel intelligent and eager to learn,” says Tan. “I enjoyed the exposure to the culture of the Middle East and learned a lot from mingling with the people. The Lebanese are friendly, approachable and eager to learn and move forward. I was glad for the opportunity to help Middle East University.”

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James White Library Hidden Treasures
Isaac Newton: Early Adventist Pioneer? A Physicist’s Perspective
Sarah Kimakwa

Many use the James White Library on a regular basis but may not be aware of the treasures the Library holds. The Library has rare materials, some of which are unique. There are many scholars who come from all over the world to use the James White Library for research on very specific topics, using some of the rare materials in our collection.

To give a recent example, when Dr. Gary Burdick, Professor of Physics, requested that the library display an original manuscript of Isaac Newton, the famed physicist, for his presentation entitled, Sir Isaac Newton: Early Adventist Pioneer?, Jim Ford, the Associate Director of the Center for Adventist Research, brought from the vault Newton’s manuscript on the second advent of Christ and an early edition of Newton’s 1733 book, Observations Upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John. The students were able to closely examine the original manuscript and were fascinated both at how Newton wrote on the paper in various directions and by the good condition of the manuscript, although it is nearly 350 years old.

The Center for Adventist Research received the Newton manuscript through the research and collecting by LeRoy E. Froom during the 1930s and 1940s. Froom had a commission from the General Conference to study the history of prophecy, which resulted in the publication of a four volume work entitled, The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers. In 1936, many of Newton’s non-scientific writings were sold at Sotheby’s auction in London, England. Subsequently, Froom purchased one of the manuscripts, a 40-page folio titled Prophecies Concerning Christ’s Second Coming. Later, the manuscript came to Andrews University through its inclusion in the papers and manuscripts collected by Froom, which were originally housed in the Seminary Library when it was in Washington, DC, and later moved to Berrien Springs. With proper care and preservation, this manuscript should last many more years. It is printed on rag paper, which makes it more durable than the paper we have today, as Jim Ford explained to the curious students.
Sir Isaac Newton is most famous for his great contributions to physics and mathematics. He invented calculus, explained the universal law of gravity, and described the laws of motion. Few people know that Newton was also an alchemist, theologian, and scholar of biblical prophecy. He dedicated much of his time to the study of biblical chronology, especially about the books of Daniel and Revelation and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Newton was deeply religious. Here are a few quotes that reflect his theological perspective:

“The supreme God exists necessarily, and by the same necessity He exists always and everywhere.” (Newton 1687, *Principia*; see also Caputo 2000, 88).

“Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance.” (Newton, as cited in Tiner 1975).

“I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by men who were inspired. I study the Bible daily.” (Newton, as cited in Tiner 1975).

“I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever.” (Newton, as cited in Morris 1982, 26). (Daniel, 2010)

On prophecy, Newton wrote the book, *Observations Upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St John*. This is another treasure in the James White Library. In this book, Newton discusses in detail interpretations of Daniel’s visions which are mirrored in Adventist pioneer William Miller’s teachings. Miller admired Newton’s work so much that he had a copy of the book in his library, and even named one of his sons Isaac Newton Miller.

In his research for the volumes, *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Leroy Froom discovered the central historical importance of Newton’s work on Biblical prophecy. Newton’s influence on later scholars, such as William Miller, is undeniable, particularly with respect to the historicist interpretation of Daniel. For this reason, Froom commissioned artwork, called *The March of the Reformers*, which he included as the frontispiece to *The Prophetic Faith of Our
March of the Reformers: Artist Kreigh Collins ©1949

Fathers. This frontispiece shows Isaac Newton in the central position, passing the torch of truth on to future generations. The original artwork hung on the walls of the General Conference headquarters in Takoma Park, MD, until the General Conference moved into their present location in Silver Spring, MD.

The Newton Project, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to publishing an online edition of Newton’s works, scientific and theological. The Newton Project has published over 6.3 million words of text since 2001 (Newton, 2014).

Dr. Burdick has had an interest in the intersection of faith and science his entire life. He says, “However, the event that made me interested in the Newton manuscript was when I was at a Faith & Science conference in Italy in 2009, and I sat at the stone table in the historic Waldensian Seminary and listened to Abraham Terian (former professor of Old Testament at Andrews University) talk about the manuscript, and how he helped Leroy Froom move it from Washington DC to Andrews University. From Terian, I learned that Froom had purchased the manuscript for $10,000. Ever since I learned about the manuscript, I have desired to hold a science colloquium so that our science students could see the historical document.”

For more hidden treasures, visit the James White Library at Andrews University. You can also follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/jwlandrews

This is an article about the lecture given by Dr. Gary Burdick, professor of Physics and Associate Dean for Research and Creative Scholarship, on March 4, 2014 at Andrews University, Tuesday Choices.

References

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I first met the author of this column’s article at the 2012 ASDAL Conference held in the Philippines. It was during one of those special times I had set aside as coordinator of Overseas Libraries to get acquainted with the librarians from the host country that Donna Lou Aragon shared with me a scrapbook that she had put together. It vividly portrayed the growth and progress of her library in Central Philippines. The article below will give you another view of the Library that she is so proudly described in her scrapbook. By way of a brief introduction, Donna Lou has a bachelor’s degree in nursing and has taken graduate courses in M.A. in Education with emphasis in Library Administration. On top of her experience as Head Librarian of the Central Philippine Adventist College (1998-2004, 2007-present), she has also served as clinical instructor (1992-1998) and coordinator (2004-2007) in the School of Nursing of the same college.

The Library at Central Philippine Adventist College

An Overview of the Philippines

The Republic of the Philippines which lies in the western Pacific Ocean is an archipelago of more than 7,000 islands, with three main island groups, namely Luzon in the north, Visayas in the central part, and Mindanao in the south. Spain (1565-1898) and the United States (1898-1946) colonized the country and exerted the largest influences on Philippine culture. The Philippines, characterized by a unique blend of eastern and western cultures, is one of the most westernized nations in Southeast Asia. There are approximately 82,995 million people living in the country whose population rate grows at the 2.1%. The national language is Filipino (based on Tagalog), and the language of the government and higher education is English. There are also about 87 national indigenous languages, many of which are the mother tongue of 85% of the population. The Philippines is the only Asian country where Christianity is the predominant religion.

Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church in the Philippines

As the Seventh-day Adventist movement grew and spread to distant lands, it found its way into the hearts of the Filipino people. After centuries of spiritual darkness, the Filipinos received with eager hands the SDA message through literature sent by Abram La Rue from Hong Kong, and books and magazines sold by colporteurs. On March 1911, the first SDA church in the Philippines was established in Sta Ana, Manila. Since then, the SDA church in the Philippines progressed exponentially from its humble beginnings of 12 converts in 1911 to its present membership of 872,267 congregating in 4,546 established local churches.

Central Philippine Adventist College (CPAC) is on the island of Negros in Western Visayas. It falls within the territory of the Central Philippine Union Conference (CPUC), which covers 1,217 churches and 159,276 members. CPAC is the only SDA College that caters to the educational needs of the SDA youth in the Central Philippines. In the last three decades, CPAC awarded degrees to a total of 2,629 graduates to serve as denominational employees and leaders. The college aims to develop educated and supportive alumni who will strengthen and enrich their respective congregations.

History of Libraries and Library Profession in the Philippines

The history of libraries in the Philippines is intertwined with the country’s political history. Though localized knowledge of reading and writing was evident before Spanish colonization, there was no trace of the existence of libraries. During the Spanish period, modern library trends were introduced through the establishment of Sociedad...
Económica (Economic Society) in 1780. In the twentieth century, the United States introduced innovations in sciences and practice, but the foundation of Philippine librarianship was largely due to the enthusiasm of a few American librarians and Filipino scholars. After the devastation of World War II, the newly established Philippine Republic helped strengthen academic and cultural institutions in the country. Today's Philippine librarianship is nurtured in library schools and consolidated through associations and cooperative efforts.

Central Philippine Adventist College

Central Philippine Adventist College (CPAC) is located on a 115-hectare (284-acre) hilly slope of Barangay Alegria, Murcia, in the province of Negros Occidental. The college is 23 kilometers (14 miles) or about 30 minutes away by land transportation from Bacolod City, the provincial capital. On June 14, 1982, the college opened its doors to its first students. Initially, there was only one multipurpose building called Pioneer Hall to house everybody and everything—dormitories, faculty homes, administrative offices, cafeteria, library, and the gym. The gym was used for chapel, church, and social gatherings. This single, imposing structure amid the waves of sugar cane plants earned the moniker, “Noah’s Ark.” Later on, the campus added numerous buildings, including the church and the library. Furthermore, the college is blessed to have a recreation center with two swimming pools and several guest rooms to accommodate guests not only within the SDA community but from nearby schools and government institutions.

CPAC is the only SDA educational Institution in the Philippines offering a BS in Civil Engineering degree and the only college within the province of Negros Occidental offering a BS in Music Education degree.

Another unique feature of the college is the presence of a program called “Education that Saves Village.” It is housing provided to students who cannot afford to stay in the dormitories and eat in the cafeteria. The students who reside here are charged a minimum fee for water and electricity and are allowed to cook their own meals.

CPAC is recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as the only school in Western Visayas with the “eco-tourism advantage.” In 2012, CPAC was ranked among the Top 200 Colleges and Universities in the Philippines.

Presently, CPAC offers eighteen Bible-based academic programs that equip students with practical knowledge and hands-on skills for useful service for humanity and the life hereafter.

The Library

Based on an accrediting agency’s recommendation, the Library was transferred in 1998 to the former Men’s Dormitory located on the second floor of Pioneer Hall. Eleven years later, a new library building was constructed by joining the existing Nursing and Agriculture Buildings and adding a second floor. Presently, the Library occupies only the second floor, with an area of 980 square meters (10,549 sq. ft.), since the space is more than enough for the current student population. The Library can accommodate 25.21% of the student population at one time—more than double the CHED’s requirement of 10% of the student population.
The CPAC Library serves a population of 800 students, plus faculty, staff, alumni, and students from other schools and colleges. The Library is staffed by a professional and licensed librarian and is assisted by a paraprofessional (licensed Education teacher) and twelve student assistants.

**Holdings**

The Library has 30,044 titles and 31,318 volumes of books and subscribes to 63 titles of printed journals and magazines. These collections support the academic programs offered by the College: nursing, civil and electronics engineering, business, theology, education, agriculture, biology, mathematics, and music.

The Library is a recipient of numerous donated books and audio-visual materials from alumni, Biblical Research Institute through Dr. Gerhard Pfandl, General Conference through Dr. Gary Councell, and Walla Walla University College of Engineering.

**Services and Facilities**

With regards to the delivery of services, the Library personnel are guided by the following values: (1) Knowledge: The process of learning and truth seeking through discourse and investigation is encouraged; (2) Service: The library endeavors to meet the client’s unique needs with quality service; (3) Communication: The library promotes open and clear discussion that encourages the willingness to speak up and to listen, within a framework of respect and understanding; (4) Integrity: The library adheres to the principles of fairness, justice, equality, and honesty; (5) Respect: The library ensures that everyone is treated with equal consideration and courtesy.

Library orientation is offered at the start of every semester. Students in English classes are given extra orientation regarding the use of the library. Individual instruction and research assistance are also provided as requested. The library sections are circulation, reference, E. G. White, periodicals, loans, internet, photocopying, and an audio-visual room.

**Professional Involvement**

The Head Librarian is a member of the Negros Occidental Librarians’ Association (NOCLA), Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL), Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), Association of SDA Librarians–Asia; and Association of SDA Librarians (ASDAL).
She has also served as a member of two accrediting teams, namely the Association of Christian Schools and Colleges and Universities Accrediting Agency, Inc. (ACSCU-AAI) and Adventist Accrediting Agency (AAA).

### Campus and Community Involvement

The library supports the community extension services of the college by donating weeded books to the schools around the campus and to the community library.

The audio-visual room serves as a venue for board exam reviews of the graduate nurses, seminars and workshops by schools within the municipality, and seminars for students and faculty.

Aiming to promote sound, wholesome, and uplifting reading materials, the Library designated one area for Highly Recommended books. Some students have commented that reading those books has lessened their appetite for cheap novels and fiction.

To increase awareness of new acquisitions, a list of newly acquired titles is posted on the bulletin board and distributed to the different schools. New developments and updates are published in the school bulletin (NEWSBOARD) and on CPAC Library’s Facebook page.

### References


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Visit with the Zaoksky Adventist University Librarian and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Lawrence W. Onsager

On July 18, 2013, I met with Irina Zabrodina, the Zaoksky University Librarian, and Anton Petrishchev, the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, in the Zaoksky University Library.

Irina Zabrodina provided a general description of the library. The number of book volumes is 50,000. About 60 percent of the collection is in Russian. The rest of the collection is in other languages, including English. The collection is cataloged using the Library of Congress classification system. Much of the book budget is spent providing up-to-date textbooks as required by the government (all textbooks must have a publication date within the last two years). Thus, there is little funding available for the purchase of books for the library to build up the collection.

There is an electronic catalog available on one workstation. There are plans to make the catalog available online. The electronic resources that are available are in Russian. Russian laws make it difficult to provide electronic dissertations.

The staff consists of the library director and two half-time workers. Interlibrary loan services are not provided.

This visit also provided an opportunity to assess overall communication challenges in the program and evaluate student access to the Andrews University Library.

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Several new works have recently been released that can greatly enrich your biblical studies collection. Just like my previous column, I am highlighting some of what I find to be the most useful that I believe will enrich your library, too. Titles are listed by publisher, publication date, and list price (rounded up).

**Biblical Studies**


**Practical Theology**

Several new books that relate to Christian apologetics are worthy of mention: first of all is Francis Spufford’s *Unapologetic: Why, Despite Everything, Christianity Can Still Make Surprising Emotional Sense* (HarperOne, 2012) and the provocative *The End of Apologetics: Christian Witness in a Postmodern Context* by Myron Bradley Penner (Baker, 2013). As someone who teaches in an urban Asian context near Manila, with some 20 million people, I was intrigued by the publication by Stephen T. Um and Justin Buzzard, *Why Cities Matter to God, the Culture, and the Church* (Crossway, 2013), that also recently won a publication award from *Christianity Today*. This book will be useful as our world church grapples with a major new initiative to the big cities around the world. This global relationship is thoughtfully explored in a variety of church traditions in Janel Kragt Bakker’s *Sister Churches: American Congregations and Their Partners Abroad* (Oxford, 2014), which has won several recent awards.

**Church History**

Two notable books are A. G. Roeber’s *Hopes for Better Spouses: Protestant Marriage and Church Renewal in Early Modern Europe, India, and North America* (Eerdmans, 2013, $19) and Robin M. Jensen’s *Baptismal Imagery in Early Christianity: Ritual, Visual, and Theological Dimensions* (Baker Academic, 2012, $21). Another significant work is Brian Stanley’s *The Global Diffusion of Evangelicalism: The Age of Billy Graham and John Stott* (IVP Academic, 2013, $19), volume 5 of the “A History of Evangelicalism” series that, every volume up to this point, I have found provides significant analysis of evangelicalism. Two new works on Augustine include Miles Holingworth’s *Saint Augustine of Hippo: An Intellectual Biography* (Oxford, 2013, $27) and Matthew Levering’s *The Theology of Augustine: An Introductory Guide to His Most Important Works* (Baker Academic, 2013, $19). The latter two are especially worthy of schools with undergraduate courses in church history as helpful guides to a major figure in Christian thought. One of the most “fun” reads I have enjoyed this past year is the eminent Diarmaid MacCulloch’s *Silence: A Christian History* (Viking, 2013, $20).

**Adventist Studies**

A new biographical volume complements the Adventist pioneer biography series due out this summer: Brian E. Strayer’s *J. N. Loughborough: The Last of the Adventist Pioneers* (Review and Herald, 2013, $30). Be sure to also watch for the release of the first volume of the *Annotated Edition* of the unpublished writings of Ellen G. White. A new resource that is now available publicly for the first time is the Biblical Research Institute newsletter, *Reflections*, available from their website (*https://adventistbiblicalresearch.org/newsletters*). While you are at it, make sure you have their latest work on Adventist theology: *Message, Mission, and Unity of the Church* (Biblical Research Institute, 2013, $20).

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D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship Reminder

Marge Seifert

This is just a quick reminder for ASDAL members to encourage library students to apply for the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship. To qualify, applicants must be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing who have been accepted into a library school accredited by the American Library Association and expect to study at least one full academic year on a full-time basis. Keep in mind that those who could benefit from the scholarship may or may not be ASDAL members at this time, which is why we need your help in spreading the word. Applicants must fill out the Application Form (included at the end of this issue) and submit the complete package to the Chair of the ASDAL Scholarship and Awards Subcommittee. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2014.

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Andrews University

Since last fall, I have been volunteering four mornings a week in the Center for Adventist Research, where I am working at cataloging the backlog of over 3,000 serial titles! Starting backwards from the Z’s (everyone else has started from the A’s, so some have been done already), I am now in the titles beginning with T and have cataloged approximately 300 total titles so far. Most of them already have a brief record in the James White Library catalog, which is very helpful, but most have not been added to OCLC by anyone else, as the Center is the only holding library. It is fun to read some of the older denominational periodicals and challenging to learn RDA—don’t you just love it? Wish me luck!

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Oakwood University

Oakwood University Authors Book Signing

On April 15, 2014, the Eva B. Dykes Library hosted a book signing and reception for five Oakwood University authors. The three-hour event was attended by more than one hundred persons, including administrators, faculty, students, staff, and community members. Everyone appreciated talking with the authors, buying books, and relishing the delicious refreshment provided. Names of authors and their publications are listed.
In Memoriam

It was with sadness the Oakwood University community bid farewell to Mrs. Minneola Williams Dixon, on Friday, April 11, 2014. Mrs. Dixon, retired archivist, died on April 1, after a full life of love, service, and, more recently, a persistent illness. For twenty-one years, Mrs. Dixon was the director of the Oakwood University Archives & Museum. Her personal vision was to “change the archives from a storage place for important historical records and documents to a research, information, and cultural center.” Under her leadership, the archives grew from one room to six, and its collection on Oakwood’s history and black Adventism is distinctive. She is remembered for her daily broadcasts of Oakwood Heritage Moments on WOCG/WJOU; the many campus and museum tours that she sponsored and led; and the excellent Black History programs that she presented on campus and in local churches. Mrs. Dixon loved Oakwood and was passionate about telling the Oakwood Story. This is a legacy that she has bequeathed to the faculty and staff of the library and her family. Mrs. Dixon was the mother of four adult children: Dr. Philip Williams (Huntsville); Mr. Dwayne Williams (Oklahoma); Ms. Denise Williams (Huntsville); and Mr. Mark Williams (Nashville); she also leaves behind a host of family, colleagues, and friends. Messages of condolences may be sent to: Mr. Philip Williams, 4603 Wellington Point, NW Huntsville, AL 35816.

The Eva B. Dykes Library continues to work toward the realization of Dixon’s vision. To honor her memory and outstanding service, the Eva B. Dykes Library has inaugurated the Minneola Dixon Scholarship, an annual service award to be given to a library student worker who has worked at least two semesters in the Archives/Museum, maintains a 3.0 GPA, and is engaged in community service. Memorial gifts to the scholarship may be sent to: Oakwood University, Office of Advancement & Development, 7000 Adventist Blvd. NW., Huntsville, AL 35896.

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Southern Adventist University

KnowledgeExchange@Southern, the institutional repository developed by McKee Library for Southern Adventist University, is an online platform used to collect, preserve, and disseminate the university’s research and scholarly output, as well as the home of our digital archives. Not only does KnowledgeExchange give the university the ability to showcase its intellectual caliber to prospective students, staff, and donors, it also provides the library with a tool to efficiently and safely manage and store its digital archives. Some of our most popular collections are the Southern Scholars Senior Research Projects and the Southern Accent (Southern’s student newspaper) archives. All the data is Google-searchable once submitted to the repository.

It’s been close to two years since we created and developed KnowledgeExchange, and in that time we’ve seen immense growth. Currently housing over 800 papers and two peer-reviewed journals (with a third one in its development stage), the repository boasts over 24,000 downloads to date. KnowledgeExchange is hosted by the Digital Commons platform, which is a product of Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress). To visit KnowledgeExchange@Southern and its collections, go to www.southern.edu/knowledgeexchange or follow the link available on McKee Library’s website, under “Tools.” If you have questions about the process and challenges of establishing an institutional repository, please feel free to contact me at dbravo@southern.edu.

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Washington Adventist University

Washington Adventist University seeks candidates for Director of Library. The Director is responsible for all aspects of the overall functioning of the Theofield G. Weis Library. Serving as a key leader in developing plans and resources to anticipate the changing needs of the campus community, the Director will be an active proponent of library services and resources as integral to the learning experience. Minimum qualifications include a Master’s Degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA accredited program or its foreign equivalent and at least five years of appropriate library administrative experience. The successful candidate will also have excellent managerial and interpersonal skills, as well as a strong commitment to student success, to creating student-centered learning spaces, and to the use of technology. The position is available July 1, 2014. For more details and to apply, please visit our website at www.wau.edu/work-at-wau.

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