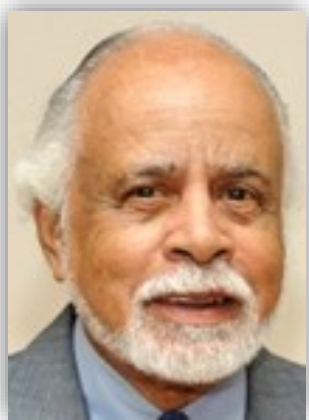




John Brown Watson Memorial Library System Fall 2022 Newsletter



GREETINGS, EDWARD J. FONTENETTE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The 2020-21 academic year posed challenges for the Library and staff which I could not phantom—space reduction by 3/4, budget reduction by 50%, gross loss of staff, and other pandemic **bedevilmments**. Nevertheless, a dedicated, loyal, and highly competent staff of professional librarians and paraprofessionals persevered. Their ingenuity, creativity, and innovation sustained excellent librarianship for the faculty, staff, and students at the

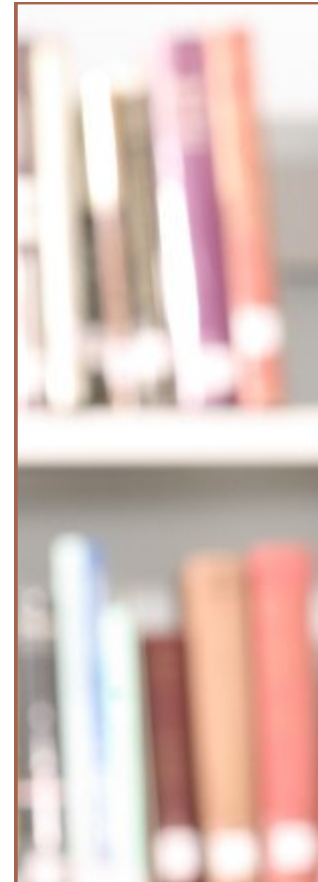
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Yet we maintain our high posture and profile with the National Medical Library, the Library of Congress, Arkansas Library Association, and the American Library Association. We played a decisive role in building a 13 million dollar County Library, conducted a virtual tour for the American Library Association (ALA), and enlisted a liaison status with the National Medical Library. I am extra-ordinarily boastful and proud that we returned to OCLC for our data management because we and our predecessors helped to create this global library management system.

The paraprofessional and professional staff of the John Brown Watson Memorial Library are second to none of all the library personnel. For their loyalty, hard work and dedicated service as is manifested over the 47 years of my tenure as Library Director, I am appreciative and grateful.

OCLC WMS IMPLEMENTATION 2022-23

The library replaced its ALMA Library Management System with OCLC WorldShare Management Services (WMS) for 2022-23. The WMS system is fifty-percent more cost effective and more conducive to a smaller academic library. WMS is a complete cloud-based library management platform, has a user-focused experience, and an API-first framework. WMS provides a more user-friendly cataloging platform for resources added. Please notify Mrs. Sonya Lockett @ 8423 or Ms. Zina Conley @ 8409, if you are experiencing problems accessing resources as we continue to work through final implementations of the new management system.



“IF YOU’RE
NOT WILLING
TO LEARN, NO
ONE CAN
HELP YOU. IF
YOU’RE
DETERMINED
TO LEARN, NO
ONE CAN
STOP YOU.”

AUTHOR
UNKNOWN



MAPLEAN DONALDSON, ASSOCIATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND SUPERVISOR OF JAMES R. BELL LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER, ADDICTION STUDIES RESOURCE CENTER, AND ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

STAFF DEVELOPMENT @ THE LIBRARY

During the summer 2022, I was afforded the opportunity to publish an article within the Arkansas Libraries Magazine for the Arkansas Library Association entitled, "Encouraging Staff Development: Secretary to Associate Library Director". This article discussed the importance of encouraging staff development to improve knowledge and skills in the workplace for continuous improvements to services.

The library has set a standard for staff to complete staff development trainings each month. We began our staff development by cross-training all staff within each department of the library. These cross-trainings provided staff with improved knowledge regarding what services are provided within each area of the library system to better serve patrons. When staff are aware of what services are available in the library they can better serve and refer patrons calling or visiting the library on a daily basis.

Staff also view online development trainings in relation to their library duties and customer service. Good customer service to patrons is one of our greatest assets. We strive to promote better interactions with students and other patrons. The library has implemented increased visibility of staff by requiring staff to perform frequent contact with students asking if they need assistance and providing that assistance if needed. We do not wait for the student to come to us we go to where they are within the library. We have already experienced improved interactions between students and staff this semester. Staff have reported less student conduct issues since implementing more interactions.

Great job and teamwork to all staff!

New Equipment In the BLRC

The new GlowforgePro Laser Cutting machine is now available in the James. R. Bell Learning Resources Center. Patrons can create innovative projects for classroom assignments. Mr. Zaccacheus Love can assist patrons with their projects.





Welcome to our team! The James R. Bell Learning Resources Center welcomed a new staff member during 2021-22, Mr. Zaccacheus Love, Multi-Media Specialist. Mr. Love assists patrons with their media equipment needs for classroom presentations, 3-D printing, laminations, and laser-cutting. The BLRC has a new machine, GlowforgePro, that engraves and cuts materials for classroom projects. Please stop by the center to view examples of items that can be printed on the new GlowforgePro.



Welcome to our team! The Library Archives and Special Collections Department welcomes Mrs. Edna Grant, Library Support Assistant. Mrs. Grant previously worked in the Word Instructional Resources Center, a branch of the main library. She assists patrons with information about AM&N/UAPB and Special Collections that are in the library.



The Addiction Studies Resources Center is currently offline due to renovations in the Walker Research Center. Our goal is to get the center back up and running after mid-terms. Patrons can find resources on the main library's website and by visiting the main library for print materials and technology needs.

Knowledge is free at the library, just bring your own container.
 Author Unknown



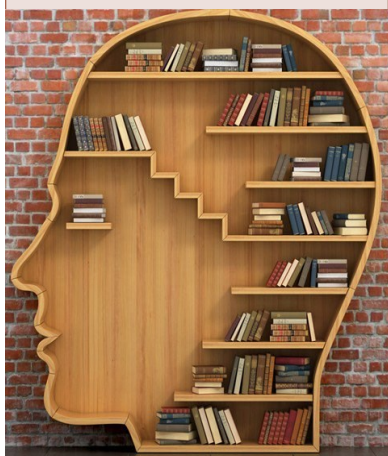
Stress-Free Fridays @ the Library

During the Fall 2022 semester, the library implemented Stress-Free Fridays @ the Library for patrons to enjoy a little fun and games with staff. On designated Fridays, once a month, UAPB students can join us in the Library Auditorium from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We have games, Info Sessions, Karaoke, etc., for students to enjoy as a break from their everyday stressors.

Popcorn and prizes is be provided to first come and first served!

Scheduled Stress-Free Fridays are: 09-30-22, 10-14-22, 11-04-22 and 12-02-22

OPEN A BOOK AND YOU
OPEN YOUR MIND



SONYA LOCKETT, ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The Circulation Department would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the John Brown Watson Memorial Library. Our goal is to provide faculty, staff and students with quality service with a smile.



NEW STAFF ALERT

The Circulation Department is excited to welcome two new staff members.



Ms. Alexis Dunlap transferred from Facilities Management to become part of the Library Staff. She has been with the university for 5 years. She is a Library Support Assistant. She is responsible for checking out the laptops for Student Success and providing assistant to the students with accessing research.



Ms. Donna Williams is a Library Support Assistance. She works the 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm shift. Ms. Williams works very well with students in assisting them with their research needs. Ms. Williams will be assisting with Interlibrary Loan.

LAPTOP CHECKOUT PROGRAM

The Circulation Department partnered with Student Success to check out laptops to students. Since 2021 the library has been responsible for circulating 100 laptops that were purchased by Student Success. The students are able to keep the laptops for the entire semester. The process for checking out the laptops begins with having an instructor or a member of the Student Success staff forward a request to the library, the student will bring their UAPB student identification to the library where they will receive their laptop. The students are very exciting about this new program and they are very thankful to the library and Student Success for assisting them with the opportunity to check out laptops.

SHENISE MCGHEE, LIBRARIAN DIGITAL REFERENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Shenise McGhee was a speaker at the Arkansas Library Conference 2022 in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The Intellectual Freedom: Arkansas Perspectives Panel. This panel, composed of librarians from school, academic, and public settings, hopes to engage all types of library workers with experiences of challenges to intellectual freedom, how our panel participants responded, and what they learned. We hope participants in this session will listen to and learn from these case studies, but also will jump in with their own experiences and share how we can support one another throughout the state of Arkansas with a nuanced response to addressing these thorny issues. Shenise has served and chaired state and national committees such as the Arkansas Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee (chair), ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom Committee (member), and the Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award Committee (chair), as well as taking part in the IFRT Coalition Building Intellectual Freedom Table. Shenise received the Arkansas Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award in 2019 for her work with the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom Working Group in the revision of the Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights.



Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world. Nelson Mandela

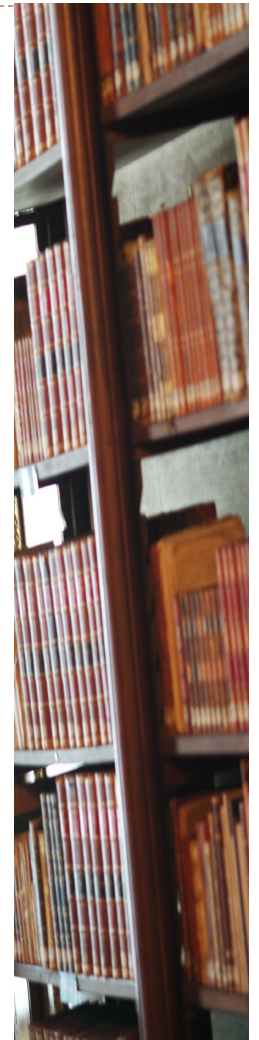


The M-4 Learning Lab is a teaching faculty-directed study hall aimed to assist students at any level with their difficulties in mathematics. The Learning Lab conducts tutoring sessions Monday-Thursday 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. in the Library. The Study Hall program will allow students to create an individualized pathway for achieving appropriate academic success and timely graduation. For further information about Study Hall contact: Shenise McGhee at (870) 575-8417 or email mcghees@uapb.edu.



The Library would like to thank all the sponsors who supported our 2nd Annual Back to School Giveaway held on September 23, 2022. The Library Faculty and Staff, UAPB ROTC, School of Business Management, Department of Health and Physical Education, Office of Leadership and Student Involvement, Office of Recruitment, Student Success Center, Living Refuge Center, and Walmart.

The library launches the new platform, Niche Academy, which allows librarians to interact with and facilitates instruction to students virtually using activities such as quizzes, exercises, and videos. To access NICHE ACADEMY, log on to: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/uapb> and start to explore all the great educational tutorials. For additional assistance or Information Literacy Session email: Shenise McGhee mcghees@uapb.edu or 870-575-8417.



TITLE III FUNDED RESOURCES

The library has been afforded funding from the Title III program for many years. Title III has funded resources in previous years which have included: ALMA Library Management System, databases, print books, print journals, laptops, LCD projectors, slide projectors, tables, and chairs, various media equipment, and the renovation of the library interior.

Without Title III funding, the library would not have been able to provide such a wealth of resources to students, faculty, and staff for their research and classroom needs.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Title III program in providing resources to the John Brown Watson Memorial Library System in its goal of providing access to innovative resources for research to our patrons.

“Library resources are paid for in total or part by funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional Services Program, Title III Part B Strengthening Historically Black Colleges & Universities Program, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, and/or Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act.”

**ZINA CONLEY
ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN
TECHNICAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**



TRU TOUCH Interactive Display

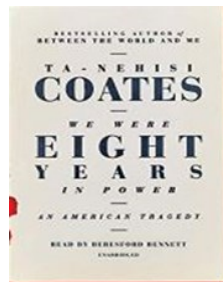
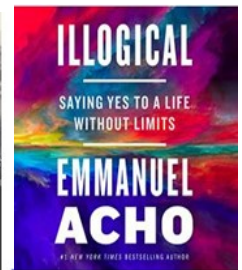
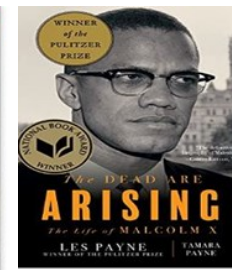
The Interactive Display is a touchscreen board that allows groups to record meetings and give presentations. When the user touches the screen to begin the board automatically starts recording. Some features include a white board, which allows you to write on the screen while using other apps, and a built in

computer for surfing the web. For presentations, the display has a HDMI port to connect to your laptop. Two boards are located in the BLRC meeting room and outside near the tables for use. Another is located in the Word Instructional Resource Center (WIRC) in the Education Department. When finished with your meeting you can either save your recording to a USB or delete it. An instructional training video is available on Niche Academy.

New Novels Available for Checkout

The library has added 46 African American novels to the main library and our satellite library (WIRC) in the education department. The titles include the following:

For a full list of new books head to the library’s website and click, New Books under Important Sites.



1200 N. University Drive, Slot 4930

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

870-575-8411

http://www.uapb.edu

