



**News from the Friends of the
Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery**

President's Introduction

I have served as the Vice-President and then President of the Friends of the Library (FOL) Committee for the past year, yet this is my first contribution to the Newsletter; so I thought I should use this opportunity to introduce myself to the readers.

I taught at UMBC in the Biological Sciences Department from 1969-2001, when I retired from active teaching. I taught courses in population biology, ecology, and evolution, among others. I was a member of the Inter-disciplinary Studies Program committee for many years, as well, and I helped develop the first university-wide honors program in biological sciences. (Continued inside)

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My research program at UMBC involved studies of the ecological genetics of admiral butterflies in both field population and in laboratory. After my retirement, my extensive research collection of these insects was donated to the McGuire Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida in 2005. Both undergraduates and graduate students were involved in my research program.

While teaching I did three sabbaticals: the first at the University of Liverpool in England with Professors P.M. Sheppard and Sir Cyril A. Clarke; the second with Professor P. F. Brussard in Biology at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT; and the third with Professor L.P. Brower in the Department of Zoology at the University of Florida.

In 1972, I helped found the Maryland Entomological Society which has met between six and eight times annually at UMBC, sponsored by the Biological Sciences Department. I also edited the (international) Journal of the Lepidopterists' Society between 1978-1980, and I became a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society. After retirement, I've held "emeritus" status in UMBC's Biological Sciences Department.

Since retirement, my wife, Pamela and I have moved from Baltimore City down to Calvert County. We now reside at Scientists' Cliffs in Port Republic, MD. We both remain active and enjoy volunteering in many southern Maryland organizations and local programs. Our summers are spent out in Bozeman, MT, where we are nearer to our two sons, and our two (now grown) grandchildren.

-Dr. Austin Platt

Book Sale!

Check the Library's Homepage for dates.



I am **Sarah Miller**. I received my B.S. in Biology and Education from Ohio Northern University and my M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I provide reference and instruction services, social media updates, and participate in reference outreach activities.



I am **Sarah New**, the new Web Services Librarian at the Albin O. Kuhn Library. My first library job was as a circulation assistant at the University of Virginia. After graduation (2007, Classics), I started the MSLS program at Catholic University and got a job in the Semitics library, a really cool special collection. I graduated in 2009 and then headed out to Las Vegas! I spent almost 4 years as

Digital Services Librarian at the College of Southern Nevada, where I got to implement a discovery platform (Summon) and design an entirely new website.

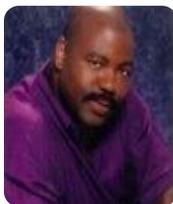
I'm very happy to be back on the East Coast, and excited to continue my work in the digital realm!



I'm **Semhar Yohannes** and I'm the new Science Reference Librarian at Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery. I obtained my undergraduate degree from McDaniel College and my Master of Library Science (MLS) from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Prior to coming to UMBC, I worked at Capitol College, a small private college in Laurel, Maryland, with a large computer science and engineering student population, and at the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library of The George Washington University.

I look forward to working with you!



I am **Shawn Parker**, the new Library Business Manager. I have extensive experience as an academic administrator and served as a budget officer at Morgan State University. Prior to that, I served in various administrative posts at Howard University.

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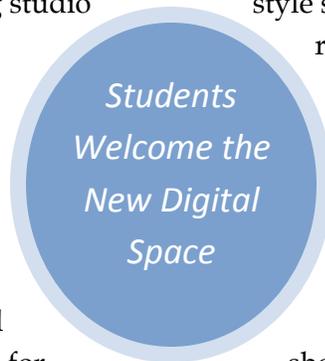
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New Service Introduced @ AOK Library & Gallery

In the Fall of 2013, the Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery announced the opening of the Digital Media Lab (DML). The DML, located on the second floor of the Library, will provide access to audiovisual recording equipment and related software. By opening this space the AOK Library provides UMBC students, faculty and staff with tools needed to create and edit new as well as re-use existing, audio, video and graphic design objects.

The DML has a sound-deadened room with a professional grade HD video camera and several backdrops, including a green screen. This space can be also be used for audio recording projects. Professional grade microphones and audio recording equipment are available and the space accommodates several people. For smaller audio recording projects we have a WhisperRoom. This recording studio style sound booth is perfect for individual recording sessions. After a recording session, projects can be edited using one of the DML's 4 iMacs with the most up-to-date Adobe Creative Suite software as well as Final Cut Pro X.

This spring we are excited to add an equipment loan program. With support from the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) and the New Media Studio the Library Media department will have a limited number of cameras and audio recording equipment available for short-term loan. We expect this will prove to be a very popular resource and look forward to seeing how the equipment is used.



Being comfortable creating, editing, using audio and video for projects, research and presentations is becoming increasingly important for UMBC students, faculty and staff. The DML and the Equipment Loan Program dramatically increase availability and access to A/V equipment on the UMBC campus. With these two projects the AOK Library hopes to continue its history of providing the UMBC community with the tools they need to achieve academic excellence.

-Jodi Hoover, Digital Media Librarian

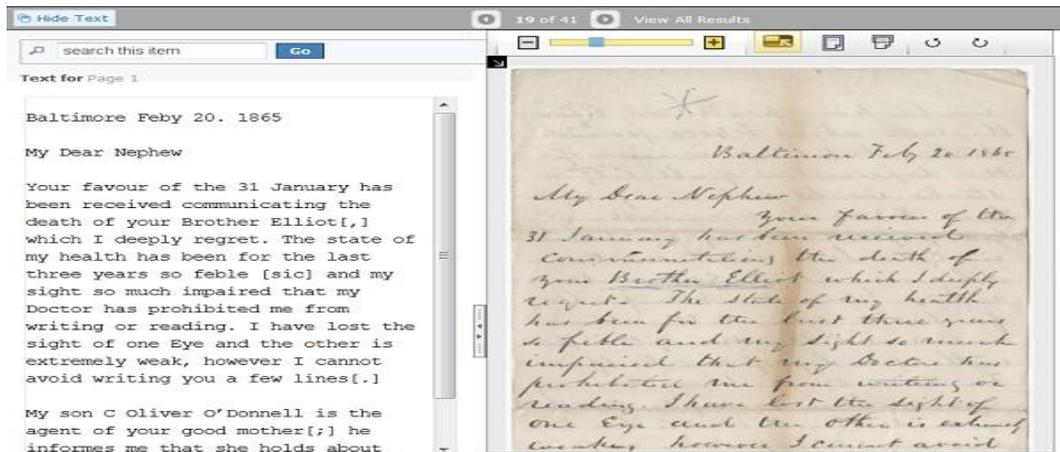
Special Collections Digitizes New Collection

The Library Special Collections Department is pleased to announce that the O'Donnell family papers have been digitized and made available online in partnership with the Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage program. The collection can be viewed at:

<http://collections.mdch.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/akop>

"The O'Donnell family papers consist primarily of letters and other documents written to and from the descendants of John O'Donnell (1749-1805) and his wife Sarah Chew Elliott O'Donnell (1768-1855). The most prolific writer among them was Columbus O'Donnell (1792-1873); the eldest surviving son of John and Sarah O'Donnells, whose letters during and immediately after the Civil War provide a glimpse into the social attitudes and economic conditions surrounding that conflict."

Many of the items, which are primarily handwritten, can be viewed side-by-side with a transcript provided by Library student assistants and MDCH staff.

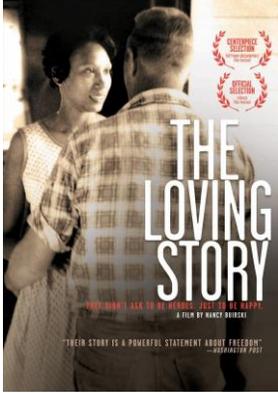


The O'Donnell family papers were purchased for UMBC by the Friends of the Library in January 2012. A finding aid for the collection is available on the Library's website: <http://aok.lib.umbc.edu/specoll/ODonnell/index.php>

This is the second partnership between the Library Special Collections and the Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage program. The drafted speeches (Series I.9) of the Ferdinand C. Latrobe papers were made available through MDCH in 2010.

-Lindsey Loeper, Archivist

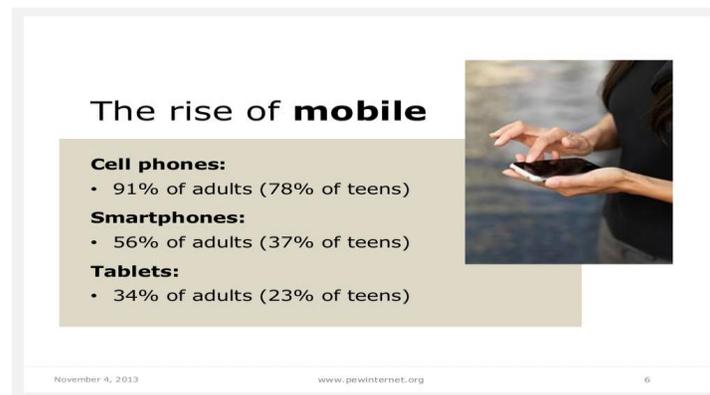
Created Equal Project @ Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery



The Africana Studies Department and The Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) presented the screening of the “Loving Story.” The film chronicles the challenges of Mildred and Richard Loving, who were arrested in July 1958 in Virginia for violating a state law that banned marriage between people of difference races; such laws had been on the books in most states since the seventeenth century. The Lovings never expected to be awakened in their bedroom in the middle of the night and arrested. The documentary brings to life the Lovings’ marriage and their legal battle to stay together as a married couple.

On Tuesday, February 11th, the audience was honored with the presence of Elisabeth Haviland James, producer and editor of the Emmy Award and Peabody Award winning film, *The Loving Story*, as well as University of Virginia history professor, Dr. Claudrena N. Harold. The discussion of the film sparked many comments and questions. This event was part of an effort of NEH’s project, “Created Equal. Additional films will be screened in the fall of 2014.

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For information about Friends Events, see the Friends page at
<http://aok.lib.umbc.edu/admin/friends/events.php>

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