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The Library Support Staff Association (LSSA) hosted the EXPO and "WE ARE ONE" Concert 2009 for the first time ever on June 12, 2009 at the Michael D. Rose Theatre. The EXPO featured various displays from participating libraries that were quite informative to all visiting patrons. The displays included such items as policies, maps and photography collections, rental of laptop computers and virtual library tours. The "WE ARE ONE" Concert 2009 featured groups and individuals such as the choirs from Christ Holiness Temple, Antioch Baptist Church, and MASE (Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering), soloist Calvin Campbell, and jazz singer Joyce Henderson, among others. Though we had to deal with the bad weather on Friday evening and Friday night, the community came out to support these sponsored events. Thanks to our LSSA President, Ms. Sonji Wright, along with other support staff members working behind the scenes, this year's events were great. This LSSA sponsored event raised approximately \$5,000. A portion of the funds raised will be divided up between the LSSA and the Library's endowment. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to support and participate in this great event to support University Libraries. By James Hudson



Library staff and visitors at Rose Theater

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The Delta - *Everything Southern*

The 2009 “Delta-Everything Southern” seminar took place on June 18 at the Fogelman Executive Conference Center. This was the fourth annual program, and was considered by many to be the best yet. There were seven outstanding speakers, all experts in their chosen fields, who spoke on the history, culture, economy, art, and music of this most unique part of America.

This seminar is a product of the University Libraries and the Friends of the Libraries, a group of Memphis citizens who are passionate about supporting and publicizing the University Libraries. Their goal is to provide a permanent endowment to support the purchase of books and other materials which will make the University Libraries one of the premier repositories of knowledge in the country.



Above: Dr. Nicholas Gotten, Chairman, with Tom Mendina, Assistant to the Dean of Libraries.

Right: Klaudia Kroboth, Clerical Assistant, Univ. Libraries



Right: Friends of University Libraries Lifetime Members, Dr. Charles Hubbert, (left), with Dr. Charles Stagg, Communications Chair for the Friends of the University Libraries, June 17th, 2009 at the Delta reception party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Prosser.

It is envisioned that, “The Delta-Everything Southern” symposium will continue to be a stimulating, fun, educational day - a program that appeals to a diversity of people who want to learn about a dynamic, ever-changing mix of people whose influence is far out of proportion to their numbers and socio-economic background.

Be sure to join us June 2010 for our next program. You will not be disappointed.

By Nicholas Gotten, Jr.



For a direct link to more of the event photos, see: http://www.flickr.com/photos/u_of_m/

LSSA FLEA MARKET SALE



Flea Market Sale in Staff Lounge

A successfully organized LSSA Flea Market and Dessert Sale took place April 18, 2009 in the Staff Lounge from 10:00 am-1:30 pm. Clothes, household items, and yard sale trinkets were sold. The Cataloging Department was the collection point for this year's LSSA donations.

Many thanks go out to Lucille Freeman, Ann Hudson and Joann Wadell!

Marie Dixon, Preservation and Special Collections Department, University Libraries, passed away after prolonged illness. Marie Dixon's Funeral took place in the High Point Funeral Chapel and Memorial Park Cemetery on 5688 Poplar Ave. The LSSA delivered flowers to the funeral



Ellen Marie Dixon

November 21, 1955

to

July 2, 2009

home. Marie's family thanks the library employees for all the donations and help that was given to Marie during her time of illness.



McWherter Library Lectures and Exhibit Retrospective continued

Thirty years ago, a Pennsylvania stamp collector set out to uncover an emotionally-charged paper trail portraying the tragedy and persecution of the Holocaust. The collection has grown to more than 250 pieces of Holocaust-related materials - stamps, postcards, letters, manuscripts - that provide a painful, yet awakening reminder of the historical connection made through written word.

The collection, known as the Spungen Holocaust Postal Collection, now travels the country along with collector and philatelist Danny Spungen.

To find out more about the exhibit's trip to Memphis, visit BelzMuseum.org.

For more information on the Spungen Holocaust Postal Collection, including pictures of many documents in the collection, visit <http://www.spungenfoundation.org>.



Top: A big crowd gathers around the display of postal stamps and letters, in the McWherter Library rotunda.



Left: Holocaust survivor and speaker Simon Waksberg with Klaudia Kroboth, University Libraries.

On June 27th, library staff was invited to a special dinner and talk at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Memphis.



Above: Back-to-back lectures in room 226: Dr. David Patterson's discussion of Jewish Literature, ties into the Holocaust exhibit.



Above: Danny Spungen speaking to lecture attendees in room 226 on the letters and manuscripts displayed in the rotunda.

Special Announcements and Thanks:

Bess Robinson would like to thank those who've helped with the African-American History Institute classes, the International Baccalaureate students, and all the parent/new student tours and orientations this summer.

Dean **Sylverna Ford** with Associate Dean **Annelle Huggins**, as well as **Betsy Park, Kanneese Woods** and **Kevin Merriman** traveled to ALA.

Stacey Smith, Circulation, and **James Hudson**, Libraries Info. Systems were among the nominees of this year's U of M Distinguished Employees and Administrators.

