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- **Welcome to Dr. Jayne Marie Comstock, New President of Winthrop**

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Lovely Library Largess, 2012-2013... Mark Y. Herring

Churchill, my favorite all-time politician, has a wonderful line where he says that a politician has to be able to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, and next year. He also has to have the ability afterwards, says Churchill, to say why it didn't. Happily, librarians don't have to have that kind of prophetic ability, though in these changing times it would be nice! Instead, we just have to be able to tell what *has* happened.

I am delighted to tell you that this year has been a wonderful year for Dacus development. Thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, our Friends liaison, we have now been able to combine our Friends of Dacus Board with our Dacus Library Advisory Board. The two groups worked for the same purpose, the Friends Board originally more focused on print books and bringing authors to speak on campus, while the library advisory board worked on that and everything else. Today, both are working together on print materials, non-print items, online access, electronic equipment, hardware, software, manuscripts, author programs, and so on.

Furthermore, the group sur-

passed its \$25,000 threshold and has established a Friends of Dacus Endowment for the first time in its history. By the time you read this, that fund will have grown close to \$50,000. Of course, that's only the beginning as the larger it grows, the better it will enable Dacus to reach all its goals. I know that by working together, we can reach one million dollars! Let's aim for the moon, shall we?

In March of this year, we gathered to dedicate one of two techno booths on the main floor (the story is below). Thanks to the generosity of the McKinney family, this techno booth will live as a testament to Helen McKinney's tireless devotion to lifelong learning.

Also this year, we received several grants from various sources for library faculty development training. We also received a most generous \$14,000 grant from the Lutz Foundation for our microform digitization project that anyone who has a web-accessible device will be able to see soon. Without this grant we would never have been able to purchase the equipment to get this project up and running.

Library giving is also up, I am most happy to report, and I

know it will continue. Our gratitude is deep and our thanks in surfeit for all of you who have responded to my plaintive—and atrabilious—pleas. We are deeply grateful.

If you're not following us on any of the social networks, please do so. We have much on our list of "things to do" for the fall. I know you don't want to miss a one of them!



**WELCOME
TO**

**DR. JAYNE MARIE
COMSTOCK**

**THE 10TH PRESIDENT
OF
WINTHROP
UNIVERSITY,
WHO ASSUMED HER
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The Dacus Library of Winthrop University was constructed in 1969 and named for the school's first librarian Ida Jane Dacus, who served from 1900 to 1945 and was also the first person in South Carolina to receive professional training in library studies. Today the facility houses over 500,000 volumes and provides extensive online resources to support the educational and research needs of the Winthrop academic community.



Dedication of Helen McKinney Techno Booth and Librarians' Training Grant

On Sunday April 8, 2013, the **Helen Cooper McKinney** Techno Booth Room was dedicated in the Dacus Library at Winthrop University. A group of family, friends, and associates gathered in recognition of the **\$15,000** plus family gift in support of library initiatives, which was conceived as a tribute to the late Helen McKinney, class of 1947.

The techno booths are small spaces resembling diner booths that are equipped with a 42-inch screen and six hubs that attach to any electronic handheld device ranging from laptops to iPhones. These new additions to the library "lend themselves really well to the kind of collaborative research that students are doing more often now," said **Mark Herring**, dean of library services. Herring added that the booths, one of which has been named in honor of McKinney, have been "a huge success," and he hopes to add additional techno booths in the future. The Helen Cooper McKinney '47 techno booth is a testament to McKinney's investment in the academic futures of Winthrop students.

Because of the recent renovations,

readers are advised that rooms still remain for library naming opportunities from \$15,000 upward. If you have an interest, contact Dean Herring at the Dacus Library, 803/323-2131 or email him at herringm@winthrop.edu.

On June 26 thru June 28 about ten (10) Dacus Library staff and some 15 other participants from various Carolina institutions gathered on the campus of Winthrop University to undergo training that was funded by a special **University Research Council Grant of \$4,000**.

Antje Mays organized the well-received event.

Jessalyn Zoom of the Library of Congress conducted a workshop on Resources Description and Access (RDA), the new cataloging standard that replaces the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, Second Edition (AACR2). The Library of Congress officially switched to the new RDA guidelines on March 31, 2013. Major academic institutions across the globe have already started migration to the new standards, which are designed to improve the discovery capabilities of automated library catalogs for patrons

more familiar with the web's online search engines.

In addition to the Winthrop participants, librarians from Central Piedmont Community College (NC), Florence-Darlington Technical College, Furman University, Gardner-Webb University (NC), South Carolina State Library, Trident Technical College, UNC-Wilmington, the University of South Carolina, Wake Forest University (NC), and Wingate University (NC) took part in the training sessions.

Susan Silverman, Head of Public Services, Demonstrates Techno Booth Use to Student

