When Abby Moore attended a meeting about high schools students taking classes through the Early College program, she got an idea. And when she realized that the group could benefit from learning about library resources, she set out to build a partnership with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Starting with the principal, Moore laid out her plan for what she wanted to accomplish with these high school students, and it worked. Teaming up with Jeff McAdams, Engineering Librarian, these Subject Librarians have started planting seeds for what can blossom into life-long learning for these Early College students.

Opening this past fall of 2014 with the first class of ninth graders, the Early College High School on the UNC Charlotte Campus operates as a district-wide “magnet” school that focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with an emphasis in energy and engineering. The program is housed in the new Charlotte Engineering Early College building near the EPIC building. With this program, CMS and UNC Charlotte are working together to help provide exposure to career pathways in engineering as well as energy sectors and to increase access to college learning.

“When I sat in on the discussion for the Early College, I thought how it makes sense for the liaisons for Education and Engineering to be involved. It’s an opportunity for us to broaden their scope of access to the library. After the initial contact with CMS, Jeffrey took over. He’s been giving the students an orientation to the library,” says Moore, Education Librarian.

With the program lacking a library, Moore and McAdams found it even more necessary to reach out to this group. They found a way to connect with these ninth graders by offering assistance with their research projects.

“The orientation that I provide includes a tour of the library and basic instruction...
Monika Soler Correa Joins Interlibrary Loan

Monika Soler Correa

I was born in El Salvador, but my mom is Cuban and my dad is Argentinian. I have a brother from Arizona and one from Costa Rica and my husband is from Mexico. My grandparents and great grandparents were from Spain. I always say we cover all of the regions of Latin America. Besides North Carolina, I have lived in Florida, Louisiana, Connecticut, California, and Idaho. I am currently a Borrowing Assistant in ILL and a Circulation and Reserve Desk Assistant. Before coming to Atkins, I worked in the hospitality industry as waitress and hostess for about ten years on and off. I graduated in December 2014 with a B.A. in English and History from UNC Charlotte. I am currently in graduate school at UNC Charlotte in the Latin American Studies program and I hope to pursue my MLS degree in the future. Lastly, I am married and I have three boys and one dog.

Atkins at Work

Ann Davis, Interlibrary Loan

Tricia Kent, Special Collections

Mendy Ozan, Research and Information Services
**Bob Price**

I am the AUL of Technology and Digital Scholarship. I have worked for Atkins for three years and one month.

I am originally from the Midwest, but I have been living in North Carolina since 2006.

In my free time I like to spend time with my family. I love the outdoors. Some of my favorite outdoor activities include distance running and hiking.

Many people don’t know that my wife and I ran a group home for pregnant unwed teenagers. At one point, my wife was pregnant and we had six pregnant teenagers. It was always interesting to go out nightly in search of unorthodox food combinations.

I recently finished the *Anatomy of Peace*, a follow up to one of my all time favorite books, *Leadership and Self-Deception*.

When I was younger, I wanted to have my own library.

If I had three wishes they would be to have people conduct themselves with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control; that everyone would be working on self-actualization within Maslow’s Hierarchy; and to have unlimited wishes.

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**Suzanne Penninger**

I am the Administrative Associate in Research Services. I have worked for Atkins for 14 ½ years. I have worked on campus for 20 years.

I am originally from Huntersville, NC.

In my free time I enjoy riding my horse, reading and spending time with my 23 year-old twins.

Many people don’t know that I have grandchildren.

The last book I read was *Cover of Snow*.

When I was younger I wanted to be a veterinarian.

If I had three wishes, they would be to stop domestic violence; child abuse and neglect; and to stop animal cruelty.

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**Lolita Rowe**

I am the Archival Specialist in Special Collections. I have worked for Atkins for almost eight years.

I am originally from Swansea, SC.

In my free time I like to read, explore Charlotte, and binge watch movies/TV shows on Netflix.

Many people don’t know that I played in marching band and participated in the CARQUEST Bowl Halftime show.

The last movie I saw was *Selma*.

When I was younger I wanted to travel and learn about different cultures.

If I had three wishes they would be to find a way to travel around the world without breaking the bank, to attend a movie premiere, and to go shopping with Kate Middleton.
on how to find a book using Library of Congress call numbers. The LC system is different for the students because they are used to using the Dewy system. These students are very respectful and they demonstrate a demeanor that shows that they want to learn. By the time they get to me, they’ve done their homework. They show up with an index card with a call number on it, ready to go up to the stacks to find their books,” says McAdams.

But this is just the beginning. Moore and McAdams plan to take this partnership even further.

“We plan to get more involved with student assignments in the near future. We would like to work with the CMS teachers to see what their needs might be. Some activities could include sessions on plagiarism and evaluating websites,” says McAdams.

“I can’t stress enough how important it is to build a relationship with the teachers. The closer we get to them, the better we can identify their students’ needs to best serve them. We have a juvenile collection here along with so many other resources. These students can really take advantage of what we have,” says Moore.

Test Your Knowledge Answers:

- Reginald Hawkins
- The UNC Charlotte “Pride of Niner Nation” Marching Band
- UNC Charlotte’s third chancellor