A New Era Begins

Atkins Library meets new Dean

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“Just call me Anne. Dr. Moore is too academic for me,” says Anne Moore, the new dean of Atkins Library and a librarian who has actually read every classic book there is, naming Thomas Hardy and John Steinbeck two of her favorite authors.

The library profession has always welcomed all backgrounds into the field and Moore, with her Spanish and English degrees from Duke University, is a perfect example of what the profession can be: unique, creative and unpredictable. Don’t think that you can put Moore in a “traditional” librarian category, her latest interest in books erases that stereotype of the “typical” librarian. Moore says, “The last books I read were the Fifty Shades of Grey Trilogy by E.L. James.”

Originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Moore prefers fiction and likes listening to books and reading them from her Kindle. “I’ve gotten rid of a lot of my physical books and I usually spend about an hour a day reading for pleasure,” she says.

But reading isn’t all she does. She finds time to spend with Molly, her nearly seven-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. She exercises with her by running and walking about 60 miles a week as she typically covers seven to nine miles a day. “I exercise a lot. I am an aerobics queen. I actually enjoy all kinds of exercise. My day starts at 5am, when I take Molly with me. She enjoys walking and running with me and she doesn’t even need a leash,” says Moore.

Traveling along with shopping and dining out are other things that Moore enjoys. She’s managed to travel the globe and still make it back to the Carolinas, where she attended college. “I love to travel. I’ve been to most places in the world with the exception of the Middle East, Far East, Australia and New Zealand,” she says.

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Special Collections Welcomes Nikki Thomas

I grew up just north of Charleston, SC., but I’ve been primarily living in central Texas in the Austin and the San Antonio area since 2002.

I just started as the Archivist for Collection Management in Special Collections in May. Before coming to Atkins, I was the Manuscripts Curator/Archivist for the University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries in the Special Collections Department. I have a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of South Carolina and a MSIS (Master of Science in Information Studies) from the University of Texas at Austin.

I am extremely excited about my new position. I look forward to tackling large projects, learning the collections and collaborating with library and university faculty and staff.

Since moving here, I have been enjoying the Charlotte weather. It is a little cooler here as compared to San Antonio. The nice weather has allowed me to do more exploring of the city parks and greenways.

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Melanie Sorrell
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Sophia Timberlake

I am the Continuing Resources Manager in Technical Services.

I have worked for Atkins for 20 years.

I am originally from Pearisburg, Virginia.

In my free time I like to spend time with my family, read, and watch HGTV’s House Hunters.

Many people don’t know that I am a big Carolina Panthers Football fan and that I try to make sure I attend a home game whenever I get a chance.

The last movie I saw was Annie.

When I was younger I wanted to be a dentist.

If I had three wishes they would be to have unlimited budget to travel anywhere at any time with my family, that all people could live in peace and harmony, and to guarantee raises for everyone each year.

Derek Norton

I am a Software Developer in the Digital Initiatives Department.

I have worked for Atkins for six months.

I am originally from Orchard Park, New York, a suburb of Buffalo.

In my free time I like to mountain & road bike, bowl and travel. I have been to several countries including England, Italy, Ireland, Malta, Aruba, and The Bahamas.

Many people don’t know that I am in a bowling league.

The last movie I saw was Unfinished Business.

When I was younger I wanted to be an FBI agent. I actually started out as an Intelligence Studies major at Mercyhurst University but ultimately switched because of my passion for computers and technology.

If I had three wishes, they would be to always remain healthy, to be able to travel the world without budgetary constraints, and to be able to time travel so I could experience history.

Bonnie Cole

I am the Library Tech for Circulation and Reserves.

I have worked for Atkins for 15 years.

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio and moved to South Florida after college.

In my free time, I like to relax with family, travel and do crafts.

Many people don’t know that I collect Planet of the Apes memorabilia from the 60’s to today.

The last book I read was Pandemonium by Lauren Oliver. The last movie I saw was Mad Max.

When I was younger I wanted to be a school teacher.

If I had three wishes they would be to have good health, no poverty and world peace.

Jeffrey McAdams

I am the Science and Engineering Librarian.

I have worked for Atkins for 11 months.

I am originally from Wichita, Kansas.

In my free time I like to read and listen to music.

Many people don’t know that one of my eyes is very sensitive to sunlight.

The last book I read was The Fifties by David Halberstam.

When I was younger, I wanted to be a writer or a stuntman.

If I had three wishes they would be for free airplane tickets for life, perfect vision, and a long life with my wife.
Although Moore has, literally, been all over the place, she has plans to stay right here at home to watch her favorite NFL team, the New England Patriots, play the Panthers this season. A big sports fan, Moore hasn’t let being away from the Carolinas deter her from the biggest rivalry in college basketball. “I really enjoy professional sports, but I always have to watch the UNC/Duke basketball games,” says Moore.

While growing up in a service-oriented environment, Moore established her life principles early on, learning from those who were closest to her. “Both my mother and father inspired me. My parents put a big emphasis on helping people. As a cardiologist, my father was dedicated to service. He helped children with heart defects and he was also the personal cardiologist of former NFL football player, Joe Namath. I saw how my mother helped people too—she was a volunteer. As a Public Library Trustee in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the Broward County Library system, she gave speeches about the importance of reading and Intellectual Freedom. I saw the service she provided when I would go with her to visit all the library branches and when I would go with her to different cities for ALA Conferences.”

Knowing her history with the library profession, one may think that Moore was destined to be a librarian, but the path she started on was much different than where she ended up, as she wanted to be a dermatologist, declaring Pre-med as her college major. When things didn’t work out, she changed her major to English, something that involved her passion for reading and writing.

Moore’s college experience at Duke led her to the library profession. “As my first library job, I was in charge of the subject card catalog at Perkins Library and implemented AACR2 subject headings. I also trained staff in using OCLC, which was on terminals at that time. Then I became a copy cataloger.

Moore’s professional experience is diverse as she has worked in every area of the library except Special Collections, a background that prepared her to hone in on the leadership skills that she feels are necessary to lead a team.

“A good leader knows that listening, communication, honesty, and having respect for others are essential skills in an organization. A good leader is someone who asks a lot of questions that help people see and achieve their potential. And a good leader is supportive, allowing people to do their jobs,” says Moore.

“I am excited about being here. We have the opportunity to make the library an integral part of the campus by serving students and faculty in new and creative ways. I see that all elements of greatness are here at Atkins. There are great people and faculty to work with and I’ve seen examples of what the library can be, which means that the library is capable of tremendous innovation and impact. I feel that if we can work on our culture and infrastructure, we can do so much more as a team and as a whole library,” says Moore.