Walker Helps Guide Future Leaders

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March Madness wasn’t the only excitement going on this past month: the North Carolina Regional Science Olympiad had local students taking shots at new challenges fueled by education, interests and the desire to compete. A day of chaos and creativity inspired by one thing—science. And Atkins Education and Psychology Librarian Judy Walker, was in the middle of it all.

Saturday, March 8th was the Regional (NCSO) North Carolina Science Olympiad competition for middle and high school students. The annual event drew in more than 2,500 participants from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan, and Union counties, eager to showcase their science interest from anything from rocket launches to disease detectives. “Science Olympiad is very beneficial to students because they really see science in different ways. We typically think of science as what we learned in school, plain old science, the bones of the body or just life and physical science. That is a part of it, but actually science involves so much more than that. We use science in our lives everyday. There isn’t anything in this world that does not involve science. We use it when we cook, when we try to lose weight. It’s used in sports. We use it all the time,” says Walker.

Walker has been involved with NCSO for the past eight years. This year she was responsible for designing the Solar System Challenge for middle school students. The challenge, distributed to students in a written test format, challenged the student’s knowledge on various things related to the solar system such as asking them to identify the layers of the moon, listing the parts of a comet and answering questions about the work of astronomers.

That’s pretty well where my head is, but my heart is determined to pause to take stock of the amazingly successful semester we’re about to complete. We’ve had so much success in every area, improvements and progress of every kind. You can and should be proud of everything you’ve done to make this happen, and you can rest assured that our community notices, approves, and supports. Thank you so much!
Collections Access and Outreach Services

The Atkins Library Undergraduate Research Awards program, part of the UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), will take place in the SAC on Friday, April 25, 2014. The awards program, established in 2012, offers five $1,000 awards to undergraduates in the following disciplinary categories:

- Arts/Architecture/ Humanities
- Social Sciences/Education
- Physical Sciences/Engineering (Stephen Mosier Award)
- Biological Sciences/Health Sciences
- Math/Computer Sciences

The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is a university-wide showcase of research projects completed by undergraduate students of all levels from all colleges and departments of the university. The URC is sponsored by Academic Affairs, the Atkins Library, the Charlotte Research Institute (CRI) and the Levine Scholars program.

Participants of the event have the choice of presenting alone or with a group. Presentations will be judged and awarded at the conference.

Collection Development and Electronic Resources

E-Textbooks at Atkins Library

The Course Adoption eBooks Database is up and running. This database allows patrons to search our existing eBook collections, and also search a list of selected titles that we are able to purchase for the Atkins Library collection upon request. Patrons can search for a specific title, author, ISBN, or by general keywords. Library owned eBooks are available to the campus for unlimited users at no additional cost to students or faculty.

Congratulations to Non-Serials Electronic Resources Librarian, Liz Siler. Baby Evelyn Mae Siler was born February 2, 2014.

Technology and Digital Scholarship

Heather McCullough and Bob Price were selected to participate in an invitation-only CNI Spring workshop on digital scholarship and humanities centers that examined the role, services, staffing, and programs of these centers. The highly competitive selection process determined its participants based on the strength of their mission statement, range and definition of services, demonstrated completed projects, and strong web presence. Other participating centers included Brown, Columbia, Emory, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U of Kansas, U of Richmond, and UVA.

Reese Manceaux and Heather McCullough participated in the semester-long Duraspace eScience Institute. The E-Science Institute is designed to help academic and research libraries develop a strategic agenda for e-research support, with a particular focus on the sciences. The Institute consists of a series of interactive modules that take small teams of individuals from academic institutions through a dynamic learning process to strengthen and advance their strategy for supporting computational scientific research. During the two-day final capstone meeting, Reese led our efforts to bring together the institutional assessment that was developed over the semester and drafted a strategic agenda for the library to use to build its capacity to support e-research.

Library Administration

Congratulations to Trang Do, one of three recipients of a scholarship awarded to individuals to attend the highly regarded Leadership Development Program conducted by the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro. This is an excellent career-enhancing opportunity for well-deserving managers to attend an internationally recognized development program, assisting in their own personal development as well as helping them become more effective leaders. Effective leaders are able to create and meet unit and departmental goals contributing to university wide initiatives. [http://www.ccl.org/leadership/programs/LDPOverview.aspx](http://www.ccl.org/leadership/programs/LDPOverview.aspx)
Research and Information Services

Research and Information Services took part in National Volunteer Week. Pamela Mason, Amanda Binder, and Mendy Ozan joined other UNC Charlotte faculty/staff and students plant 125 trees on Alumni Way in front of Holshouser Residence Hall near the tennis courts.

“I got involved with National Volunteer Week because it was an opportunity to build community within my department. This activity was very helpful to the campus. It provided an opportunity for faculty/staff and students to work together.”
—Amanda Binder

“On so many people turn out for this volunteer activity. The library ladies were great! They stayed late to make sure we finished the project.”
—Bart Davis, project coordinator

Technical Services

Technical Services has completed cataloging of the Graduate School theses backlog. This collection of graduate theses from all programs had very brief records in the catalog, but did not contain, among other fields, a call number, barcode or an abstract. Thanks to Dornette Scott and John Threatt for cataloging these so they are fully discoverable in WorldCat Local.

Special Collections

Special Collections welcomes Lolita Rowe to the unit and looks forward to her work with manuscript collections and social media.

Glass doors are coming to the 10th floor.

Digitization: Images produced by the LSTA grant, Living Charlotte can be viewed at the following url: http://digitalcollections.uncc.edu/

Student worker, Stacy Rue will present at the Society of North Carolina Archivists conference describing how she improved access to our comic book collection.

The unit is planning an exhibit for the anniversary of the SWANK Social Club, a club started in 1934 of African-American men in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Special Collections staff took a group photo in support of the UNC Charlotte Art of Light Photography Club. The students used an antique camera with a metal plate to create a vintage image using the wet collodion process.

University Archives confirmed and assisted in the recreation of a diploma for a 1964 Charlotte College alumnus. In the past, Miss Bonnie wouldn’t issue diplomas to students if they failed to attend graduation.
I am the Science Librarian. I have worked for Atkins for nine months.

I grew up in Dallas, Texas.

In my free time, I like to explore Charlotte tourist destinations with my husband.

Many people don’t know that I beat most of the boys at Junior Olympics in the high jump and other track events.

The last movie I saw was MURPH: The Protector.

When I was younger, I wanted to learn everything I could about the Animal Kingdom.

If I had three wishes they would be to meet my ancestors, take a riverboat cruise down the Mississippi River, and return to the summer camp of my youth.

I am the Business & Technology Application Analyst. I have worked for Atkins for twelve years.

I am originally from Charlotte, North Carolina. I came into the world at Presbyterian Hospital. My hometown is Kannapolis, North Carolina.

In my “free” time, I like to rest, have fun with my friends, go antiquing, be out in the sunshine, and learn new things. I also enjoy visiting my family in New Mexico.

Many people don’t know that I am a classically trained graphics artist; I can realize anything I imagine, and I have quite the imagination. I am currently teaching myself Spencerian Script using 150 year old sources, tools, and materials. Beautifully handwritten things stand out more so than ever in this overly digital age.

The last book I read was Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala. The last movie I saw was Captain America 2, in 3-D of course.

When I was younger, I wanted to play video games for a living. The 1982 movie Tron had a heavy influence on my career. I really do fight every day for the users, which are Atkins Library’s patrons and employees. It’s exhausting, but our noble mission is worth it and is very meaningful.

If I had three wishes they would be to eliminate child homelessness and hunger, and for a great wife and family of my own.

I am the Architecture Supervisor/Accounts Coordinator. I have worked for Atkins for one year and seven months.

I am originally from Hickory, North Carolina.

In my free time, I like to travel, read, take walks, work with animal rescue, and spend time with my husband and children.

Many people don’t know that I worked at Lowe’s Home Improvement Corporate Office before coming to UNC Charlotte. The last movie I saw was Gravity.

When I was younger, I wanted to work at Sotheby’s or Christie’s Auction Houses.

If I had three wishes they would be to win the lottery, for my children to graduate from college and lead happy lives, and to visit the UK/Europe again.

I am the Digital Scholarship Librarian. I have worked for Atkins for four and a half years.

I am originally from Southern California and Michigan.

In my free time, I like to read and cook.

Many people don’t know that I went to the same high school as Snoop Lion aka Snoop Dogg!

The last book I read was A Song of Ice and Fire. The last movie I saw was Frozen.

When I was younger, I wanted to be an astronomer.

If I had three wishes they would be to travel the world, end hunger, especially for children throughout the world, and world peace.
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North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Each year NCSO hosts rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consists of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events. These competitions, held on university, community college, and public school campuses, involve various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology.

"Seeing and feeling the excitement of these students is extremely rewarding to me. I enjoy talking with them and seeing how they return to the competition each year. Since I’ve been involved with NCSO, I’ve noticed that these students have something in common—they are curious and they like the competitive aspect of sharing what they built or what they have discovered. And they are excited about it," says Walker.

Staff Making A Difference

We Are — Atkins
Presentations, Seminars, Articles, Webinars, Summits, Conferences, etc.

Alison Wilson was one of 21 university employees to be nominated for University Employee of the Year. Congratulations Alison!

Mendy Ozan will serve as a panelist for the Association of North Carolina Heath and Science Libraries 2014 spring meeting. She will be speaking on information needs of nursing students vs. practicing nurses as well as the adjustments she made in moving from a hospital library to an academic library. The meeting will take place on April 25 at the Southeast Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Heather McCullough’s article, “Developing digital scholarship services on a shoestring: facilities, events, tools, and projects,” was recently published in College & Research Libraries.

Michael Winecoff presented at the Staff Development Workshop, Discovering Outlook Monday, March 24 & Thursday, March 26. The workshop took place in Atkins 124.

Somaly Kim Wu has been working with a UNCC faculty member on the creation of a new OA journal published via our library’s OA system. Anticipated publication date is mid-fall 2014. Journal of Applied Educational and Policy Research is up and accepting submissions. https://journals.uncc.edu/jaepr/index

Donna Lanclos presented "Ethnography in a time of library change: the role of full-time qualitative research in academic library policy," at the Elliot University Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition, Lanclos led an informal discussion with library/LIS faculty/staff on qualitative research methodology and her research process in gathering and analyzing qualitative data about students and their needs.

Test Your Knowledge

Answers:

- 1965
- The Waste Land by T.S. Eliot
- John Chrysostom's Sermones Joh[ann]is Crisostomi de patientia Job (the Sermons of Job) published in 1471.
**Somaly Kim Wu** has been involved with the ALA Diversity Committee, Discovering Librarianship, for several years. In April she participated in an event at Cornell University where she spoke at Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations at the 17th Annual Social Justice Career Fair. As a field recruiter for the American Library Association’s Office of Diversity & Spectrum Scholarship, she speaks with ethnically diverse high school and college students about librarianship and pursuing a career in librarianship. Her participation is funded by ALA and she speaks locally and nationally on increasing minority representation in the profession. http://www.ala.org/offices/diversity/imals

**Denelle Eads** is the Chair of the NCLA Archives Committee. In March she began processing the NCLA Archives Records. The records are currently housed in Raleigh, North Carolina at the North Carolina State Library.

**Somaly Kim Wu** and **Donna Lanclos** co-led a webinar entitled Best Practices for Library Website User Experience for EasyBib. This webinar that took place April 16, 2014, is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvRbm7ATPWo. The webinar had 500 registrants and over 200 actual participants. The co-presenters received a number of positive emails and follow-up emails from this national presentation.

**Stress Management Essentials Workshop**

“I enjoyed taking the time to attend Jules Keith-Le’s Stress Management Workshop. She provided us with many different strategies to cope with stressful situations. I appreciated Jules’s positive attitude and would be happy to take a class with her again.”

—Rita Johnston

“I have to confess that I was skeptical going into the stress relief workshop on April 1st partly because I have already built stress relief techniques into my life, and partly because I had a feeling that I couldn’t afford the time in my work schedule. I was wrong. I found the workshop to be a comfortable, rewarding, informative, and uplifting experience that gave me very practical tools for dealing with stress, and that actually shifted my outlook on stress itself. I would highly recommend this workshop.”

—Tina Wright

“I enjoyed the workshop. While it was very informative it was also lots of fun. I left with many useful ideas to help me deal with stress daily.”

—Annette Boston