I AM THE LIBRARY
McKee Library Celebrates 40 years

In 1970, 448 US colleges and universities closed or went on strike, but in the peacefulness of the campus of Southern Missionary College (SMC) I was born. I replaced the aging A. G. Daniels Memorial Library and in August of that year, 60,000 books were transferred into me. I was given the name McKee Library in honor of the McKee family whose generous donation led to my successful completion. Charles Davis was the library director at this time.

I began to artistically enrich the lives of students on campus when Mary Ferris Kelly, a well-known local artist from Jasper, Tennessee, displayed artwork in 1971. Later, seniors from art and design classes exhibited the products of their creative imaginations on my main floor.

In 1972, Loranne Grace, Periodicals Librarian, announced that patrons had access to 950 periodicals in my expanding collection of holdings. As more and more students began to use my holdings, I felt needed and appreciated.

You can imagine my happiness when in March of 1973, the college established a formal library science department that would offer a minor in library science. That year SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network), an electronic interlibrary loan service, was added to my capabilities. Just when I thought that the year couldn’t get any better, Dr. Vernon Thomas, a Seventh-day Adventist physician, donated the Thomas Memorial Collection to my holdings. This collection is comprised of items relating to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.

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In the Library

MOSER AND TWAIN
Fine art and literature debut in the library

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When McKee Library was dedicated in the fall of 1970, Southern students had never seen a personal computer or heard of a VHS, CD, DVD, or e-anything. Since then the library has put its card catalog online, made computers available, added many electronic resources to the growing collection of books and periodicals, made available digital versions of many of Southern’s publications, and introduced wireless printing and scan-to-email services.

A makeover has made the library more attractive to students. The renovated periodicals area has a warmly lit reading nook, eight study rooms are available for student use, and the library boasts seventy computers. Periodical compact shelving on the main floor has created a multipurpose Knowledge Commons, where students can study in casual chairs or enjoy speakers, artists, storytellers, musicians, and others when they share their knowledge and talent.

The concerted efforts of the library team have rejuvenated the library. The McKee Library has recaptured the attention of the campus, experienced huge increases in usage, and is a popular collaborative study area. While space constraints remain as the student population continues to grow, there are great opportunities to expand library services beyond the traditional environment and have a strong positive impact on the learning experience at Southern Adventist University.

**Director’s Letter**

**NO MIDLIFE CRISIS HERE**

On October 11, 2008, a Bible written in over 66 languages started its around-the-world journey in the Philippines. For almost two years now this Bible has circled the globe in an attempt to inspire millions of Seventh-day Adventists to increased Bible study.

Mark Finley, Vice President of the General Conference, wrote in a Follow the Bible statement that “Historically the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been known as a People of the Book . . .” Sadly, today only 51% of Adventists have daily devotions and family worship. Ellen White writes in the Great Controversy that “none but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict.” Southern Adventist University supports the mission of bringing people to follow the Bible in their daily lives.

On June 14 Follow the Bible arrived in Collegedale. McKee Library held three special events. A Circuit Riding Preacher delivered the Bible to Cool Camp at the Collegedale Church. 100+ kids experienced the Bible in a unique way and learned what a circuit riding preacher was. The Bible then traveled by horse to Morning Pointe Assisted Living where the residents were encouraged to continue their daily reading of scripture. In the evening the Bible made a final stop on Southern’s campus where community members were inspired by many languages lifting their voices to God.

The Bible was then presented to a representative from the Southern Union whose task it was to carry the Bible to its final destination at the GC session in Atlanta.

**In the Library**

**CIRCUIT RIDING PREACHER COMES TO TOWN**

Follow the Bible, a worldwide initiative sponsored by the General Conference, stopped in Collegedale on the way to its final destination at the General Conference Session in Atlanta.

Over 100 Cool Camp kids were able to view the special Bible written in over 66 languages. A highlight of the event was the circuit riding preacher and his horse.

Residents at Morning Pointe, The Lantern, and Green Briar Cove lifted up their voices in the old time hymn “Give Me the Bible” and heard pastor Myron Jenkins share the importance of reading the Bible.

Community members gathered on the steps of Wright Hall to read the Bible in over 20 languages including German, Croatian, Japanese, Spanish, and American Sign Language. Justo Morales, above, read in Greek.
AN INTERVIEW WITH MARGE SEIFERT

“My job is absolutely wonderful. It’s a treasure hunt every day!”

Marge, where did you go to college and what was your first job after you graduated?
I went to Union where I majored in Home Economics with minors in Library Science and Education. Then I taught home economics and was the librarian at Platt Valley Academy. I was there for two years and then my friend and I decided to go to Andrews. There I got my MA in Teaching and also met my husband. My next job was at Collegedale Academy (CA) where I also taught Home Economics and was the school librarian.

When did you decide to focus your career on librarianship?
It was partly out of necessity. Home economics is no longer as important in our society as it should be. But I also had a great mentor. At Union I worked in the library with Chloe Foutz. She was vivacious and loved people. Don’t get me wrong we worked hard, but we learned how to enjoy our work. Chloe knew how to help people and she knew her sources. I admired that. So while I was working at CA I went to UTK and got my Masters of Science in Library Science. In 1999 I accepted a position at McKee Library as a reference librarian.

Tell me about Marge’s Minute?
While at CA I started Marge’s Minute. At faculty worship I would share a new book or resource that the library had. It is so important to bring awareness to the faculty of what the library has to offer so that their students can best utilize the library. When I came to Southern I asked to continue Marge’s Minute at University Assembly once a month.

During your time at McKee Library what has been your focus?
Customer service is really, really important. I love working with students and helping them through their interaction at the library. As the library here has grown I have also started doing more instruction. My goal is to know every faculty member and to work with them, with the curriculum, to see how library resources can be integrated into classes.

What are your goals for the library?
I believe that all “W” classes should have a library component. With the glut of information now available through the Internet, librarians are needed more than ever to help students sort through it all. I also strive to know what the faculty are doing in their academic research so that I can keep an eye out for references that might help them. Again, it all comes back to good service.

WELCOME SARA

The library welcomes Southern alum Sara Mirucki to the Periodicals Department. We are excited to have her on the team!

JOB TITLE
Library Office and Periodicals Manager

EDUCATION
BS in Family Studies, minor in Entrepreneurial Management. Currently completing a MA in Gerontology Management.

GOALS
I want to help the library operate as a well oiled machine, with an emphasis on cohesive team-building and organization. I hope to promote cross-training in order to gain a better concept of the whole library and get to know each other. Stop by my office for help or just to say hello. I’d love to meet you!

FAVORITE BOOKS
Girl of the Limberlost by Gene Stratton Porter, classical rock biographies, literature favorites, and WWII historical material.

FAREWELL SHIRLEY

Shirley Bennett retired this summer having spent almost twenty years helping students at the library. She will be dearly missed.

“When working with Mrs. Bennett I remember she always had a ready smile that made any job go more pleasantly. If I had a question I could count on Mrs. Bennett to help me find out the answer.”
Seth Shaffer, student worker

“Shirley has provided excellent service to the University community. Among her many skills was her ability to supervise student workers. She was always caring while at the same time she modeled timeliness, attention to detail, and emulated Christ’s love to all.”
Joe Mocnik, Director of Libraries

“It has been a joy working with Shirley for the past 12 years. Whether helping students get started with their research, shifting periodicals, or changing the whole department around, she gave it her all.”
Patricia Beaman, library colleague
THE MCKEE LIBRARY TIMELINE

1962
A library survey recognizes the need for additional library space and more books, should Southern continue on its present course of increased growth.

1970
McKee Library opens. Square feet increase from 12,000 to 36,500. The library holds 69,034 volumes with a proposed shelving capacity of 200,000! The building is designed to house a third floor when need is apparent.

1978
The general collection is re-classified under the Library of Congress system. A Microfiche Reader was purchased (with cards from almost a century of Review and Harold magazines) and the library owned 8 typewriters.

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events were happening all around me. Project ANGEL (Adventist Network of Georgia-Cumberland Elementary Libraries) was born to assist 63 elementary and junior high schools by acting as a regional library system. Peg Bennett replaced Charles Davis as library director, my doors were now closed during chapel, the outdated card catalog was replaced by a computerized version, and Lois Doherty, library staff worker, retired after 31 years of service.

In the 1990s SMC became Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, and then Southern Adventist University. Gordon Bietz became president. My Ellen G. White room was enlarged with White’s unpublished writings, other buildings on campus were connected to my holdings by way of computerized technology, and my card catalog became available through the Internet from around the world.

The 2000s brought a lot of changes. A computer lab with 50 computers was added to my second floor; Peg Bennett retired as Library Director and was followed by Genevieve Cottrell and then Joe Mocnik, current Director of Libraries. ALEPH, an integrated library

Before 2007

The library was built in 1970 with a vision for the future. Its large size has enabled it to remain a useful space for 40 years.

The periodicals area, along with the rest of the library, retained its 1970’s vibe until three years ago when a modern transformation took place. See photos on the next page.

The library was built before computers played a prominent role in the function of the library. Use of the computer shown above did not include Internet or the card catalogue pictured in the background.
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2000

During 2000-01 school year library attendance reaches 80,903 and 14,310 of the 130,798 volumes in the collection are checked out. 28 computer stations are available to students. The library increases its open hours to 72.5.

2009/10

Last school year attendance reached 264,983. 22,851 books were checked out of the 170,176 volume collection. This year 70 computers are available to students. The library is open 76.25 hours a week. The remodeling of the library creates an inviting place for students to learn.

The Library Today

Innovative technology keeps the library up-to-date. Wireless printing allows students to press print on a computer anywhere on campus and then stop by any library printer to pick up their document on the way to class.

The creation of the Knowledge Commons has provided an excellent venue for lectures, student activities, and special events. Above, book author Bruce Coston entertained students with his animal tales.

In 1971 the library displayed the work of a local artist. This tradition continues today with student and local community exhibits like The Creation exhibit, by Southern student Julie Hambridge, pictured above.
McKee Library has been a center for learning ever since it opened in 1970, but last year it created a wonderful new opportunity for students to gain experience as well as knowledge through its new summer internship program. Joe Mocnik, library director, said he got the idea from his own student experience. “Through my internships for history and foreign relations, I built relationships that I still appreciate today,” he explained.

The internship also offers librarians an opportunity to build relationships with students. “Mentoring is a really important role for us,” Mocnik said. “The internship solidifies students’ idea of what they want to do by showing them what librarianship is all about,” said Marge Seifert, reference librarian. The internship, which takes place over ten weeks during the summer, offers graduating seniors a chance to see that 21st century librarianship is anything but boring. During the internship, students spend one week in each department; their experience ranges from library administration and public relations to the circulation department and technical services. Interns are also able to attend the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians conference.

The library’s first intern, Allison Mirande, now works at the Augusta R. Kolwyck Library at Chattanooga State Community College. This summer’s intern, Melissa Faifer, graduated from Southern with a Bachelor’s in English in May and plans to enter graduate school for librarianship in the Fall. While Faifer always appreciated the constant learning atmosphere of the library as a student, she enjoys interning even more. “I’ve learned so much from being here,” she said. “I’m finding things I’m good at and I really appreciate the opportunity they’ve given me to cultivate an interest in the library and to use my talents for serving others. This is where I want to be.”

Melissa Faifer is the library’s second intern. This semester she starts her Master’s in Library Science.
The services and resources that McKee Library provides to students at Southern Adventist University would not be possible without student workers. Student workers provide the manpower that keeps the library up and running when students have papers to write and projects to work on. In fact, student workers are the library’s most valuable resource.

McKee Library student positions are also beneficial to the students that work at the library. The money that student workers earn helps them afford the quality Christian education that they receive at Southern. The faculty and staff at McKee Library have decided to increase their support of library student workers by founding the McKee Library Scholarship.

This scholarship will provide two library student workers with a $250 need based scholarship. The initial fundraising goal of $500 will allow us to offer this scholarship to two students next year. Join us in reaching our goal!

This Spring Friends of McKee Library organized a used book sale. As the library works to improve its collection, old books that no longer meet the needs of library patrons are removed. This year’s sale included a huge selection of outdated nursing books, general reference, computing, and children’s books. Some donated books were also sold.

“We started out with 7 tables and 7 carts of books. With each book selling for 25 cents, it was hard not to find something to take home and read” said Marcella Morales, Friends coordinator.

The sale, which lasted two weeks, sold more than 600 books and raised over $200 for Friends. Morales was excited to see the book sale come together and hopes that the library will continue to sell books it withdraws from its collection.

Lights volunteers were instrumental in setting up and sorting the books for sale. Morales plans to involve Friends and volunteers more in future sales.

The sale benefited more than students and faculty at Southern. Over 100 books were pre-selected and donated to the General Conference as a part of their initiative to send resources to sister universities in other countries.

Friends of McKee Library

1ST ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

With the library almost at full capacity, any time a new book comes in, an old book may go out. The sale provided a beneficial alternative to throwing old and outdated books away.

The library development

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BE A FOUNDING MEMBER

OF FRIENDS OF MCKEE LIBRARY

Join Friends of McKee Library as a founding member and be one of the first to participate in this exciting new program. Friends support the library through volunteer opportunities and financial gifts. Friends also contribute to the academic and cultural events held at the library. In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the library, Founding Membership is being offered through December 31, 2010 for $100. Membership dues will support a special library project and a plaque commemorating founding members will be hung in the library. For more information email library-friends@southern.edu or call 423.236.2027.
## LOOKING FORWARD: FALL SEMESTER 2010

### August 24
- **Scream**

### August
- **Welcome Back Party**
  - 8 p.m.
  - McKee Library

### September 23
- **Barry Moser exhibit and lecture**
  - 7 p.m.
  - World renowned artist and illustrator showcases his Biblical woodcuts.

### September 24
- **Happy 40th**
  - **McKee Library**
  - 9-12
  - “Can you dig it?”
  - Tie-dye a T-shirt.
  - Enjoy a Little Debbie.

### October 29
- **Recitation III**
  - 10 a.m.
  - McKee Library
  - Celebrating the library’s new special collection of Mark Twain’s works.

### October 29
- **Shane Anderson Lecture and Panel**
  - 1:30 p.m.
  - McKee Library
  - Where is Adventist education headed?

### October 30
- **1st Southern Scholars Lunch**
  - 12 p.m.
  - McKee Library

### October 30
- **An Evening with Mark Twain**
  - 8 p.m.
  - Iles PE Center

### November 2
- **40 Day Celebration**
  - All-day Event
  - Join us in celebrating the 40th day of the 40th anniversary of the library.

### October 31
- **Author Fair**
  - 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - McKee Library

### December
- **40th Anniversary Year-end event**