Since opening in 1970, McKee Library has a long tradition of working with the students of Southern Adventist University. Students can browse through reference books or periodicals, make use of the interlibrary loan system, search the media section, or explore the database system filled with electronic journals. Skilled librarians assist students in choosing the right materials to meet their needs, all in order to improve their knowledge base and critical thinking skills.

The Writing Center, opened in the fall of 2005, helps students learn to improve their writing. Through one-on-one tutoring, students learn how to identify their own writing strengths as well as how to improve weaker areas. Overall, the Writing Center helps students learn writing skills that are useful through college and for the rest of their lives.

Now the two departments are merging in order to combine resources and better serve Southern Adventist University’s students. While students have always been able to visit the Writing Center in person, joining with the library will result in an expanded web presence. Students will be able to make use of an online appointment book to schedule their sessions with Writing Center tutors. Students will also be able to use various video tutorials that discuss the writing process, explain the steps in common writing assignments, and help students practice their grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure skills through exercises with immediate answers. When working on research papers, students will be able to explore various popular citation guides in order to learn how to correctly cite sources.

This semester the library is excited to bring to campus a modern interlibrary loan system. Formally known as ILLiad (the electronic document exchange service is called—you guessed it—Odyssey), the system is fast, streamlined, intuitive, and paperless. This system automates routine interlibrary loan functions to increase productivity and speed processing time. ILLiad lets users serve themselves, connecting them to a global network of more than 10,000 libraries. Using the new web interface, library users can not only submit requests online, but track their interlibrary loan items throughout the entire loan process. They can also view their loan history, request renewals, and cancel items no longer needed.
cite their source material. Best of all, the new online resources will also offer distance-learning students the same services as on-campus students.

There are also plans to improve service to graduate students. While the Library and Writing Center have always been available to both undergraduate and graduate students, the majority of use comes from undergraduate students. With the merge comes increased opportunities and abilities to work with graduate students.

Future plans also include possible changes in the layout of the library. One tentative scheme involves relocating the Writing Center from the basement to the main floor, which will allow better collaboration between tutors and reference librarians. Other modifications to the floor plan are being discussed and will be made public when finalized.

The start of great opportunities are ahead as McKee Library and the Writing Center combine to better provide academic support to the students of Southern Adventist University.

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**FLOWER REFLECTIONS**

**January- May**

This semester, McKee Library’s art gallery features photography by Lamar Phillips, a 1963 alumnus of Southern Missionary College. Phillips’ interest in photography began in Honduras in 1997 and grew throughout his subsequent travels. Retired in 2010, he and his wife Felicia currently live in Ooltewah, Tennessee. For further selections from his photography collection, Phillips can be contacted at 423.827.9801.

**AMERICANA PRINTS BY AWARDWINNING ARTIST**

**January - May**

An exhibit of Malcolm Childers’ prints is displayed on the main floor of the library this semester. Childers, a former professor in the School of Visual Art and Design at Southern Adventist University, is an award-winning artist whose work has been shown in more than 100 regional and national juried exhibitions. More information on Childers’ life and body of work can be found at malcolmchilders.com.

**GET TO KNOW THE MCKEE LIBRARY COLLECTION**

**January - May**

McKee Library is highlighting titles within its collection that focus on outdoor adventure and survival stories. A number of books and movies that fit this genre are displayed on the first floor near the main staircase and are available for check-out.

**USED BOOK SALE**

**April 22- May 10**

Looking for a good deal? Buy a used book at the library. All books are twenty-five cents. Proceeds benefit Friends of McKee Library.

For more information, contact Sara Mirucki at 423.236.2792 or Katie McGrath at 423.236.2791.

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**New at the Library**

**RECENT ADDITIONS**

**Art, accommodations, and new staff member**

**Films on Demand**

The library now has access to Films on Demand, a database of streaming educational and documentary films. Find this database by clicking on the “Articles” tab on the library website, then on the “Browse All Databases” link. Scroll down to Films on Demand and enjoy!

**Photography**

Two of Seth Shaffer’s photographs are now on permanent display on the main floor of the library. Shaffer is a senior history major and library student worker. His photograph entitled Church Under the Stars won second place in the Wilderness Wildlife Photography Contest in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

**Tables**

The library has acquired six new study tables in order to accommodate its growing patron numbers and to provide accurate study space for Southern’s students.

**Assistant Circulation Manager**

Luis Rodas, a Southern alum, is the new Assistant Circulation Manager at McKee Library. Rodas is no stranger to libraries. As an undergraduate theology student, he worked in McKee Library’s Circulation department. After graduating, he moved back home to California and gained a position at the Glendale Public County Library. He also worked in the Heritage Room at La Sierra University Library.

In his free time, Rodas enjoys all types of lively and outdoor activities. His favorite sport to play is soccer. McKee Library is happy to have Rodas on the team!
Gone are the days of copy and paste! When users find materials cited in a database, catalog, or other online information service, with a single click the OpenURL resolver automatically sends a citation to ILLiad for fulfillment. In many cases, the request will be automatically routed to potential lenders, without requiring library staff to assist. Library staff will touch the item for the first time when it is actually delivered to the library, dramatically reducing the processing time required to obtain new items. In fact, it is now possible to fill requests for electronic content within hours, often on the same day requests are made.

ILLiad is tightly integrated with WorldCat, the world’s most comprehensive bibliographic database. WorldCat connects librarians, students, researchers, and other library users to more than 230 million records and 5,000 years of recorded knowledge. Updated at the rate of nearly one new record every 10 seconds, WorldCat contains bibliographic records and holdings information contributed by more than 9,000 libraries around the world. With ILLiad’s one-click integration, McKee Library is a user’s portal to easily access this vast storehouse of knowledge.

The ILLiad interface tracks all users’ requests and notifies them when requests are complete. It even shows their request status in real time, so they can see when each item is likely to be filled. This feature makes it easy for researchers who need specific articles by a certain deadline to plan their work.

We are very excited about the addition of ILLiad to McKee Library’s suite of services designed to support the teaching and research activities occurring on campus. Try it out! We guarantee that you’ll love the speed, user control, and simplicity of the new paperless, web-based interlibrary loan service.

**TRANSITIONS**

**Marcella Morales moves into new role**

After three and a half years at McKee Library, Marcella Morales has accepted the post of marketing director at the Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tennessee. Morales began working at the library in 2009, where she was instrumental in starting Friends of McKee Library and developing the library newsletter. In 2011 she became the assistant circulations manager, working in the evenings to help maintain a safe study atmosphere and to supervise student library workers.

We thank Morales for her years of service at McKee Library and wish her God’s blessings in this new position.

**Director’s Letter**

**A Recap on Development**

There are so many good things happening at the library right now, that space does not allow me to talk about all of them, but I do want to mention three exciting developments.

First, the university’s Writing Center, under the direction of Becky Whetmore, is now part of McKee Library’s organizational structure. We are excited about this development because we see writing and research as key functions of a library on a university campus. In fact, the Writing Center is so important to us that we plan to move it to the library’s first floor where it will be more prominently featured. We want our students to know about the great help they can receive from Becky and her outstanding team of writing consultants. Stay tuned for additional developments in this area.

The second development I wish to talk about here is the installation of ILLiad, a new software product which will greatly enhance our inter-library loan (ILL) service. This product will dramatically increase efficiencies in this area, streamlining the request process and thus making it easier to request items through ILL.

Finally, I must mention the library’s new institutional repository. This is a software package that allows us to showcase research that is happening around campus. For example, faculty will now have a place to display their intellectual output, including peer-reviewed journal articles they have written, or presentations made at conferences. Our implementation of this package is going to be called KnowledgeExchange@Southern, and we are presently in the process of rolling it out. We will share additional information as this new resource becomes available.

Our hope is that the projects mentioned here will benefit the entire university and individual research projects. Thank you for continuing to support your library!

Sincerely,

Dan Maxwell
Perspectives of a Student

During my undergraduate years at Southern, I spent over half of my time at McKee Library. In the summer of my sophomore year, I was fortunate to get a job in the Periodicals department, and I continued working in the library until I graduated. I have loved libraries since I was small, so it was only natural for me to end up working there.

Some of my classes occasionally met in the library for an interactive instruction session. We spent the class period learning how to find articles and books using the library website. As a history major, I took Research Methods in History, a senior class that met in the Lincoln Library on the third floor. The room provided us with a unique, quiet place to meet where we were surrounded by the very books we were using for our own research.

My favorite of the library’s services and the most useful part of the library was the availability of computers and laptops. It was really nice to be able to print papers and use the databases without having to carry around my own computer. Evidently other students also found the computers useful; sometimes I would have a hard time finding one that wasn’t being used.

The study rooms in the library were a perfect place to meet when my classmates and I studied together. They were very popular since there were not many places on campus where students could meet together. Whenever I went in the library, I could see that these rooms were being used efficiently.

During my last summer at Southern, I had the privilege of working as the library intern. As I look back on my Southern experience, I cannot imagine it without the library. The university has done a great job investing in the library over the years. As I look into the future, I hope that McKee Library will continue to be a place of quiet inspiration for generations of students to come.

THE LIBRARY EFFECT

Jennifer Brain, last summer’s library intern, reflects on her experience

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