On Tuesday, April 29, 2008, the Laupus Library launched its Inaugural Friends event. An afternoon social was held in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery and attended by 78 community leaders including former ECU Chancellor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Eakin, City of Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn, and the Honorary Chair of the Friends Group, Mrs. Evelyn Laupus. The social provided an opportunity for guests to learn more about the continuing growth of the library and the need and role of the newly established Friends Group. The group listened to comments by the Laupus Library Director, Dr. Dorothy Spencer, and the Honorary Co-Chairs, Rep. Marian McLawhorn and Dr. Walter Pories.

Dr. Spencer kicked off the event with a brief history of the library and the progress it has made over its nearly 40 years of existence. From its start in the Old Cafeteria Building in 1969, the Laupus Library has transformed into a state-of-the-art biomedical information and technology services program.

“Whether you are a health sciences student, a health educator, a biomedical researcher, or a clinician searching for evidence-based information to use in treating patients, Laupus Library links you to the quality health information, technologies and services you need,” Dr. Spencer explained. “We serve all the schools and colleges of the Division of Health Sciences, as well as the four current research institutes of the division. In addition, we are the Library for Eastern AHEC and provide information services to Pitt County Memorial Hospital and University Health Systems. As the only academic health sciences library east of I-95, we are also a resource library of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, a program of the National Library of Medicine.”

Rep. Marian McLawhorn spoke of the importance of the library to the students and faculty, although it is often overlooked as part of the Health Sciences Division. She explained that it is critical for the library to have adequate resources for the work of the division to be done. With the support of the Friends Group the library will be able to continue its growth in resources and services.

Members of the Friends Group will act as the “library’s alumni.” They will serve as ambassadors to the community, financial supporters of the library, and organizers and participants in activities and special events. Projects the Friends support will benefit not only the library, but the entire Division of Health Sciences.

Dr. Walter Pories said a few words on the excellent information services Laupus Library provides and the importance of establishing a Friends Group. “Why am I a friend?” Pories asked. “Because it has been a good friend to me, my wife, my daughter, my associates and my patients. It is one of my best friends, and I am here to repay the friendship.”

Spencer asked attendees to consider serving on the Inaugural Friends Board. Board members should have experience in group leadership, program planning, and finance and project fund raising. The board has multiple roles for members, including recruiting other new Friends. Proposed goals for the first year include organizing the group structure, appointing working committees and conducting at least two Friends events. Inaugural Board members will also be asked to serve as philanthropic role models by making an annual contribution.

The first meeting of the Inaugural Board is tentatively planned for this summer. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a founding member of the Friends of Laupus Library or participating as an Inaugural Board Member, please contact Kelly Rogers, Public Communication Specialist, at rogerske@ecu.edu or 252-744-2232.

With the help and support of the Friends, Laupus Library will continue to be the “heart of it all.”
Spring semester 2008 has been a busy and eventful time for Laupus Library. On January 16, 2008 the Library hosted a luncheon for the visiting Minister of Health for the nation of Moldova. The strength of all the components of the Division of Health Sciences were highlighted, including the participation of our Library in a project to share duplicate medical texts and journals with the National Medical and Scientific Library of Moldova. This special day highlighted how the health sciences at ECU contribute to the University’s international mission.

The third Faculty Author Recognition program was held on April 2, 2008 during a luncheon in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery. Fifty-nine authors were recognized with eleven receiving Laupus Bronze Medallions in special recognition for their solo authorship of a book or monograph. This celebration of the research and creative endeavors of authors from throughout the Division of Health Sciences is maturing into an interdisciplinary celebration to which we all annually look forward.

On April 29, 2008 an afternoon social was held to launch the Inaugural Friends of Laupus Library. Invited guests included more than sixty University and community leaders who have supported Laupus Library in many different ways over the years including gifts of books and journals, naming spaces in the new building, contributing to the library through the annual campaign of the Medical & Health Sciences Foundation and through the gift of their time and efforts on our behalf. The Honorary Chair, Mrs. Evelyn Fike Laupus, was introduced to the gathering and Honorary Co-Chairs, Dr. Walter Pories and Representative Marian McLawhorn shared their thoughts on how Laupus Library serves both the health sciences community and the greater community of eastern North Carolina.

The University year ended on May 10 when students received their degrees at commencement. We will miss seeing these students, but know that during their time at ECU the librarians from Laupus Library helped them gain critical skills in how to access quality, evidence-based health information for use in patient care. We send our congratulations and best wishes to all in the class of 2008. We wish our faculty, staff and returning students a safe summer full of great experiences, and just the right amount of rest and recreation. We look forward to seeing you all safely back for Fall semester 2008!

Sincerely,

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Inaugural Friends Afternoon Social Photos
Spotlight on Service: Second Life

Since January 2008, Laupus Library has had a presence on East Carolina University’s Second Life campus. Second Life is a 3-D virtual world where people can create avatars for themselves and build either alone or in collaboration with others. Some people refer to it as a Massively Multiplayer Online Game; however, there is much more to Second Life than gaming. A lot of institutions are building campuses in Second Life as a way to reach out to distance education students. Many distance education students are concerned with the lack of community and social networking in distance education classes, and Second Life may be a way to build that sense of community.

Currently, Laupus Library is focusing on linking people in Second Life with already existing library resources as well as creating a virtual representation of the physical library. Possible future projects include streaming video tutorials through Second Life and creating virtual versions of exhibits that visit the real life Laupus Library.

To learn more about Second Life, check out the Second Life website at http://secondlife.com. If you are already in Second Life, please come visit our library at the SLURL http://slurl.com/secondlife/ECU%20II/51/71/25. This SLURL will teleport you directly to the East Carolina University Library which includes a wing for Laupus Library as well as the Joyner Academic Library.

Library Hosts 3rd Annual Faculty Author Recognition Awards

Fifty-nine East Carolina University health sciences faculty were honored on April 2nd for their published works at the 3rd Annual Faculty Author Recognition Awards. Faculty who published books, book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles between Sept. 1, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2007 were recognized.

One of the key missions of our Academic Health Center is the identification and dissemination of new knowledge through basic and applied research. Through research, faculty help to update and expand the total body of information available to support clinical service and education. Therefore, both the quality of the educational experience for students in the health sciences and the quality of the public health care are expanded by our knowledge of best practices and treatments.

As eastern North Carolina’s only academic health center, Laupus Library is proud to be a partner in this process. By working with researchers, educators and clinicians, we help link these diverse library users to the highest quality peer reviewed health information available to support their many scholarly endeavors.

“This event is designed to pay tribute to our valued colleagues, who have expanded and enriched the scholarly culture of our university and the research reputation of the Division of Health Sciences through your published works,” said Dr. Dorothy Spencer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communication and Information Resources and Director of Laupus Library.

Dr. Phyllis Horns, Interim Vice Chancellor for the Division of Health Sciences and Interim Dean of the Brody School of Medicine, presented eleven book authors with a Laupus bronze medalion. The Laupus Bronze was cast to commemorate the life of Dr. William E. Laupus, first Dean of the School of Medicine and first Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences at East Carolina University.

Dr. Nicholas H. Benson, Senior Associate Dean for the Brody School of Medicine, commended faculty for making time to publish in addition to their daily clinical and educational duties. Benson recognized 26 Brody School of Medicine faculty: Shawn Akula, Diana Antonacci, Yan-Hua Chen, Kim Dixon, Peggy Goodman, Donald Hoffman, Phyllis Horns, Christy Idle, Timothy Johnson, Kathryn Kelava, Isabelle Lemasson, Brian McMillen, Justin Moore, John Moskop, Barbara Muller-Borel, David Musick, Dale Newton, Lloyd Novick, Ronald Perkin, Walter Purkey, Sy Saed, Todd Savitt, Harwant Singh, Ann Sperry, Robert Torenberg and Kathryn Verbanac.

“We’re recognizing the labor of love and creativity that has gone into this work,” said Dr. Stephen Thomas, dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences. Thomas recognized Paul Bell, Martha Chapin, Anne Dickerson, Lloyd Goodman Jr., Monica Hough, Walter Jenkins, Terry Jones, Elizabeth Layman, Nathalie Micelle, Timothy Reisntter, Shari Sias and Mark Sebishi.

“Everybody is busy with research, teaching and service,” said Dr. Sylvia Brown, acting Dean of the College of Nursing. “We appreciate the efforts that you’ve taken.” Brown, who also published, recognized Martha Aligood, Rebecca Benjfield, Nellie Drees, Melody Edg, Martha Engleke, Laura Gaunt, Darlene Elizabeth Jesu, Bruce Leonard, Martha Libster, Sharon Longy, Martha McAuliffe, Connie Mulloix, Janice Neil, Dorothy Rentzler, Mary Ann Rose, Sharon Sarvey, Melissa Schwartz, Linda Steele, James Steele and Nancy Stephenson.

We invite you to view this year’s bibliography located on our website www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/far.cfm. We are pleased to recognize this year’s authors and congratulate them on achieving their publishing goals.

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Computer Lab Continues to Expand Services & Resources

The Laupus Library Computer Lab is pleased to announce the startup of our latest service – OpScan exam grading, Division of Health Sciences faculty and staff are encouraged to take advantage of this service which was previously only offered on main campus in Austin 103. Exams that are given on Pearson NCS bubble sheets should be accompanied by an answer key and an OpScan Grading Request form (these can be filled out upon drop-off or printed from www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/opscan.cfm). Exams should be dropped off to the Lab Manager on duty (room 2502).

We ask that you please allow up to 24 hours for processing, although many are completed sooner.

Another popular service offered through the Computer Lab has been the Equipment Loan Program. New to this service is the TurningPoint audience response system. TurningPoint integrates with Microsoft PowerPoint allowing audience members to interact in presentations by submitting responses to questions using a response card keypad. This loan comes in a bundle that includes a set of fifty response cards, a USB receiver, the software CD, and a laptop with the TurningPoint software installed. As with all loaned equipment, this service is reserved for Division of Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students.

A variety of educational, interactive, training and board review software is provided in the computer lab to enhance the various curriculums throughout the Division of Health Sciences. To facilitate group work, the lab offers two Collaborative Resource Centers (CRC) that feature large interactive SmartBoard® displays and speakers to provide sufficient audio if needed. The Assistive Technology Center is available for students with specific needs; it features an adjustable-height workstation, Optelec Clearview video magnifier, and JAWS® screen-reading software.

The computer lab continues to offer many services free of charge including laptop, digital camera, and digital camcorder loans which are checked out on a weekly basis. Large-format poster printing is one of the more popular services, enabling students and faculty to culminate research projects with an exceptional visual display. Students that may need additional help with hardware or software questions are encouraged to stop by the computer lab or schedule an appointment in advance with one of the Computer Lab Managers – Nate Saunders (saundersn@ecu.edu) or Chris Motteler (mottelerc@ecu.edu).

Health Information Online for North Carolinians

“NC Health Info allows North Carolinians to find information tailored just to them.”

—Beth Ketterman
Laupus Library Outreach

Finding information for the layperson about health and health services can be confusing — especially if you or someone you care about is ill. NC Health Info (www.nchealthinfo.org) makes the search easier for North Carolinians and the health care providers who serve them.

NC Health Info is an online guide to quality Web sites of health and medical information and local health services throughout the state. The University of North Carolina’s Health Sciences Library developed and manages the eight-year-old site, with content and other contributions coming from ECU librarians. The site has recently undergone a complete redesign, adding new features and functions.

Información en español
Recent estimates indicate that more than half a million North Carolinians speak Spanish at home. To meet the needs of this growing community, the entire site is translated into Spanish, available as an option from the main site or directly at www.nchealthinfo.org/es.

Go Local
With the Go Local feature, users can search for health care providers and services in a North Carolina county or city. From acupuncturists in Alamance County, to women’s health sites in Winston-Salem, NC Health Info connects North Carolinians to resources near them.

Featured topics
Periodically updated features highlight issues of current interest, Past topics in the spotlight have included “Flu Season” for the winter months (with links to sites about preventing, identifying and treating flu), and “Asthma” in the spring.

Full range of issues and services
NC Health Info seeks to be as comprehensive as possible. Health and medical topics the site already covers include chronic and infectious diseases and conditions, mental health, preventive health, medications, alternative medicine, public health and health-care processes and procedures — with more to come as the site grows.

NC Health Info brings together the knowledge of experts from across the state. Although managed by the Health Sciences Library at Chapel Hill and a team of dedicated staff, the site counts as partners a number of public and medical libraries, including the Laupus Library at ECU. Librarians at those institutions with an interest in consumer health serve as volunteer topic editors who find the best health and medical links to present on the site. Amy Blevins, Education and Instructional Technology Librarian, developed the topic page for Lung Cancer, and Beth Ketterman, Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, served on the steering and design committees.

NC Health Info was developed with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

To learn more or to provide comments and suggestions, contact project director Christie Silbajoris at Christie_Silbajoris@unc.edu.
Springtime into Summer with the History Collections

From now into September, visitors to the library will find new developments and interesting exhibits sponsored by the History Collections. The Reading Room on the 4th floor will see continued enhancements as Paul Gianino, Greenville’s own master furniture designer and builder, moves on from his recently completed third book case and begins work on a hand-crafted, maple reception desk. Gianino’s cases are striking features of the room and provide an excellent place to show historic and rare books in the collection.

Outside the History Collections Suite, glass display cases on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of the library will hold an impressive collection of historic microscopes through September. “Microscopes in the History of Medicine and Biology from the Collection of Donald R. Hoffman, PhD” is the largest in-house exhibit the library has ever mounted. Dr. Hoffman, a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at ECU’s Brody School of Medicine, curated this fabulous display that includes over 40 historically important microscopes dating from ca. 1840 to 1960. Instruments from Great Britain, France, Germany, and the US are included, as are interesting microscope accessories including lamps and slide preparation equipment. Microscopes similar to those used by Darwin, Pasteur, Virchow, Koch, Fleming and numerous other well-known scientists make a fascinating exhibit. Most of the instruments may be seen during the library’s regular hours. Some, however, are in Reading Room cases. The Reading Room is open 9-4 Monday-Friday and appointments are encouraged.

The library hosted its first art show this spring. From April 30 through May 31, the work of Stuart Kent and Daniel Calcote, sculptors graduating from the College of Fine Arts and Communication, was on display in the 4th floor Evelyn F. Laupus Gallery.

From July 18 through September 12 the library will host “The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic.” We expect that this nationally touring exhibit, inspired by forgotten suitcases from patients who entered the Willard Psychiatric Center in upstate New York in the early to mid 20th century, will be compelling and thought provoking. It will follow the sculpture display in the 4th floor Gallery.

We hope that you will mark your calendars and come be inspired by at least one if not all of these intriguing displays. Visitors with ECU parking permits may park in front of the library. Metered spaces are available for public parking. For more information contact Ruth Moskop at 744-2240 or moskopr@ecu.edu or Melissa Nasea at 744-2235 or naseam@ecu.edu.

Upgrades at the Country Doctor Museum

The Country Doctor Museum and its campus in Bailey have never looked better! New landscaping beds were recently installed that feature old-fashioned plants, shrubs and trees common to southern country towns during the 19th century. Roses, hydrangeas, lilacs and dogwood trees are just a few of the flowering beauties visitors can enjoy on their museum tour.

On Saturday, May 31st, a springtime Garden Party at the Country Doctor Museum was held. A beautiful day was filled with free activities centered on the museum’s medicinal herb garden. The museum’s staff is busy now with planting, mulching and preparing the garden for another growing season. If you enjoy a good cup of tea, come by and learn about the benefits of herbal teas and how to make them.

Inside the museum awaits another pleasant surprise. The interior walls of the Freeman-Brantley Building and Farmer Annex were painted during the winter to provide a fresh, clean backdrop for the artifacts and displays. In addition, the original pine floors in the first room of the Freeman-Brantley Building and the gift shop were sanded, repaired and re-finished. The new ramps provide better access for our disabled patrons while continuing to preserve the charming character of these rooms.

Earlier this spring, two museum staff members, Jennie Schindler Graham and Brittany Bryant, attended the North Carolina Museum Council’s annual conference. At the conference the museum received an award for its Fall 2007 full-color newsletter. Many thanks to Kelly Rogers and Jason Cottle at Laupus Library for their help in producing our award-winning publication.

Springtime is beautiful at the Country Doctor Museum and any day is a great time to stop by!
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—Dr. Phyllis Horns
Interim Vice Chancellor
Health Sciences Division

Moldova’s minister of health, Dr. Ion Ababii, visited ECU on Jan. 16 as part of a multi-city visit to the state. In Greenville he met many people involved in coordinating the medical library project.

“Laupus and other libraries across the state have been providing current medical literature and electronic journals to Moldova,” said Donna Flake, a Greenville native and director of the Coastal Area Health Education Center Library in Wilmington, one of the participating libraries. Others include the medical libraries at ECU, Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University and North Carolina Area Health Education Center libraries in Asheville, Boone, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Hickory, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury and Wilmington.

The libraries periodically cull their collection of duplicate or redundant clinical books and journals. The materials are temporarily housed at ECU and shipped bi-annually in large batches to Moldova. “Last year, more than 7,000 books were sent,” Flake said. Moldova, one of the poorest nations in Europe, sits northeast of Romania and once was part of the Soviet Union.

“This partnership inspires much optimism in Moldova and for which I’d like to express my deep gratitude,” Ababii said through an interpreter. The journals, books and electronic database are used by doctors and residents in teaching, research and caring for patients. “I assure you, great words are being mentioned about you on a daily basis.”

At ECU, Ababii observed a telemedicine and electronic medical record demonstration in the Laupus Library teleconference room, toured Brody School of Medicine’s medical simulation and patient safety laboratory and received an overview of the standardized patient program.

“It is a pleasure to host this visit and share the exciting things going on in the division,” said Dr. Phyllis Horns, Interim Dean of the Brody School of Medicine and Interim Vice Chancellor of the Health Sciences Division. “I look forward to having more conversations on how we can collaborate.”


As part of the weeklong visit, the minister attended a health care summit at the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill and meetings at North Carolina State University and UNC-Greensboro. The summit included discussion on overall health care needs in Moldova and how North Carolina’s universities, faculty, staff and students can participate.

North Carolina and Moldova forged a partnership several years ago through an American “Partnerships for Peace” initiative with former Soviet states. Since then, government, churches, civic organizations, nonprofit agencies, colleges and universities, doctors, nurses, engineers, private firms and others have provided assistance in Moldova.

Opening Doors: A Future Exhibit

The Laupus Health Sciences Library hosts two exhibits featuring African-American academic surgeons and eastern North Carolina physicians.

“Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons” celebrates the contributions of black academic surgeons to medicine and medical education through the stories of four surgeons and educators who exemplify excellence in their fields and believe in continuing the journey of excellence through the education and mentoring of young physicians and surgeons. The exhibit was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. Although the small display was closed in late January, an expanded version will return May 1–July 28, 2009. For more information, go to www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/afamsurgeons.

As a companion to “Opening Doors,” a second exhibit, “Pioneering African-American Physicians in Eastern North Carolina,” was on display through February featuring Dr. Andrew A. Best of Greenville and Dr. Milton Quigless of Tarboro. For more information visit www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/laupuslibrary/hours.cfm.

Want a Free Umbrella?

In an effort to improve the look, layout and content of our newsletter, *The Umbrella*, the Laupus Library offers our readers the opportunity to contribute to our next issue. We encourage the submission of articles, suggestions for how we can improve our publication, or feedback on previous issues. Send your comments and contributions to Kelly Rogers at rogerske@ecu.edu and your name will be entered into a drawing for a free stadium-sized umbrella. Drawings will be held each month before publication of the next quarterly issue, and the names of the winners will be announced in the new issue. If your name is drawn, you will be contacted via email. We are looking forward to hearing from you!
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Laupus Library’s Exhibits

The library is currently exhibiting over 40 historically important microscopes that date from ca. 1840 through 1960. Most of the instruments are from Great Britain, France, Germany, and the U.S.

Research First Aid

Laupus Library has teamed up with Joyner Library to produce a wonderful podcast called Research First Aid. Look for it on the Laupus Library homepage.

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