ANNUAL REPORT, 2016-17

_Hillbilly Elegy_ Author Visits Clermont College

In collaboration with the Clermont County Public Library, our college hosted an evening with J.D. Vance, local author of the New York Times bestselling _Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis._

Despite May 19th’s dark and stormy weather, more than 600 members of our community turned out for this free event in Krueger Auditorium. Clermont’s Technology Services set up a few spillover rooms for live-streaming of Mr. Vance’s talk – all of which were utilized – to accommodate folks when space in Krueger filled. The event concluded with a very popular book signing in our library. Mr. Vance stayed late to sign copies of his book for everyone who wanted one.

The word thrilled doesn't seem to do justice to the community’s reaction to hosting J.D. Vance on our campus. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event and to our amazing partners at the Clermont County Public Library.

Space Redesigns and Renovations

Thanks to the continued generosity of our donors, our library has been able to continue student-centered improvements to the library’s first floor this year.

Major improvements included new lounge furniture (August 2016), an improved central service point, and trading the wooden door in our entryway for glass (January 2017). For this fall, you'll notice a brand-new info monitor near our library’s entrance, generously donated by Clermont's own Business Law and Technology Department.
Special Events and Collaborations, Past and Current

Our library has hosted many campus-wide events this past year, including poetry readings with Andrea Scarpino and Rebecca Morgan Frank, the 1st annual Literature Essay Contest Awards, a book discussion of J.D. Vance’s *Hillbilly Elegy*, and the For the Love of the Library fundraiser.

New for this year, the library will host Coffee & Bagels with the Dean.

In terms of library programming, we’ll pilot Doughnuts + Databases for faculty and staff – palatable 5-minute talks about a particular e-resource on a drop-in basis. This year’s menu includes *APA Style Central*, *Scholar@UC*, and *Simply Map*. Plus, doughnuts! We’ll also support programming related to this year’s UC Common Read, *Look Me in the Eye*, including a roundtable discussion for faculty and a campus-wide book discussion.

By The Numbers

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Student Assistants

- **Returning students:** Ty Setty is a full time student in the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services studying sports administration. Amy Waugh started working at the library in September 2016 after filling out an application at Fall Fest. She has made the Dean’s List for every term she’s been enrolled here and is majoring in English. She was also awarded the Barbara Cronin Scholarship this year.

- **Graduating students:** Rachel Mullis resigned in December 2016. She’s currently enrolled in a graduate program at UC. Sydney Payne is a full-time student in the Lindner College of Business. She resigned June 2017. Evan Tellep transferred to Northern Kentucky University after obtaining an associate’s degree here at UC Clermont. Beth Tracey graduated with a degree in social work from UC’s College of Allied Health in spring 2017. Both resigned July 2017.

- **New students:** Tina Fellinger, Katherine Schoolfield, and Chris Hartman.
Staff Highlights

Kathleen Epperson, Reference and Instruction Librarian

- UC Libraries A-Z Databases Working Group Instructional Technology Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee.
- Favorite book read this year: *Finding Purpose: Environmental Stewardship as a Personal Calling*, by Andrew J. Hoffman. I was expecting a book about getting more involved with the environment, this book is much more than that. The author suggests that by viewing through different lenses we can come to holistic understanding with ourselves and our planet.
- Pictured: Kathi and her husband at Sanibel Island, Florida.

Katie Foran-Mulcahy, Library Director

- Elected Operations Director, Young Professionals of Clermont (YPOC); Library RPT Committee; AAUP Contract Compliance and Education Committee; Library Program Review Completed September 2016; Piloted use of Scholar@UC to support local 2017 conferences 3T and CCCC Midwest.
- Pictured: Katie at American Jazz Museum in Kansas City, Missouri with Charlie Parker statue.

Penny McGinnis, Technical Services Manager

- Philanthropy Committee; Dean’s Christmas Party volunteer; Organized and supported events hosted in the library including 6th annual haiku contest and J.D. Vance book signing; presented "Discover Your Superpower!" with Natalie Winland at the ALAO Support Staff Interest Group’s spring workshop.
- Favorite book read this year: *Project Puffin: The Improbable Quest to Bring a Beloved Seabird Back to Egg Rock* by Steven Kress. In July, my husband and I took a boat ride to see the adorable little birds that now inhabit Eastern Egg Island, Maine. The surprise of the trip—Steven Kress narrated the tour!
- Pictured: Penny at Spring Port Ledge Light, Portland, Maine.

Natalie Winland, Public Services Manager

- Accepted into Valdosta State University’s ALA-accredited Master of Library and Information Science program. Began coursework January 2017.
- ALAO Support Staff Interest Group Co-Chair; presented “Discover Your Superpower!” with Penny McGinnis at the Support Staff Interest Group spring workshop; UC Libraries Collection Access Committee; Clermont Federal Work Study Taskforce; Commencement Committee.
- Pictured: Natalie at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.