DEAN’S MESSAGE

Greetings to all new, returning students, faculty, and staff. As you settle into the new academic year, please know that the Miller F. Whittaker Library personnel aim to provide quality services and resources to meet your learning, teaching, research and related informational needs.

Each semester librarians provide instructional sessions targeting freshmen and upperclassmen. For instance, the Library component of the Freshmen Orientation Program introduces new students to library services, resources and policies. The Library Liaison Program, is a collaborative effort between librarians and faculty, which trains students on how to find the desired information, avoid plagiarism, cite references appropriately, etc. Our information literacy credit-bearing course enables students to obtain more in-depth training on focusing their research questions, searching, and using information effectively.

Beginning this semester, the library launched the much anticipated EBSCO Discovery Services (EDS) for customer access and use. EDS is intended to enhance the users’ search experience through its user-friendly language. The system has a OneSearch operation allowing information retrieval from the online catalog, e-books, e-journals, and e-databases in a one search mechanism. For those preferring the old search mechanism and language, yes, we have retained these for you on the library’s web page. As you use EDS, please keep us informed of your search experience, especially when we seek your participation in our future user survey.

Finally, in anticipation of the August 21, 2017 eclipse, with the assistance of NASA and StarNet, the library will offer free eclipse safe viewing and related webinars to the campus and local communities. So keep your eyes and ears tuned for upcoming information. To learn more about other eclipse events at SC State, contact Dr. Donald Walter at (803) 533-3773 or Dr. Jennifer Cash at (803) 516-4753.

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Reference Services — Information retrieval and instruction.
(803) 536-8640; e-mail: reference@scsu.edu
Circulation — Borrowing materials, including reserves, interlibrary loans, PASCAL Delivers.
(803) 536-8645
Technical Services — Purchasing books.
(803) 536-4710
University Archives — Information pertaining to SC State University, alumni, etc.
(803) 536-8627.

Have a wonderful and productive academic year!

Dr. Ruth A. Hodges
The SC State Historical Collection & Archives (SCSHCA) commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the construction of Lowman Hall with an online exhibit titled “Lowman Hall Centenary 1917-2017.” Lowman Hall, which was constructed in 1917 as a men’s dormitory, is the oldest intact building on the campus of SC State University. It was built using student labor. Designed by then professor Miller F. Whittaker, who became the university’s third president (1932–1949). The building was constructed to replace Morrill Hall which was destroyed by fire on October 21, 1916. Morrill Hall housed the men’s dormitory (and classrooms) at the time.

The new dormitory was named for Dr. William Rish Lowman. Dr. Lowman was born on December 3, 1866 in Lexington County, South Carolina. He was the son of Dr. Jacob Walter Lowman and Lodusky Rish Lowman. The school’s hospital was also named after his father. He was a graduate of the Calvert Medical School in Baltimore in 1887. In 1891, he married Miss Elvira Earle in Charleston, SC. Dr. Lowman became a board member of the Colored Normal Industrial Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina (now South Carolina State University) in 1896 when the institution was founded. He served on the board as its secretary from that time until his death in July 1925.

Lowman Hall functioned well as a men’s dormitory. It has witnessed events such as the Orangeburg Massacre in 1968 and the first Democratic Primary Presidential Debate of 2007. In 1985, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, within ten years of receiving that honor, the long standing dormitory closed its doors. Over time, the building deteriorated badly. A decision was made in 2004 to repurpose the building but the path was unclear. Due to the extent of the damage, demolition of all but the masonry shell was considered but a plan was developed to restore its original design. Restoration began in 2008 and was complete in the fall of 2009. Lowman Hall was officially reopened in January 2010.

Now home to administrative offices, Lowman Hall’s restoration has won awards for its design. Watson Tate Savory Architects received a merit award for its work on Lowman Hall from the American Institute of Architects Greater Columbia Section. Also, the 2010 American Institute of Architects South Carolina Design Awards jury granted Watson Tate Savory Architects a Citation Award for the rehabilitation of the building. Lowman Hall stands as a testament to the evolution and triumph of SC State over the challenges it has faced since its founding in 1896.

To view the exhibit, go to the library’s webpage and click on “Lowman Hall Centenary 1917-2017” in the upper left-hand corner.

SCSHCA collects, organizes, preserves, and makes accessible primary documents relating to the history of the University.
Total Eclipse and Events at SC State
by Dr. Jennifer Cash

In the early afternoon on Monday August 21, Orangeburg will experience a rare event. The sky will darken to night for over two minutes as we experience a total eclipse of the Sun. In general, a solar eclipse occurs when the shadow of the Moon moves across the surface of the Earth, blocking out the light of the Sun. The shadow moves rapidly across the Earth’s surface such that totality only lasts for a few minutes.

**Totality and Safe Viewing**

Starting at 1:14 pm on August 21, the Moon will start to slowly move across the face of the Sun. Without special viewing filters, the early phases of the eclipse will be unnoticeable. As the eclipse proceeds and a larger area of the Sun is covered by the Moon, the sky will start to change and shadows will become more distinct. Animals may exhibit behaviors such as becoming noticeably restless or much quieter than normal. As the eclipse moves toward totality, the western horizon will darken noticeably until at last the sky will darken to night as we enter totality at just after 2:43 pm. Even if the sky is clouded the over two minutes of totality will be unmistakable as the sky darkens to night. **Outside of totality, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun whose surface is so bright that even a sliver of Sun at the edge has enough energy to damage the unprotected eye.** Special “eclipse glasses” contain a filter that will reduce the Sun’s brightness to a very small fraction of its typical brightness and completely blocks the invisible and harmful Ultraviolet and Infrared light.

**Next Total Eclipse in South Carolina**

The city of Orangeburg will not see totality again until 2078. If you don’t want to wait that long, the next total solar eclipse visible from the United States will occur in 2024 when totality will cross the country from Texas to Maine. South Carolina will only see a partial eclipse in 2024 so you would need to travel to the path of totality. The next total eclipse visible in South Carolina will slip along the coast in 2052 but will miss the city of Orangeburg. For many people this total solar eclipse will be a once in a lifetime experience.

**Eclipse Activities at SC State**

SC State University will be celebrating this rare total solar eclipse opportunity with a public viewing event. The Oliver C. Dawson Stadium will be open to the public and will have concessions and live entertainment. Eclipse Ambassadors will be available throughout the stadium to help answer questions from the public on eclipse safety, science, history, and culture. Eclipse glasses will be provided while supplies last, so you will want to get there early to enjoy the celebration.

SC State will also be hosting pre-eclipse activities through a series of Solar Saturday events to inform the public of what to expect on eclipse day. Participants will learn more about how eclipses occur, how to view them safely and see a planetarium show showing them how the sky will look during the eclipse. SC State Astronomy Professors Dr. Don Walter and Dr. Jennifer Cash will be available to answer questions and demonstrate viewing techniques.

For further information on the Eclipse 2017, please check out Nasa’s Total Eclipse website at [https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/). Here you will find about eclipse viewing events, viewing safety, live streaming and pictures during the eclipse, and even an app to heighten your experience.
National Library Week Celebrated at MFWL
by Dr. Ruth Hodges

National Library Week (NLW) is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. On April 10-14, 2017, the Miller F. Whittaker Library (MFWL) hosted various workshops, receptions, and related outreach events in collaboration with a number of other local individuals and institutions.

The Marching 101 Drumline opened NLW with a performance in front of the MFWL. This was followed by a viewing of library's poster displays highlighting publications by SC State University authors. The afternoon ended with a neighboring librarian's presentation on her visit to the African American History Museum in Washington, DC.

A series of workshops were held during the remainder of the week:
- two Family History and Genealogy presentations and
- six information literacy workshops (three were face-to-face in the library's Smart Classroom and three were online webinars).

Other events consisted of a Sip-N-Chat reception and Amnesty Day. Participating individuals and institutions included: Marilyn Gibbs Drayton, Claflin University; Eric Powell, Salley Archives of the Orangeburg County Historical Society; Giselle White Perry, SC State University; Richard Reid, Voorhees College; Haley Hall, Orangeburg Technical College; Lauritza Hill, South Carolina Legal Services, Orangeburg.

Congratulations to our Library Work Study Students, Domanique Nash and Nigil Clark on Graduating from SC State! We wish you much success in your future endeavors.
Use SciFinder, a research discovery application, to search chemical substances, reactions, and journals by chemical structure, reaction structure, research topic, or journal name in the following databases:

- **Chemical Abstracts** (CAplus) contains citations and abstracts to journal articles, patents, conference proceedings, technical reports, books, dissertations, and meeting abstracts from 1907 to present.

- **CAS Registry** contains records of organic and inorganic substances from 1957 to present, including alloys, coordination compounds, minerals, mixtures, polymers and salts as well as DNA and protein sequences. Substance information includes: synonyms, molecular formulas, structure diagrams, and experimental and calculated property data.

- **CASREACT** provides single and multi-step reactions as well as synthetic preparations indexed from journal articles, patents and evaluated reference sources from 1840 to date. Also provides information including reaction schemes, experimental procedures, conditions, yields, solvents, and catalysts.

- **MEDLINE** contains citations to biomedical and related health sciences journal articles (including chemistry and biochemistry) from 1946 to date.

- **CHEMCATS** provides information about commercially available products from chemical suppliers, often with information about pricing and availability.

- **CHEMLIST** contains regulatory information from 1980 to present of substances that are regulated by state, federal and international agencies, including EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) and TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory).

- **MARPAT** contains searchable Markush structures from patents covered by CAS from 1988 to date (with structures derived from INPI records from 1961 to 1987). Markush structures use R groups to identify a set of molecules with common features.

SciFinder also includes a built-in structure editor application for searching of chemical substances and reactions.

New users must first register to set up an account using the “SciFinder Registration Link” provided on the library’s electronic resources webpage before being able to login and search these databases through the SciFinder discovery application. Once an account has been set up, users can access SciFinder to search by using the “SciFinder Login Link” and using the Explore screen to search by chemical structure, reaction structure, research topic, or journal name.

**Helpful Hint:**
Begin your research at [http://library.scsu.edu](http://library.scsu.edu)
The Books & Pearls Book Club for Girls at Sheridan Elementary School in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five consists of about thirty-two young ladies. The club began in December 2016 and meets at least three times a month to critically think and discuss various books, poems, authors and real life issues that promote high self-esteem, positive thinking and responsibility. Young ladies in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades that are reading on or above reading level can participate in the club and are encouraged to wear a pearl necklace, bracelet, and/or earrings on meeting days. Mrs. Cathi Cooper Mack, the Assistant to the Dean of Library Services and Coordinator of Collection Organization at the Miller F. Whittaker Library, is the facilitator for the reading program.

In observance of Black History month, a book discussion and signing was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm at the Miller F. Whittaker Library, SC State University. The program featured the Reverend Marvin Ira Lare, and his book, “Champions of Civil and Human Rights in South Carolina” and Mr. Cecil J. Williams and his book, “Unforgettable.” We would like to thank all students, faculty, staff and the Orangeburg community that attended this successful event. The Miller F. Whittaker Library appreciates your support.
Congratulations to our Honors and Awards Recipients

The Miller F. Whittaker Library personnel is proud to announce that three of our work study students received awards at the Spring Honors and Awards Convocation. The following received Bronze Presidential Medallions:

Kiara Dessaree McCray
Domanique Chantre Nash
Michaela Gabrielle Peterson

This tradition at the University continues to preserve our legacy of promoting excellence and scholarship.

Welcome New Library Personnel

The Miller F. Whittaker Library personnel is pleased to welcome our newest employees: Stephanie Stokes, Shakayla Daniely, Library Technical Assistants (LTA) in the Circulation Department; Mykishia Keitt, LTA in the Reference Department; and Mrs. Juanita Strait, Library Office Administrative Specialist in the Library Dean’s Office.

Farewell and Thank You SC State

I would like to take this time to give a warm goodbye to the exceptional SC State University academic community and to say thank you for accepting me into the Bulldog family. As many of you may already know, I am leaving on August 4 to explore a new role in my library career as a high school media specialist. Although I am excited about the new people I will meet and the new experiences I will face, I am going to greatly miss my SC State family as well. I appreciate the opportunities that I have been afforded during my 15 years of service, and I cherish the friendships that I have made while working here at State. I wish the SC State University community and the Miller F. Whittaker Library the best of success now and in the future!

Debbie Gramling
Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian Signing Off
About Newsletter Title

The Newsletter title symbolizes the library as a critical and central component of SC State University. Through provision of information; collection development and organization; access; and liaison services, the library supports research, instruction, and community needs of the University to help fulfill its land-grant, global, technology, and related missions.

Friends of the Miller F. Whittaker Library

Join the friends of the library! Each and every Friend strengthens the University’s library. Please join us for the first time or renew now and make us stronger. Why join the Friends? Members make a difference. As a member, you are supporting meaningful education opportunities; you are helping the library build resources for students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Being a Friend has benefits

♦ Receive 10% at the University Bookstore.
♦ Receive invitations to social events sponsored by the Friends.
♦ Pay the $50 level or above and receive a complimentary community library borrowing card, etc.

Become a Friend

To become a Friend just go to the Web page of Miller F. Whittaker Library and click on www.library.scsu.edu, then, click on Become a Friend of the Miller F. Whittaker Library. If you would like more information, please contact Cathi Cooper Mack at 803-536-8633.

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