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| Clemson University          | Maggie Farrell   | • The end of the fall semester concludes the various activities in celebration of the **50th Anniversary of the R.M. Cooper Library**, the main library at Clemson. Throughout the fall, the Libraries hosted a number of events highlighting the history of the building and talking about the role of libraries through the past five decades and what the future holds for library collections and services. Combined with the university strategic planning process, this was a great way to promote library contributions to teaching and research.  
• Clemson University has finalized its **strategic plan**, Clemson Forward, and the Libraries are in the process of finalizing our supporting strategic plan, Libraries Forward. The plan focuses on building on the strong foundation of undergraduate support to building research services, instruction, and research collections – including digital and open access. In conjunction with the planning process is a facilities study and the main Cooper Library has been recognized for the critical role it plays within learning spaces, however, there are other buildings ahead of Cooper slated for renovation but it is good to be on the next priority tier.  
• Increased collection funding has been allocated as a result of **student fee increase** which is assisting the Libraries in addressing some critical collection needs.  
• 2017 promises to be a productive year with implementation of the strategic plan, stability in university leadership, and a sense of focus that comes with the third year of a new president. |
| Duke University             | Deborah Jakubs   | We have created a **new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council** in the Libraries. We asked for volunteers and requested that they provide a short statement of what interested them in serving, what they would bring. We selected 8 and have had the first meeting. The Council will report directly to the University Librarian/Vice Provost and serve in an advisory capacity. I would be glad to share the charge to the group with ASERL colleagues. |
| East Carolina University    | Jan Lewis        | • We are completing a **renovation of the Music Library** that was based on the results of an ethnographic study; celebration event is Jan. 20.  
• We have advertised for a **1-year archivist to process the papers of Robert Morgan** (former NC Attorney General and US Senator).  
• We are **changing discovery systems** from Summon to EDS in May-June. |
| Georgia State University    | Jeff Steely      | • We are engaged in a **strategic planning process** and will have a new strategic plan very early in 2017.  
• In December we will select a design firm to do **master planning for the GSU Library facilities**. |
- This Fall we packaged and launched our "research data services" team ([http://research.library.gsu.edu/dataservices](http://research.library.gsu.edu/dataservices)).
- Security improvements will be completed over the holiday break with the replacement of turnstiles with modern gates, and conversion from card swipe to biometric fingerprint readers.
- Consolidation with the former Georgia Perimeter College is essentially complete and has gone very well.
- Recent hires include a digital scholarship librarian and a department head for special collections and archives. We are looking to hire our first CLIR fellow this summer under the title of Digital Atlanta Fellow.
- GSU is beginning to provide experiences with virtual reality for patrons, including some entry-level headsets for checkout, a space for using the HTC VIVE, and access to Unity software for VR design.
- GSU seeks discussion around managing print collections - in particular if there might be a critical mass of ASERL institutions considering joining the EAST phase 2 cohort.

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<td>David Banush</td>
<td>Seeking discussion re: How have people successfully (or unsuccessfully) <strong>restructured</strong> Library IT operations? A key retirement and another vacancy have given me the opportunity to restructure, but I'm interested in perspectives on this process. (I do not have an IT background).</td>
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| Tulane University | Bruce Boyd Raeburn  | • Imminent **arrival of Louis Prima Collection**, donated September 2015.  
• Seeking discussion re: Strategies for leveraging special collections on social justice issues: **Is caretaking enough?** |
| UNC Charlotte     | Anne Cooper Moore   | • We celebrated the addition of our **2 millionth volume** on November 17th: a rare 1793 copy of the slave narrative, "The Interesting Narrative of the life of Olaudah Equiano."  
• We are about to begin **construction on a Visualization Lab**.  
• We are planning a **complete redesign of the 2nd floor** where the periodicals have been located. The remodel will house most library faculty and staff together and create spaces for Technology Support Services including Digital Scholarship Lab, Makerspace, Teaching Space, Adobe Suite Lab, Graduate Study Room, and possibly an Entrepreneurship Lab. |
| UNC Greensboro    | Kathryn Crowe       | • Making progress to advance **Open Educational Resources**:  
  o We received the LSTA grant in collaboration with ECU to advance **Open Educational Resources**. With those funds we are providing faculty stipends to revise courses in fall 2017.  
  o We also **joined the Open Textbook Network**. They provided training to librarians and faculty in fall 2016.  
  o We've **collaborated with the bookstore to purchase and make available e-books for required texts** and developed a LibGuide of these books for easy access.  
• Because of our space constraints we are beginning a **process of "right sizing" our collections** in order to provide more learning spaces for students. We worked with the Provost on this communicated it to the faculty. There's been some push back but not a lot. This issue could lead into the issue of shared collections especially for other libraries that have limited storage capacity. |
| University of Central Florida | David Benjamin | I would like to find out how other special collections and university archives are handling **access to digitized items that are part of a larger collection**. As we move to a new ILS, we are looking at how/if items digitized from a larger manuscript/archival collection are accessed through the catalog and EDS. |
| University of Central Florida | Barry Baker | **Library expansion and renovation** project is underway at last. |
| University of Kentucky | Deirdre Scaggs | • Launch of the Heyburn Initiative [http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-announces-establishment-heyburn-initiative](http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-announces-establishment-heyburn-initiative). The Heyburn Initiative for Excellence in the Federal Judiciary, in partnership with the UK College of Law and UK Libraries, will establish an **archives and oral history program for Kentucky’s federal judges and a national lecture series** on relevant judicial topics. It also will play host to federal judicial conferences.  
• Partnership with the Fayette County Clerk  
  [http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-special-collections-fayette-county-clerk-make-early-marriage-indexes-african](http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-special-collections-fayette-county-clerk-make-early-marriage-indexes-african). Over the summer of 2016, the Special Collections Research Center at University of Kentucky Libraries and the Fayette County Clerk’s Office developed a pilot project that will provide **online access to the Colored Marriage Indexes dated 1866-1882 and 1959-1968**. The purpose of the project is to provide researchers with greater online access to early primary documents pertaining to African Americans in Kentucky.  
• Partnership with the Pride Community Services Organization - Now available online in Explore UK are the Pride Center Services Organization (PCSO) newsletters, starting with the first issue in 1979 and up to the present. Providing **online access to Pride Center Services Organization newsletters** is an ongoing project between PCSO and the University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center (SCRC). PCSO is a Lexington community based organization that works to improve the lives of people in the sexual minority and gender expansive community of Central and Eastern Kentucky. |
| Virginia Tech | Michael Kucsak | I would like to talk about **student ePortfolios**. The provost has tasked the library to identify a student ePortfolio system. There are faculty around campus working with student portfolios, but nothing unified. An organization on campus has tried to facilitate an enterprise approach, but has not been successful. |
| Wake Forest University | Tanya Zanish-Belcher | We have opened a new **Special Collections & Archives Classroom** for Instruction, 624 Z. Smith Reynolds Library. The new classroom is adjacent to the Special Collections & Archives research room (ZSR625). Previously used for book storage, the space has been completely renovated and will soon have multimedia projection equipment. During the 2015/16 academic year our librarians and archivists taught over 100 class sessions and group visits to nearly 1,600 individuals: [http://zsr.wfu.edu/2016/new-classroom-space-for-old-stuff/](http://zsr.wfu.edu/2016/new-classroom-space-for-old-stuff/) |