No stranger to the Library…
Dr. Dennis H. Mathes to Serve as Dean

Dennis joins the Library team of faculty, staff, and new Associate Dean Michelle Foreman. Although Dean Schultz will be a tough act to follow, Dennis is looking forward to building upon the successes of Dean Marian Schultz and the entire library team in their enhancement of both the facilities and services of the Library. These efforts have greatly improved support of the students and faculty of Shippensburg University.

Dennis began as a full time Shippensburg University employee in the summer of 1983 after completing his Bachelor of Science at Ship. In 1998, he received his Master of Science from Ship and, in 2008, completed his doctoral degree from Duquesne University in Educational Leadership. Starting in the fall of 1979 (as a student) he has served the University in various capacities including student worker, systems administrator, manager, director, adjunct faculty member, and administrator.

Dennis is no stranger to the library; as far back as the mid ‘80s, he supported the receiving and cataloging functions by maintaining their Sperry Univac connection to OCLC (Online Computer Library Center). He frequently visited Dolores Campbell and her colleagues any time a lightning storm passed through our area. Inevitably their communications equipment would get fried and need to be replaced. He was a key part of the team that supported the first automation system for the library’s catalog, circulation, and acquisitions system: PALS (Project for Automated Library Systems).

Using end-of-year funds in the mid 90s, he installed wireless Ethernet controllers in the library, making it the first academic building on campus to have Wireless Internet access. He had early involvement as one of the three original KLN (Keystone Library Network) Hubs in the late 90s, during which time PALS was replaced as the library automation system with the current Voyager system.

He has overseen the Consolidated KLN Hub in Shippensburg. Dennis served on the KLN Steering Committee as the CITO (Chief Information Technologies Officers) representative for Dr. Rick Ruth while he served as Interim Provost. Dennis will continue in his advisory role to the KLN Hub.

Over the years Dennis has served as co-chair for the Library’s Dean and Associate Dean’s searches, including our most recent successful search that yielded our fortunate hire of Dr. Michelle Foreman. Most recently he has been extensively involved in securing resources to continue providing funding to the Library during these difficult budget years.

So, as you can see, Dennis is no stranger to the building. He has been serving and advocating for us over the last almost three decades. He looks forward to helping to provide the leadership and resources to move us even further into the future in our pursuit of providing the best possible service to our Ship students, faculty, and staff … our “Ship Family”.

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Dr. Michelle Foreman Appointed as Associate Dean and Director of the Library

Dr. Michelle Foreman has accepted the position of Associate Dean and Director of the Library. Dr. Foreman was most recently an Assistant Professor at Shippensburg University, serving as Interim Collection Management Librarian and Coordinator of Technical Services. She has also held the position of School Library Media Specialist at the Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School. Throughout her tenure as a faculty member at Shippensburg, Dr. Foreman has demonstrated progressive responsibility in Library leadership, particularly in her work with emerging technologies, electronic resources, and strategic planning. Dr. Foreman received her Ph.D. in Education from Capella University and her Master of Science in Library and Information Science Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a Master of Science Degree in Education Development and Strategies from Wilkes University.

Dr. Foreman’s most recent publication is a chapter in The Handbook of Education Librarianship (forthcoming). In 2011 her dissertation was published in Resiliency in American Library Association Award Winning Juvenile Fiction: A Correlational Content Analysis. She has presented at national and regional conferences focusing on librarianship and grant writing and has had success acquiring grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and DonorsChoose.org. Dr. Foreman is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Association of College and Research Libraries and the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services.

Wireless Upgrade and Expansion

We have started the process of upgrading and expanding wireless coverage across campus. In addition to faster speeds, we will be able to support a higher amount of connected devices and offer coverage in more areas on campus. This upgrade has started and will continue throughout the summer.

Current Wireless Coverage of Grove 4th Floor:

Planned Wireless Coverage of Grove 4th Floor:

Similar upgrades to this sample are planned for the entire campus.