

Jones Memorial Library 2024

Annual Report for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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Front cover:

JML summer intern Hannah Lambach cleans some of the 1,000 rare books in JML's collections before wrapping them for long-term storage in our climate-controlled stacks.



2024 Update

Thank you for your generous support this past year! Your contributions have helped make 2023-24 an incredible year of growth and achievement for JML.

In January, we expanded our digital presence with a website redesign. If you haven't visited us online at www.jmlibrary.org we invite you to see the new site. We joined OCLC's national finding aid network, Archive Grid, to make our collections even more visible to researchers across the country. We also entered a ten-year agreement with Ancestry.com as an Institutional partner, which ensures continued free access to their suite of worldwide genealogical tools and services from our Reading Room.

One of our major accomplishments this year was to expand our staff with the addition of a professionally trained archivist. This has enabled us to better care for and preserve materials. As a result, we've grown our collections significantly in terms of materials and equipment. Your gifts this year directly supported the restoration of three works and the authentication of an historically significant pike from John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry (right).

In 2023, the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a strategic vision to strengthen the library as a vital, robust, and expert resource. As we look to the future, guided by our newly adopted Focus 2025 Strategic Plan, we're excited to continue this journey of growth and discovery.

None of this would be possible without our incredible team of donors, volunteers, and staff. Your commitment and support has been instrumental in preserving our shared history and making it accessible to all. Jones Memorial Library relies entirely on private donations and receives no government funding. We rely on your support of monetary gifts, time, and historic materials that share the story of our city and region. We are very grateful for the many gifts of materials for the collections that we received this year. Those donations are listed as gifts-in-kind on our donor honor roll.

On behalf of the Board and staff, **thank you!**



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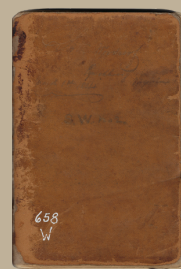
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In March, JML had this pike (left) evaluated by Perry Adams Antiques in Richmond.

The pike has a double-edged blade of forged cast steel with an iron cross-guard affixed to a yellow pine shaft. It was one of 950 ordered by abolitionist John Brown for his 1857 raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

The pike, #270, was obtained by E.A. Craighill following Brown's capture. Craighill later gave it to his brother, George E. Craighill, who donated it in 1901 to the Garland-Rodes Camp of Confederate Veterans. The pike later came to JML.

In 2024-25, JML is designating funds from our conservation budget to install a custom-made display case. The pike will then be placed on permanent exhibit in our Reading Room.



In January, JML published a dataset and article with the *Journal of Slavery & Data Preservation*. The dataset names and enumerates more than 200 enslaved persons who were listed in Manuscript 1047, the Seth Woodroof Account Book (above). Our May lecture, "Uncovering the Lynchburg Slave Trade" shared details of the transcription project and is available on our YouTube channel.





Engaging with JML's Collections



From February to August a special exhibit in our Reading Room marked the 100th anniversary of Lynchburg's historic Dunbar Branch. The Dunbar library was JML's first branch, establishing segregated library service to African-Americans in the city in 1924. Exhibit panels are on loan to Dunbar Middle School this year. The exhibit is also available in digital format on our website.



Clockwise, from top left:

JML Research Assistant Nancy Jamerson Weiland processes the Frances Allen collection of correspondence; volunteers from L3Harris Technologies, Inc. shift materials in the stacks during United Way Day of Caring; Allie Modzelewski helps to organize materials in the collection stacks; volunteer (and retired librarian) Carolyn Sherayko inventories books and oversized materials; JML Executive Director Deborah Smith (center left) welcomes Dennis Clark (Librarian of Virginia, center) for a visit with area librarians; staff from Lynchburg Public Library tour the *Four Women: A Dunbar Branch Centennial* exhibit.



900
rare books
cleaned

70+
staff training
hours

15
flat file
cabinets
added



2023-24 Donations

Jones Memorial Library received several gifts of materials and equipment this year.

In the spring, **Bill Inge and Meg Poston** (pictured right) generously donated more than a dozen flat file storage cabinets. Their gift, in memory of local architect Harrison Trueheart Poston, has a significant, positive impact on our ability to better preserve long-term more than 5,000+ architectural plans, maps, and blueprints in our Lynchburg Architectural Archives.

In addition to many gifts-in-kind of materials, we received several larger collections courtesy of **Marjorie Huiner, Edie and Cham Light, Travis McDonald, and John M. Storton**. These collections include family papers, letters, research materials, and architectural plans. As materials are received, staff create Finding Aids and process the papers to make them available to researchers. Print materials are also assessed for their suitability for future digitization.

The library board and staff are grateful for these gifts which advance the mission of the Library and document the city’s history. Thank you!



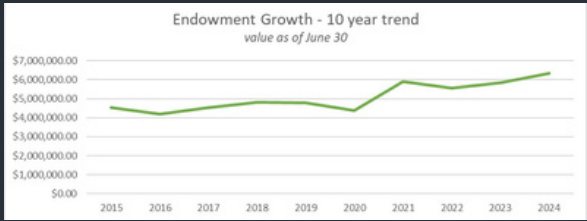
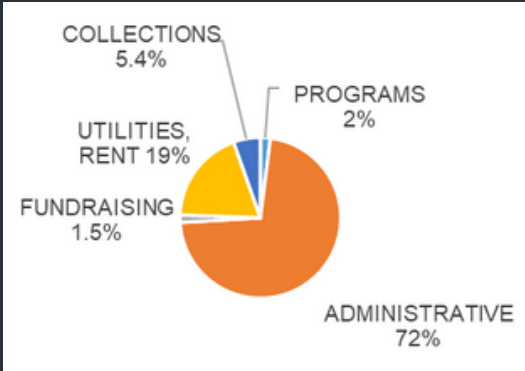
Bill Inge and Meg Poston donated more than a dozen flat file architectural cabinets to JML in the spring. Their gift, in memory of Meg’s grandfather Harrison Trueheart Poston, will greatly enhance long-term preservation of JML’s maps, blueprints, and plans.



In July, Research Assistant Chuck Bradner (immediate right) retired from the library. Chuck was a familiar face in our Reading Room for more than 16 years. Congrats, Chuck!



\$310,366
Operating expenses 2023-24



\$6,327,941
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06-30-2024

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Left: Lapel pins for long-term board members and volunteers are modeled on door knobs from JML's original building at 434 Rivermont Avenue. The pins honor the dedicated service which connects our historical collections with Lynchburgers and researchers across the world.

Donations made between July 01, 2023 and June 30, 2024. If we have made an error or omission when listing your name or gift, please let us know so we may correct our records. Thank you.

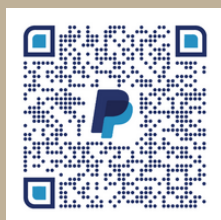
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Connecting across the Community

This year Jones Memorial Library expanded our outreach through tours and library visits for groups across the city. Visitors included staff from Lynchburg Public Library, the Library of Virginia, and county libraries. We also hosted tours for Lynchburg City School staff, area senior centers, and lineage societies. In May, JML hosted a SHARE Greater Lynchburg peer-to-peer Lunch & Learn for area non-profit staff (below). To see upcoming events, visit www.jmlibrary.org/events.



Jones Memorial Library is an institutional member of the National Genealogical Society, the Virginia Library Association, the Mid-Atlantic Region Archives Conference, the Society of American Archivists, and the Virginia Association of Museums. In 2024-25 our staff will be at fairs and events across the region and at the VLA and MARAC annual conferences. We look forward to seeing you on the road or at the library!



2024-2025

Industries & Organizations

Accompanying exhibits on display in the Reading Room

LECTURES

Jones Memorial Library

John D. Owen, Jr. History Series

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Carl Hutcherson

Hutcherson Funeral Home

02/12



Located in the heart of Fifth Street, the Hutcherson Funeral Home got its start in 1939. Founded by Carl B. Hutcherson (1912-1972), the company offers funeral planning and services. Born of necessity during the Jim Crow era of strict racial segregation that impacted Americans from cradle to grave, the Hutcherson Funeral Home provided crucial services to the community. Learn about the history of one of Lynchburg's oldest funeral homes, the family that started it, and how this essential business has evolved to serve residents today.

MARCH 12, 2025

Amy Bonnette

Finding Your Place in the Woods;

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah

03/12



With over 70 years of service, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah Nature Center is a beacon of outdoor education, enriching the lives of 45,000 children through traditional summer camp, school field trips and special events. Delve into the history and impact of CKBY and hear about renovations and the construction of Addison's Amphitheater. We will explore how these new facilities, protected by a conservation easement, provide the community with space to dream, explore, and connect with nature for generations to come.

APRIL 16, 2025

Kathryn Yarzebinski

GLCF: Here for Good

04/16



GLCF is here for good! We take a look back at the humble beginnings of the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation (GLCF) in 1972, the recognition of its leaders through the years, and the role of one of Virginia's early community foundations. The GLCF has granted over \$32 million locally - we'll take a look at the impact of that investment, projects made possible by GLCF donors, and how the grant making process has evolved to meet today's most urgent local needs.

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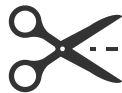


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SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Walker Sydnor & David Barney
Scott Insurance, Then & Now



Rising from the ashes of the Civil War came a firm that would eventually be known as Scott Insurance. With many twists and turns and different personalities, Scott's rich Lynchburg history is captured in numerous photos in this presentation. Today Scott has nine offices in four states and over 400 employee owners, making it one of the largest privately owned insurance agencies in the Southeast, still headquartered in Lynchburg!

OCTOBER 09, 2024

10/09 George Dawson

A Per Se Violation?



Learn about the forces, events, and people that caused Central Health to be created by the merger of Lynchburg General Hospital and Virginia Baptist Hospital on January 1, 1987. Competing national policies were in play in the decades preceding the merger – especially a tension between anti-trust law and federal health planning acts. Drawing on information gleaned from the minute books of the two hospitals and other sources including personal recollections, hear about the series of events and circumstances that culminated in the merger, and observations on healthcare governance today.

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

11/13 Richard W. Loving

*B&W's Impact on Lynchburg
and the Nuclear Industry*



The nuclear industry was in its infancy in 1955 when Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) started construction of the first privately financed nuclear facility in the U.S on the site of the former Mt. Athos plantation just five miles from Lynchburg. This decision had a profound impact on Central Virginia. This is a story of advancing nuclear technology from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of space. It is also about the dedicated people of diverse backgrounds, varied skills and education with a "can do" attitude that built the business from the ground up, and the legacy that continues to drive future generations.

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