



Dr. Yildiz B. Binkley

Dr. Yildiz B. Binkley became the fourth Director/Dean of Libraries and Media Centers in 1989. During Dr.

Binkley's tenure library began to use and excel in the application and use of information technologies.

First CD-ROM local area network was installed in 1992.

Library wrote and received grants via FIBSE and NSA to improve education for HBCU Librarians and area low income students via computers and software. In 1994, library's catalog went online.

During the same year, librarians shared their skills in the use of Internet with school librarians in Tennessee, established the Art Corner providing broader access to the works of artists in the state. Library's first web page was created in 1995.

In 1996, the library began providing access to online databases, and the first computer lab was established in the reference area. Library's first security system was installed the same year.

In 1997, library installed a new integrated library system, DRA. During the same year, the library began digitizing archival and nonarchival materials, became the charter member of Nashville Area Library Alliance, and a second computer lab was established on the third floor.

In 1998, the Library was among the leaders to establish Tennessee Academic Library Collaborative. Library continued its community outreach initiatives by partnering with Cheekwood, Nashville Institute of Art, the Parthenon, Tennessee State Museum, and Frist Center for Visual Arts in providing in-service for the art specialists in metro Nashville schools.

During 2000 and 2001, library continued expanding its electronic resources, including the electronic books, became founding member of OCLC Cooperative Online Resource Catalog, and received innovation Award from the Tennessee Board of Regents Distance Education for the digitization projects.

In 2002, Reference area was renovated, and in 2005, library purchased and installed a new integrated library system, Innovative Interfaces, computer labs were upgraded and Avon Williams campus Library was renovated.

In 2006, library participated in the HBCU Library Alliance Leadership project, eresearch@tnstate.edu repository was established. Library initiated several programs in 2007, including the Embedded Librarian program and participated in a new e HBCU Library Alliance grant-Photographic Preservation Project receiving \$60,000.

Main Campus Media Center established a multimedia Studio. In 2009, library began using Electronic Data Interchange to pay invoices, and the digital inventory of the book collection began.

Twitter and Facebook accounts were established.

In 2011 the library purchased and installed Self-check system, ENCORE online catalog web page, and AirPack for mobile access to resources and services. Library also established a Learning Commons , a collaborative space for students and faculty to produce presentations and create new knowledge.