

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.

We are back with a WayBack: The Margaret I. King Library



The University’s second library opened in 1931 (above left), replacing the Carnegie Library which had been constructed in 1909. In 1948, the library was renamed in honor of Margaret Isadora King. King was a native of Lexington and the salutatorian of UK’s class of 1898. She served as secretary to James Patterson, UK’s first president, and became the University’s first Librarian in 1912, a post she held until her retirement in 1949. King expanded UK’s book collection from a single room to more than 400,000 volumes.

In 1963, a \$2 million addition was completed on the southern side of the building, but the floor levels did not match those in the original structure prompting historian and former faculty member Thomas D. Clark to remark that, *“It’s the most ungodly addition I’ve been in. It threw that library into a complete state of confusion. How students ever learned to use it, I don’t understand.”* Record enrollments in the late 60s and early 70s led to a second expansion of the library in 1974, this time as a free standing building to the north of the original that was connected by an overhead pedestrian crossing (above right). The pedestrian bridge was removed in 1999. With the opening of the W.T. Young Library in 1998, the three facilities that comprised the King Library were rededicated to focus on three specific areas: the original building houses the University’s special collection; the 1963 addition became the Science Library; and the 1974 addition became the Lucille Little Fine Arts Library.

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