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## See How Your Ancestors Let Off Some Steam

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**LEXINGTON, Ky. (Oct. 8, 2007)** – Don't miss a chance to see how your ancestors "let loose" depicted in a unique set of exhibits celebrating Kentucky's past at [William T. Young Library](#). In honor of Kentucky Archives Week and National Archives Month, the [University of Kentucky Archives](#) will display six exhibits at the [Hub](#), located in the basement of Young Library. The exhibits, which open Monday, Oct. 8, follow a leisure theme and include a diverse selection of extraordinary images from the Commonwealth of yesteryear, including some images viewers will likely find intriguing, if not curious.

Following the 2007 Archives Week theme of "leisure," UK Archives will present the exhibits below:

- "Movie Theaters of Lexington, 1930-1950," which includes striking images of the Kentucky, The State, The Strand, The Ben Ali, and The Ada Meade cinemas;
- "Mustaches of the Nineteenth Century," a whimsical celebration of what some might consider the golden age of upper lip hair and its myriad of forms, which also has a [blog site](#) for the mustache-loving Internet user;
- "The W.B. Griffin Circus Photographs," a look behind the scenes of the spectacular Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus;
- "Leisure on UK's Campus Throughout the 20th Century," showing multifarious student activities through the decades;
- "Curiosities and Wonders," an exhibit that would fit the Library of Congress defined subject with images of the strange and sublime from the [Lexington Herald-Leader photograph collection](#); and
- "Cartoons from the Kentuckian," a celebration of illustrations starting from 1906.

Curated by Deirdre Scaggs, university archivist, and Jason Flahardy, photographic archivist, the six exhibits feature historical images from [Audio-Visual](#) and [University Archives](#).

With leisure as the theme of Kentucky's 2007 Archives Week, UK Libraries found the perfect opportunity to showcase the diverse materials contained in the UK Archives. "With this exhibit we hope to challenge the archival stereotype by showing the public the field's entertaining (and historical) side," said Scaggs.



Chicken that walks like a penguin - a digital image from Herald-Leader archives

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The six new exhibits will be presented on the Hub's video windows through Oct. 31. Funded in part by a grant from the Donovan Memorial Trust, the video windows at the Hub create a space for art and light and provide "windows" to the world at large. UK Libraries uses the unique display format to feature a different art exhibit each month.

Scaggs will also present on UK Libraries' completion of the Lexington Herald-Leader project in conjunction with Archives Week festivities. The talk, which especially focuses on the documentation of leisure, will be presented by the archivist Oct. 12, at a Kentucky Council on Archives meeting.

To find out more about the six leisure exhibits on display at the Hub, contact [Scaggs](#); [Flahardy](#); or [Stacey Greenwell](#), interim director of the Hub.

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