

Talking Points for Library Art Exhibit Opening

- The year is 1813.
- The War of 1812 is still raging. In September, 1813, the British fail to capture Baltimore, a major turning point in the war.
- The United States Navy gains its motto as the mortally wounded commander of the frigate Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, said, 'Don't give up the ship'.
- AND, a library opens at the six-year old University of Maryland!
- Today we are here to celebrate 200 years of excellence.
- Needless to say, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library is a much different place today than it was in 1813.
- And while we stand in a beautiful building, it is what is stored inside its walls that makes it so grand and meaningful.
- Today we are here to open a very special art exhibit.
- "Evolution and Influences: The Health Sciences and Human Services Library at 200" presents a history of the library by contrasting its place in the history of the campus and the world at large.

- It traces the history and growth of the library from a core collection of texts to its current incarnation, now serving five schools of this Founding Campus of our University System of Maryland.
- You will see how information has been stored from books, to microfilm to microchips and take in the special coverage of the 1985 closing of the card catalog.
- You can examine cool library artifacts.
- The exhibit will be on display until December 30th and I hope you will all take the time to explore it.
- Today is just one of many events that will span a two-year celebration, including a research event, community service, a national symposia with a nationally recognized speaker and even a homecoming of sorts for alumni, all culminating in a social event to be held right here in the library.
- Please check the library's web site for upcoming events.
- And now I'd like to introduce M.J. Tooley, Associate Vice President, and Executive Director of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library.