

Mary Jane's Cafe opens at UIS

The folks at Brookens Library at the University of Illinois at Springfield wanted a coffee shop in the lower level of the building. And they wanted it named after Mary Jane MacDonald, the first librarian hired at the school back when it was Sangamon State University.

"She served here a long time, almost 30 years, and was just so highly regarded in the university community, really beloved," UIS library dean Jane Tread-

well said.

So they put out a request for proposals, and Bevande Coffee Shops got the contract. Bevande, run by Tyler Buckley, has two outlets in campus buildings at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and two other shops in Bloomington — one in a medical building and the other at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. Each one is named Bevande Coffee Shop.

To honor MacDonald, the Brookens coffee shop, which opened a few days ago, is called **MARY JANE'S CAFE FEATURING BEVANDE COFFEE.**

The coffee is roasted on Mondays and delivered on Thursdays.

"You're always drinking coffee never more than a week old," Buckley said. "All of our house coffees are organic and shade-grown. We're especially proud of our espresso."

Besides a large selection of coffee drinks, the cafe sells deli sandwiches, hot panini sandwiches (such as BLT and three-cheese), soups, salads, fruit smoothies, soft-serve ice cream and pastries (croissants, cinnamon rolls, cheesecake, brownies, etc.)

Although the school year is ending, the restaurant will operate through the summer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once the fall semester starts, hours will be extended.

Mary Jane's Cafe has a catering menu, too.

"When a group needs box lunches, we can do it," Buckley said.

The catering menu offers sandwiches, sandwich trays, sides, fruit platters, dessert platters, breakfast pastries, coffees and other beverages.

There is seating for about 100 at the cafe, which is adjacent to Brookens Auditorium. The space had formerly been a lounge, known as the MacDonald Lounge.

The restaurant's phone number is 529-5554. The Web site is www.bevandecoffee.com and the e-mail address is info@bevandecoffee.com.

Treadwell said students and faculty had been asking for a coffee shop in the library.

"The trend in libraries is to have more informal gathering spaces, community spaces. Most new academic libraries include a cafe as part of the design," Treadwell said. "There's been pent-up demand."

MacDonald is expected to attend the cafe's official ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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