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Tri-State Literacy Council presented one of three Community Literacy Awards to the Cabell County Public Library at its breakfast celebration on September 29. Accepting on behalf of the library was Director Judy Rule (left). Presenting the award was Jean Green (right), long time Tri-State Literacy Council tutor, trainer and board member.

PEOPLE NEWS

ALABAMA

Sara Whitver has joined The University of Alabama Libraries' Gorgas Information Services as First-Year-Experience Librarian.

National Award Recognizes Birmingham Librarian's Work With Community

North Avondale Branch Librarian *Sandra Ross-Forrest* loves books and the children and patrons who read them. Ross-Forrest has turned the North Avondale Branch Library, which is in the middle of two public housing communities, into a valued "safe learning place." While many people look at the North Avondale community as a place where children could be destined to a life of drugs, teenage pregnancy and poverty, Sandra has a different viewpoint. She

sees the area as a place that can grow a garden full of successful professionals. To reap such a harvest, it depends on what you put into the soil. Ross-Forrest is using her library to plant seeds that are destined for greatness. She doesn't believe in the word, "No." She uses the power of "Yes" as fertilizer to make the community's garden something that will benefit everyone, said Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch, president of the board, who nominated Ross-Forrest for the award.

Ross-Forrest made it her mission to create educational and fun programs that will keep children and parents at elementary schools interested in learning. Parents and teachers appreciate the difference Ross-Forrest has made in the students' lives. One day, they are learning how to calculate distances to different countries by using Birmingham as a starting point. The next day, they are learning about how to write a story by decorating cookies. Ross-Forrest has shown adults that libraries aren't just for children; it's a place for them, too. Parents bring their children to the library to listen to them read, participate in programs, assist them with homework and class assignments and work with them on the computer.

"We are very proud of everything Sandra has done to make North Avondale Library a jewel in the community's crown. Library funding is tight, but she manages to present quality programs with her limited budget. Patrons would never know she's working on a shoestring budget to give them top-notch programs. It's because of her dedication and creativeness that she's managed to make North Avondale Library a shining star," said Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch.

Saundra's efforts to make learning fun, have gained national attention. Recently, the Carnegie Corp. of New York and The New York Times honored Ross-Forrest and nine other librarians for their outstanding service. Each winner received a \$5,000 cash award and was honored at a ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times. More than 1,700 librarians were nominated for the national award. Ross-Forrest was the only winner from Alabama. "I still have to pinch myself to believe that I won the award. The children and the other patrons made this award possible," Ross-Forrest said.

FLORIDA

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of ***Carole Hinshaw***. Ms. Hinshaw is a native of Alabama, and a graduate of the University of Alabama. She graduated from library school at LSU. She remains a strong Alabama football fan.

Her first library jobs were at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD, and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



On July 22, 1988 she began as an adjunct, half-time librarian and then became a visiting librarian. On August 8, 1989, she became a full-time member of the library faculty.

Carole served in several positions: Reference Librarian, Library Instruction Coordinator, and Head of the Reference Department beginning in 1999. Since 2009, Carole has been the library's Marketing and Program Officer, "an offer from Barry that I couldn't refuse".

Carole has enjoyed acquiring nationally travelling exhibits for display at the library. She served on the committee chaired by Cheryl Mahan that brought *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Myths of Nature* to UCF. Carole chaired the committee that hosted the recent display, *A Fine Romance: Jewish-American Songwriters, American Songs 1910 – 1965*. Her favorite display of them all has been *Pride and the Passion: The African American Baseball Experience*, which presented the history of baseball's Negro Leagues. Carole and her committee planned an amazing day with the "Legends," Negro League players from the 1940s, who came and shared their experiences with a spellbound UCF audience. That night the "Legends" met the UCF Baseball team pre-game, and one of the "Legends" threw out the first pitch.

Some of the other memorable exhibits that Carole worked on included the photography of Frank and Etta Jean Juge, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* (written in Orlando), materials from the Holocaust Center, and photos of Cuba taken by Bob Michaels. "Campus Organizations have been great help" in getting exhibit material, she said.

Carole has been an active member of the American Library Association, Florida Library Association, and Southeastern Library Association. She served as chair of a Library Instruction Round Table Committee, and was active in the Distance Learning Section. On campus, Carole served as Secretary of the UCF Faculty Senate.

She has recently been appointed to the Sanford Museum Advisory board, and serves on the Board of the Rotary Club of Sanford and South Seminole County. She works with the Kerouac Project's "Writer in Residence" program.

Travel favorites include Cuba, Guatemala, Turkey, Italy, a trip to see the fallen Berlin Wall, and a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon.

What is a memory of working at the UCF library that stands out? "September 11 was stunning. The students milled around, watching TV monitors that were put up in the library building." But there are many happy memories as well. "I am certainly going to miss a lot of very interesting people; so many good friends." We will all miss Carole as well.

Betty D. Johnson, Professor and Library Director at the duPont-Ball Library of Stetson University in DeLand, FL, retired Sept. 1, 2011, after 50 years of service. She holds the MSLS from Columbia University, and after holding various positions at Stetson, she was named Library Director at Stetson in 2002. A long-time member of SELA, she was president of the Florida Library Association in 2001/02. At the retirement reception, the Chair of the University Board of Trustees announced that a

Library General Endowment she had initiated has been re-named in her honor. Johnson has been named a member of the University Board of Trustees.

GEORGIA

John O'Shea, Special Collections Librarian at Reese Library, Augusta State University will retire on April 1, 2012 after thirty-five years service to the university. **Mary "Mellie" Kerins**, Outreach Librarian, retired in December 2011 after eleven years at ASU.

KENTUCKY

Homer Hall from Prestonsburg died Sept. 20, 2011. Homer was active in SELA for many years. He was associated with the Floyd County Public Library for 50 years. As Regional Librarian, with the Department for Libraries and Archives, his office was located in the Floyd County Public Library. After retiring from the Ky. Dept. for Libraries and Archives, he was director of the Floyd County Public Library.

"Mr. Hall moved the library into the technological era bringing free computer access and electronic resources to the public while serving as director," said Randell Reno, mobile librarian. "Mr. Hall had the vision and direction to plan and see to fruition the remodeling and add-on to the Floyd County Library in 1995, and to expand services in southern Floyd County and set in motion the building and completion of the Floyd County Library Branch in Minnie in 2009."

Hall also served as chair of the Kentucky Public Library Association in 1967, and was the state's regional librarian from 1954 until 1990.

LOUISIANA

Karen Cook has returned to Louisiana and taken the position of Assistant Professor / Head Government Information Librarian at McNeese State University in Lake Charles.

MISSISSIPPI

Victoria Penny from First Regional Library is one of two Association of Library Service to Children members in the nation to be awarded the Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship at the University of Florida's Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature. ALSC, a division of ALA, awards librarians with a minimum of eight years' experience in youth services \$4,000 a month to study the collection at the Baldwin Library.



Photo credit: David Brown, First Regional Library

She spent July on the Gainesville campus studying the collection with a focus on books featuring children playing outside

and in nature. Victoria works out of First Regional Library's Headquarters in Hernando, MS as Early Childhood Coordinator and Book Mobile Librarian.

Mississippi State University Libraries is proud to welcome a new faculty member to its Reference Department.

Ula Gabrielle Gaha joined MSU Libraries' faculty as an Assistant Professor/Social Science Reference Librarian in September 2011. She completed her M.L.I.S. in 2010 at the University of South Carolina, Columbia (USC). In December of this year, she will earn her Specialist degree in Library and Information Science with an emphasis in academic libraries from USC. Ula also earned her M.A. in English with a concentration in 20th century American literature from USC in 2010, and she completed her B.A. in English literature with a minor in women's studies in 2007 at Augusta State University in Georgia.

NORTH CAROLINA

Laurie Hunter is Physical Sciences Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, effective Dec. 1, 2011.

Working with a team of librarians in the Kenan Science Library, Hunter will provide collection development, research and instructional services and liaison services for the chemistry, physics, astronomy and mathematical sciences departments.



Prior to this appointment, Hunter served as Reference Librarian at the Meredith College Carlyle Campbell Library in Raleigh, N.C., and as an EPA-RTP Library Intern at the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

She holds a B.A. in mathematics and a B.S. in computer science from Meredith College and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), has appointed **Emily Jack** as Digital Projects and Outreach Librarian in the North Carolina Collection Gallery of the Wilson Special Collections Library. She began Feb. 1.

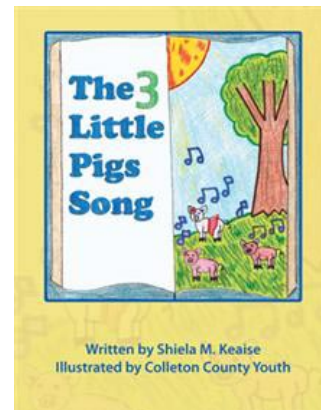
Jack will work under the supervision of the keeper of the Gallery to raise the Gallery's public profile. She will manage web pages and create online exhibits and web-based social media. She will also organize promotional and outreach activities such as tours and educational programs. In addition, Jack will be responsible for record-keeping and

management of the Gallery's 22,000 historic objects.

Prior to this appointment, Jack worked with LEARN NC at the UNC School of Education as associate editor and special collections librarian, and then as managing editor. She holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, and an M.S.L.S. from the UNC School of Information and Library Science.

SOUTH CAROLINA

**Just when you thought the 3 Little Pigs
could not be retold,
this book comes along in a new song
that's funny and bold.**



The retelling of The 3 Little Pigs is done in lyrical song in which each pig, including their mother, express their feelings about their adventure of moving into the big bad world alone and meeting the big bad wolf. The rich illustrations by 16 talented Colleton County youths add depth to the book along with the use of rhymes and songs. The combination of text and illustration will help young readers obtain the meaning of unfamiliar words and provide comprehension.

Shiela M. Keaise is the author of seven children's books and is currently serving

as the Children's Librarian at the Colleton County Memorial Library (CCML). In 2008, she debuted Hannah and Dexter: The First Meeting, a children's book. Ms. Shiela is also a professional storyteller, singer, and certified child care trainer living in Walterboro, SC. This is the 6th book that she has written in the seven Illustrate-A-Book projects that have taken place at the Colleton Library since its introduction in 2006. Ms. Shiela started the Illustrate-A-Book program with hopes of sharing the talents of local artistic volunteers and gifted children. The goal of the I-A-B program is to nationally publish these books and get talented youths, ages 7-18, motivated to make a difference in their community.

All proceeds from book sales will go to the Children's Department at the Colleton County Memorial Library!

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce *Sandy Knowles* as the new director of Talking Book Services. Knowles replaces Pamela Davenport, now at the National Library Service for the Blind, and began on January 3, 2012.

Knowles was born and grew up in Columbia, S.C. and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Masters in Library Science. Her first professional position was with the Anderson County Library in Anderson, S.C.

Knowles is an avid reader of fiction, primarily mysteries. She is also an amateur artist and her favorite medium is clay. She learned ceramics in Asheville, N.C. and has had the opportunity to teach others and sell her work in galleries.

Knowles has also worked at the Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital, Anderson, S.C., the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, S.C., Henderson County Public Library, Hendersonville, N.C., and the Norfolk Public Library, Norfolk, V.A.

The State Library's Talking Book Services (TBS) is a free service to South Carolinians of all ages who are unable to read standard print material due to visual, physical or learning disabilities whether permanent or temporary. TBS provides audio, Braille, large print books and magazines.

For more information about the State Library's Talking Book Services, please visit www.statlibrary.sc.gov/tbs.

**Otranto Road Regional Library's
Manager Named
2011 S. C. Outstanding Librarian of the
Year**

Deborah Rollerson Harris, employed with the Charleston County Public Library as the Branch Manager for the Otranto Road Regional Library was named recently the Outstanding Librarian of the Year by the South Carolina Library Association (SCLA). The Outstanding Librarian of the Year Award is presented each year to a librarian who has initiated or developed an imaginative or creative program, service, or work of enduring value, for the effective use of or increased interest in libraries or a particular library. Harris was nominated for this honor by the entire staff of her branch. In their nomination, the staff praised her as an "exemplary, compassionate, and visionary leader", who inspires them to excel. They praised her communication and

organizational skills, her leadership and commitment to the community.

The nomination highlighted her efforts as a branch manager, she is the longest serving branch manager of one of the four original Regional facilities that opened in 1992, her ability to oversee the branch's renovation in 2007, her efforts as a professional mentor to new branch managers, and her role on numerous community and library committees. One key highlight was Harris' leadership, with the help of her staff to open the only Employment and Career Center within a branch library in South Carolina. The Center opened in February after recognizing the branch was facing an increased demand from job-seeking customers. Harris was able to obtain administrative approval to create an area with job and career related resources, dedicated computers for job searches. The Center also offers fax and scanner services. Since the Center opened, the computers in this area have been used nearly 2400 times, the fax service used more about 300 times, and the scanner nearly 400 times. The fifteen other available computers with Internet access at the Otranto Branch have had more than 35,000 uses for the year.



Harris was surprised, but honored to be librarian of the year. She said she is humbled because she is being recognized for doing what she loves. "I am fortunate to have such an outstanding staff. They are the ones who make it happen."

The Award was presented to her at the annual South Carolina Library Association Conference held at the North Charleston Convention Center by Rayburne J. Turner, Immediate Past SCLA President, and Reference Services Manager at the Otranto Road Regional Library. Turner stated that "Harris' demeanor exemplifies professionalism, precision, order and accuracy. She has a willingness to go the extra mile for her branch, the success of area libraries, and the Charleston County Public Library System as a whole. I proudly introduced my mentor as the recipient of this prestigious award." Turner was the 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Librarian Award.

Doug Henderson, Executive Director for Charleston County Public Library said the highlight of the conference was the announcement that Otranto Road Regional Manager Deborah Harris was selected as S. C. Outstanding Librarian of the Year. We're very proud of Deborah.

Clemson University Retirees

A big congratulations and shout out to recent 2011 retirees of the Clemson University Libraries. After many years of dedicated and distinguished service, we bid these fine folks farewell and salute their respective longtime contributions to the people of South Carolina.



Elizabeth J. "Betty" Cook: Print Facility Manager, Emery A. Gunnin Architecture Library with 28 years of service. Betty is a Paraprofessional of the Year awardee of the South Carolina Library Association and was Clemson Libraries Classified Employee of the Year in 2000.



E. Jens Holley: Head of Resource Sharing and Chair of the Library Department with 19 years of service at Clemson and 31½ years of service to the State of South Carolina. Jens is a founder and charter member of the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Clemson University and also recently was recognized with and awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the South Carolina Library Association.



Rhonda Patton: ILL Lending Specialist, with 32 years of service. Rhonda was Clemson Libraries Classified Employee of the Year in 1991.

Sheryle Place: Circulation Assistant with 18 years of service and who earlier served in Reserves/Media.

Lauren E. Young: Records Analyst in Records Management with 31 years of service. Lauren was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History Award of Excellence in 2001 and awarded the South Carolina Public Records Association Lindy Smith Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

Elizabeth Sudduth began her new duties as Director of the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of South Carolina Libraries on November 1, 2011. Sudduth joined the Department as a faculty member in 2000, and had served as its associate director since 2009. Over the course of her twenty-five-year career in academic libraries, Sudduth also has held positions of progressively increasing responsibility at Williams College and Randolph-Macon College. Her educational background includes a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a bachelor's degree in economics, *cum laude*, and

graduate study in history at the State University of New York at Buffalo.



Glenn Bunton began his new position as Director of Library Technologies and Systems at the University of South Carolina Libraries on November 1, 2011. Glenn comes to USC from Old Dominion University where he was Head of Systems Development. Glenn received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and his Secondary Education teaching certification from Miami University of Ohio. He went on to earn two masters degrees from the University of North Texas: one in Library and Information Science and another in Computer Education and Cognitive Systems. Glenn is responsible for leadership of the Libraries' information technology infrastructure and services, including supervision of the Libraries' technology activities and staff.



Heather Heckman and **Lydia Pappas** began new positions as Assistant Directors of Moving Image Research Collections on January 3. In addition to administrative duties, each will have curatorial responsibility for a number of non-Newsfilm collections.



Heather comes to USC from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she was Interim Assistant Director of the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research. She holds an MLIS from UW-Madison and is currently completing a Ph.D. in Film Studies.



Lydia joins us from Stanford University, where she recently completed a temporary job processing the Marlon Riggs Collection. Prior to that she was the Film Archivist for the City of London Heritage sector. She holds an MA in Film Archiving from the University of East Anglia.

Promotions: **Dorothy Walker** was named Associate Director of South Carolina Political Collections effective, December 1. **Amber Gibbs** was named Head of the Interlibrary Loan Department, effective February 1.

Science degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Allen earned an M.B.A. at Portland State University. Allen currently serves on the OCLC Global Council and on the editorial board of *Collection Management* for Haworth Press.

TENNESSEE

Bonnie Allen will join MTSU's Walker Library beginning on March 1, 2012. Allen has been serving since 2006 as Dean of Libraries at the University of Montana, Missoula, where she has been playing a lead role in budgeting, strategic planning, assessment, and information technology for libraries. Prior to that, she served as Associate University Librarian at Oregon State University in Corvallis. In addition to a bachelor's degree in fine arts and a Master of Library and Information

