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SELA NEWS:

Southern Book Competition Winners Announced

The Southern Books Competition Committee announces the winners of the 2012 competition. Please see the Announcements at <http://selaonline.org/> for a link to the 2012 Southern Books Competition Awards brochure. The Southern Books Competition began in 1952. Awards are made on the basis of design, typography, and quality of production.

Judges are knowledgeable book people associated with book design, binding, printing, bookselling, publishing, and librarianship. The committee would like to thank our judges, **Professor Joey Hannaford**, from the University of West Georgia, **Professor Steve Miller** from the University of Alabama, and **Dr. Lois Upham**, retired cataloger and library educator, and the current Chair of the Newton County (Georgia) Library Board. In addition to serving as a judge, Professor Hannaford designed the awards brochure.

The books were on display at the 2012 SELA Conference in Macon, Georgia. Following the conference, they will be available as a travelling exhibit. Please contact me to schedule a showing at your library.

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STATE NEWS

GEORGIA

Georgia State to Host Oral History Association Offices; Cliff Kuhn Appointed Executive Director

Effective January 1, 2013, the history department at Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta will become the new host for the executive office of the Oral History Association (OHA), the national professional association for the field. Dr. Clifford Kuhn, associate professor of history at GSU and a past president of OHA, will serve as the association's first full time executive

director. These changes are the result of a national search which began when Dickinson College, OHA's current home, determined that it would be unable to renew its contract, which expired on December 31, 2012. Madelyn Campbell, OHA's executive secretary, announced her retirement effective the same date. OHA's contract with GSU extends through December 31, 2017, with an option for renewal at the end of the five-year period.

While numerous institutions around the United States expressed strong interest in hosting OHA, none offered GSU's combination of institutional fit, community support, and financial backing, which included support for a respected leader in the field of oral history as executive director, as well as for a part-time program associate and graduate student assistants. According to OHA president Mary Larson, "The move to Georgia State represents the next stage in OHA's evolution, and we're all very excited about the new opportunities this arrangement presents for both our organization and GSU. We are particularly impressed by the level of support and enthusiasm on the part of Georgia State's administration, and we look forward to working with them in the future."

Michelle Brattain, chair of the history department who submitted the proposal on behalf of GSU and was the university's primary point of contact during contract negotiations, added that "the prospect of hosting OHA presented us with a terrific opportunity to enhance the department's successful public history program and to strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration between all oral history practitioners at our university and within our community. We couldn't be more pleased with the outcome."

The appointment of Dr. Kuhn as executive director will open up opportunities to develop the association's reach nationally and internationally and to expand programming in ways that advance the field. Among his first duties will be the initiation of a strategic planning process to guide the association over the next five years. According to Dr. Kuhn, "While oral history practice has never been more extensive, much of this work has largely bypassed the national professional organization in the field. With the new structure, the OHA has the potential to become the go-to place for oral history in the United States, the primary portal for anyone interested in oral history."

Dr. Kuhn, who has been a member of the GSU faculty since 1988, has a long affiliation with OHA and oral history. In addition to serving as OHA president in 2000-2001, he has been a member of the OHA Council and Nominating Committee along with other elected and appointed responsibilities. In addition, he has a number of scholarly publications and has been a leader in the Atlanta public history community.

An ad hoc Transition Committee co-chaired by OHA's immediate past president Rina Benmayor and past president Linda Shopes led the search for a new

institutional home and executive director, with committee members Laurie Mercier, also a past president of the association, and Roger Horowitz, chair of OHA's Finance Committee. Executive Secretary Madelyn Campbell served on the committee ex officio. Her work was facilitated early on by consultations with John Dichtl, executive director of the National Council for Public History, and Timothy Lloyd, executive director of the American Folklore Society.

Exhibits and Programs @ Ingram Library, University of West Georgia

Bob Barr Collection Opening Ceremony May 15, 2013

Suzanne Durham, Head of Special Collections, has announced plans for a ceremony marking the opening of the Bob Barr Collection. Barr represented the 7th District in congress from 1995 to 2003, and was the 2008 Libertarian Party candidate for president. The ceremony will be held in Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia on Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

***FDR: His Vision, Our Freedoms, Still Alive* February 11- March 8, 2013**

Ingram Library is pleased to host the exhibit *FDR: His Vision, Our Freedoms, Still Alive*, presented by our friends group, the Penelope Melson Society, with support from the Georgia Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly. Additional funding was provided by the Carroll EMC Foundation. Georgia artist Steve Penley graciously provided an original painting of FDR for use in association with exhibit publicity. Developed by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York, the panel exhibit highlights President's Roosevelt's leadership through the Great Depression and World War II. The exhibit is enhanced by a display of objects which highlight Roosevelt's residence at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia, including letters from then-Governor Roosevelt to Irvine Sullivan Ingram, principal of the Fourth District Agricultural & Mechanical School, now the University of West Georgia, for whom Ingram Library was named in 1980. Allan M. Winkler, Professor of History at Miami University, and author of *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Making of Modern America* spoke on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Ingram Library.



Suzanne Durham, Head of Special Collections at the University of West Georgia, discusses a letter held in the University Archives that is on display in conjunction with the exhibit "FDR: His Vision, Our Freedoms, Still Alive." The letter was written by New York Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Irvine Sullivan Ingram, principal of the Fourth District Agricultural & Mechanical School (now the University of West Georgia). Governor Roosevelt visited the school in 1929. The institution's library was named for Dr. Ingram in 1980.

Paul Revere Awards Exhibit February 4-23, 2013

Ingram Library is honored to host an exhibit of music scores that have received the Music Publishers Association's 2012 Paul Revere Award. The exhibit will be on display in the Thomas B. Murphy Reading Room February 4-23, 2013. A concert and reception featured student, faculty, alumni and community performers. Shelley Smith, Senior Cataloger, who is a member of the Music Library Association, secured the exhibit.

"The Music of Hank Williams" @Ingram Library December 8, 2012

"The Music of Hank Williams," endorsed by the Smithsonian Institution as part of its "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music" traveling exhibition tour was held in Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia in December, 2012 and drew some 240 attendees. Dr. Steve Goodson, Chair of the Department of History, who is compiling a book on Hank Williams, reviewed the singer songwriter's life and contributions to American musical history, and provided commentary to a performance by Americana Express. Judge Mike Murphy discussed the affection his father, late Georgia House Speaker Tom Murphy, had for Williams' music. The Murphy Collection, which is held by the university, includes the Speaker's personal collection of Hank Williams recordings, and a signed photograph of Murphy and Jett Williams. Dr. Keith Hebert of the Center for Public History at UWG assisted in program development, along with Gary Duke, Lorene Flanders, and Catherine Hendricks.

KENTUCKY

Northern Kentucky University Receives NEH Grant

Northern Kentucky University has received a \$50,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections planning grant to evaluate the environmental climate in which W. Frank Steely Library's Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter University Archives stores its historical collections and permanent university records. The goal is to create a sustainable, energy efficient, preservation quality environment for the protection of these collections which have "regional and national significance." Only eighteen of eighty applicants nationally received funding.

Steely Library's Special Collections and Archives subsequently received a National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance grant to conduct a security assessment of the archives and provide security training for personnel.

University Archivist and assistant professor Lois Hamill is the principal investigator for both grants.

MISSISSIPPI

MSU Libraries Ranks Nationally in Libraries Journal Publications

Based on preliminary study results from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Mississippi State University is the tenth most productive institution in terms of journal publications by librarians.

The preliminary study results were revealed in "Publication Patterns of U.S. Academic Librarians: 2003-2011," a poster session presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA in June of this year.

Deborah Blecic; Stephen Wiberley, Jr.; Sandra De Groote; Mary Shultz; John Cullars; and Vivian Chan examined issues of 32 previously studied peer-reviewed library and information science journals published between 2003 and 2011. They determined the frequency of publication by U.S. academic librarians and compared the productivity of individual institutions.

Of the top fifteen institutions listed in this study, MSU Libraries ranks tenth in number of author instances in the journals studied, and the Libraries tied for sixth with the University of Illinois at Chicago in number of refereed articles. The higher number of author instances is a result

of co-authorship, which the study authors attribute to collaboration among librarians.

A PDF of the poster with a list of the top fifteen institutions, description of methodology, list of journals studied, and more is available at <http://ala12.scheduler.ala.org/files/ala12/pubpatternsposterREVISED.pdf>.

The authors plan to extend the study through 2012 and similarly examine additional journals.

Lee-Itawamba Library System Joins MSU-based Mississippi Library Partnership

Mississippi's largest library consortium is adding new libraries this week. After the acquisition, the system will serve 55 libraries in 16 Mississippi counties.

The Mississippi Library Partnership (MLP) welcomed the Lee-Itawamba Library System to the consortium in an official contract signing on Thursday, August 23, 2012. The Lee-Itawamba Library System currently serves Tupelo's Lee County Public Library & Fulton's Itawamba County Public Library.

The Lee-Itawamba Library System joins the MLP, which serves libraries on the campuses of Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, East Mississippi Community College, Starkville High School, and in the cities of Aberdeen, Ackerman, Amory, Artesia, Batesville, Caledonia, Carthage, Coldwater, Columbus, Como, Crawford, Crenshaw, Duck Hill, Durant, Eupora, Goodman, Hamilton, Hernando, Horn Lake, Jackson, Kilmichael, Kosciusko, Lexington, Louisville, Maben, Mathiston, Mayhew, Meridian, Nettleton, Olive Branch, Oxford, Pickens, Sardis, Scooba, Senatobia, Southaven, Starkville, Sturgis, Tchula, Tunica, Walls, Walnut Grove, Weir, West, West Point, Winona, and Wren.

During the contract signing in Mississippi State University Libraries' John Grisham Room, Dr. Mark Keenum, president of Mississippi State University, welcomed the new members to the MLP stating "We are very proud of Mississippi State University's role in the growth and development of the Mississippi Library Partnership. The affiliation of the Lee-Itawamba Library System with the Partnership brings even more strength and prestige to this important consortium."

Lee-Itawamba Director Jeff Tomlinson is pleased with the decision to join, remarking "We are very excited about joining the Partnership as a way to provide additional books to our patrons and also as a way to save taxpayer dollars; when we can borrow the books from another library, we don't have to buy those titles." Tomlinson went on to share "Once our patrons get familiar with this service, I expect we will see many

requests for books from other libraries. This is just too good a deal to pass up, and the people of our community know a good thing when they see it!"

The Mississippi Library Partnership was established in 1993 as a means of increasing the sharing of resources and automation costs as well as the sharing of technical expertise. The mission of the Partnership is to provide a central database that customers can utilize to provide easy access to resources available in the North-Central regions of the state. Building upon the success of the venture between charter members Mississippi State University and Mississippi University for Women, the Partnership continues to impact libraries and provide exceptional service to its members.

"We are very pleased to have the Lee-Itawamba System join the MLP," said Cunetto. "With the addition of these new libraries, the Partnership, the only one of its kind in the State, now includes over 55 libraries, including academic, public, and school libraries."

Since its establishment, Starkville High School, Tombigbee Regional Library System, Starkville-Oktibbeha Public Library System, the East Mississippi Community College Libraries, the Mid-Mississippi Library System, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System, and the First Regional Library have joined the Partnership. Training and ongoing development and support for the Partnership is handled by the Mississippi State University Libraries.

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Pictured at the contract signing are (l to r) Celia Fisher, Member, Mississippi Library Commission Board of Directors; Vicki Gault-Farmer, Member, Lee-Itawamba Library System Board of Directors; Stephen Cunetto, Administrator of Systems for MSU Libraries & Executive Director, Mississippi Library Partnership; Glenda Segars, Member, Lee-Itawamba Library System Board of Directors; Jeff Tomlinson, Director, Lee-Itawamba Library System; Mark Keenum, President, Mississippi State University; Dalton Anthony, President, Friends of the Lee County Library; Julie Battaile, Chair, Board of Trustees for the Lee-Itawamba Library System; and Frances Coleman, Dean of Libraries, Mississippi State University.



Jeff Tomlinson (left), Director, Lee-Itawamba Library System, and Mark Keenum, President, Mississippi State University sign the contract officially merging the Lee-Itawamba Library System with the Mississippi Library Partnership on Thursday, August 23, 2012, during a ceremony at Mississippi State University Libraries.

MSU's Complete *Reveille* Now Available Online, 1898-2008

Mississippi State University's *Reveille* has gone digital.

Every volume of the student-published yearbook is now freely available online via MSU Libraries' website. The project to digitize all *Reveille* volumes began in April 2012, and was completed in August. Pages from the yearbooks have typically been the most often-requested material for digitization from the University Archives. While the more recent volumes are pretty sturdy, some of the oldest books are not able to be handled by the public due to their frail condition. Now, due to the completion of this digitization, anyone can access all years of the *Reveille* from anywhere in the world.

The *Reveille* chronicles the lives and events of Mississippi State University (previously named Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College and Mississippi State College) throughout the institution's history. MSU Libraries partnered with the Lyrasis Mass Digitization Collaborative to complete this digitization project through a subsidy grant from the Sloan Foundation. Each of the volumes from 1898 to 2008 is searchable – thanks to the use of optical character recognition (OCR) software – and freely available for partial or complete download.

For more information on MSU Libraries and to peruse the yearbooks, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/Reveille>.

New Online and Onsite Resources at MSU Libraries Celebrate Land-grant Institutions

In conjunction with Mississippi State University's historical investigation of the sesquicentennial land-grant university, "Thinking Land Grants: A 'Cerebration' of the 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Land-Grant Act, October 3-6, 2012," and the national recognition of October as Archives Month, the MSU Libraries announce a number of online and onsite resources celebrating the Morrill Land-Grant Act.

An exhibit detailing the land-grant origins of MSU is newly installed on Mitchell Memorial Library's second-floor Information Mall. Utilizing materials from the vast collections of the University Archives, this exhibit hosts for visitors documents, photographs and memorabilia related to the early days of the University, known then as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi. Among the items on display are excerpts from the original Board of Trustees meeting minutes from 1878, showing the selection of Starkville as the site for the College and of Stephen D. Lee as the College's first president.

The MSU Libraries have also created The Mississippi State University Founders Digital Collection as a supplement to the exhibit. This collection features the complete 1878 Board of Trustees meeting minutes and the Presidential Papers of both Stephen D. Lee (from 1880-1899) and John Marshall Stone (from 1899-1900), second President of the College. This collection can be accessed by visiting <http://library.msstate.edu/specialcollections/archive/founders>.

In addition, "The Morrill Act, Celebrating Land-Grant Universities," a new research guide, is now available, providing users with access to information on the Morrill Act, land-grant institutions in the United States, agricultural resources on the web, books and journals dealing with agricultural and mechanical topics and a variety of digital resources related to land-grant institutions and their missions. This research guide can be accessed by visiting <http://guides.library.msstate.edu/MorrillAct>.

For more information and to begin accessing these resources, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/> or contact MSU Libraries Assistant Archivist Ryan Semmes at 662-325-9355 or by email at rsemmes@library.msstate.edu

Mississippi State University Libraries' Faculty Joins ACRL Task Force

Mississippi State University Libraries is proud to announce that Reference Librarian Greta Wood has been asked to serve on the 75th Anniversary Task Force for the

Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). This committee will be tasked with planning a variety of ways for ACRL members and the higher education community to celebrate all the great work ACRL has achieved – and prepare for greater achievements in the future.

Greta Wood joined Mississippi State University Libraries in June of 2011 as Assistant Professor/Instructional Services Librarian. Ms. Wood is a 2007 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, obtaining her MLIS, and a 2002 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, obtaining a MA in English. Ms. Wood also holds a BA in English with minors in anthropology and Women's Studies from Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

The School of Library and Information Science at The University of Southern Mississippi is pleased announce the new Graduate Certificate in Youth Services and Literature. The 15-credit hour certificate includes online courses related to literature, programs, services, and related topics for youth (birth to age 18). The Certificate can be earned with an MLIS degree, a related master's degree or as post-master's certificate for those holding an MLS or master's degree in a related field.

For more information, please contact Stacy.Creel@usm.edu or visit us at <http://www.usm.edu/slis>.

Additionally, the Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections, initiated in 2009, has added a new course to the list of possible electives—LIS 580 British Studies. For more information, please contact Teresa.Welsh@usm.edu or visit us at <http://www.usm.edu/slis>.

Courses for both certificates are online; the practicum required for the archival certificate can be done at an approved archive or special collection near the student.

University Libraries Receives Civil War 150 Grant

The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries received the Civil War 150 grant from the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History. As part of the grant award, The University Libraries will receive a traveling exhibit that will focus on various themes of the American Civil War including slavery, Civil War literature, and the home front. In addition to the exhibit, the library will receive \$1,000 for event programming which will include additional exhibits highlighting collections in University Libraries' Special Collections and presentations from numerous Southern Miss professors on various aspects of the war. The exhibits and programming will take place in September 2013.

Jennifer Brannock, Curator of Rare Books and Mississippiana, with assistance from Library Grants Administrator Ann Branton, successfully wrote the grant

proposal. The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries was the only institution in Mississippi to receive the award.

For more information, contact Jennifer Brannock at Jennifer.Brannock@usm.edu or 601.266.4347.

Sunflower County Library Systems Presents - Headstone Stories: Raising the Dead at the Indianola City Cemetery

On April 13th, 2013, for two hours Indianola Academy 6th Grade students will impersonate different individuals interred at the Indianola City Cemetery. A cemetery stroll is a unique and interesting way to teach history and we bring this unusual teaching strategy to the local community. Last year was the second occurrence of Headstone Stories and this year it's going to be even better. Using our experiences from previous years and our aspirations for this year, the IA teachers and I have created an outline for the project. We have coordinated what knowledge and experience the teachers want for the students with what historical materials for research are located in the History Room. Our final plan is an eight paragraph paper concerning the lifetime of the interred, specifically the political atmosphere, the economic and agricultural conditions, and the cultural trends. The students will make two visits with their class to the History Room, utilizing newspapers, microfilm and books to research these areas for their paper and personal reconstruction and one visit individually. Then on April 13th, 2013 from 10am to noon at the Indianola City Cemetery, the students will represent the interred to the community. Entertaining and educating visitors with personal stories, anecdotes of their time period and Indianola history. – Jennifer Rose, Public History Coordinator.

NORTH CAROLINA

NCSU Libraries Awarded Second Year of Grant to Improve Access to the History of Agriculture in North Carolina

The North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to be used for the second year of the digitization project, "Cultivating a Revolution: Science, Technology, and Change in North Carolina Agriculture, 1950-1979." The project serves students, teachers, researchers, and the general public by digitizing and making easily available online an important body of primary documents on the evolution of agriculture in North Carolina during a critical period in its development.

The funds to support this work were awarded by the State Library of North Carolina and are made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

These federal funds are investments that help libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services for their communities. The materials digitized through "Cultivating a Revolution" document the advances of modern agricultural practices and their economic impact across the state. During the time period covered by the project, farming in North Carolina moved from subsistence levels to the production of global commodities, a shift driven in part by research and development done at NC State University.

During the second year of the project, the NCSU Libraries will digitize an additional 15,000 archival pages. Upon completion, the project will make 114 16mm films and over 30,000 archival pages available online. The majority of collections to be curated in the second year of the project documents research and development in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences during this revolutionary time in North Carolina agricultural history.



"Cultivating a Revolution" builds upon the success of other digital projects developed by the NCSU Libraries with the support of LSTA funds. Last year, the Libraries completed "Beaux Arts to Modernism: Early Twentieth Century Architecture in North Carolina" (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/projects/beaux-arts-to-modernism.html>)--a collaboration with the State Library of North Carolina, UNC Charlotte, and the Asheville Art Museum. The project digitized 9,000 original architectural drawings and 700 photographs documenting over 1,000 buildings in cities throughout North Carolina. Previous agricultural digitization projects include the NCSU Libraries' Green 'N' Growing (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/greenngrowing/>), which documents the history of 4-H and home

demonstration in North Carolina from the 1900s to the 1970s.

The LSTA grant program administered by the State Library of North Carolina funds projects that help libraries deliver learning opportunities for a lifetime, support libraries in their mission to provide cost-effective access to the Internet and to information expertise, and make library resources more accessible to all users.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

For additional information about "Cultivating a Revolution," see <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/projects/cultivating-a-revolution.html> or contact Brian Dietz, Digital Program Librarian for Special Collections, at brian_dietz@ncsu.edu.

Watergate Papers of Rufus Edmisten Come to UNC

A subpoena that led to the downfall of an American president will have a new home at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, thanks to a donation by alumnus and Raleigh attorney Rufus Edmisten.

Edmisten, deputy chief counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee chaired by Sen. Sam Ervin of North Carolina, served President Richard Nixon with the subpoena on July 23, 1973. That original subpoena, along with Edmisten's personal archive, will now be part of the Southern Historical Collection in the Wilson Special Collections Library, home of Ervin's papers since 1975.

Edmisten marked the donation of his papers to UNC Sept. 20 with a free public talk in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room in Wilson Library. Chancellor Holden Thorp interviewed Edmisten and moderated questions from the audience.

The Edmisten papers arrive at UNC 40 years after the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate office complex that gave the scandal its name. The investigation of the break-in and the Nixon administration's cover-up of its involvement – including the White House tapes that Edmisten subpoenaed but Nixon refused to release – eventually led to Nixon's resignation.

"Uniting the Edmisten papers with those of Senator Ervin at UNC presents a tremendous opportunity for research," said Tim West, curator of the Southern Historical Collection. "Taken together, they demonstrate the critical role of North Carolinians in investigating this country's greatest political scandal."

Both the famed subpoena, from Edmisten's papers, and Nixon's letter of refusal, from Ervin's papers, will be on display in the Wilson Library lobby at 5 p.m., just before Edmisten's talk. Also on view will be notes that Ervin made during the hearings, letters he received and other items linked to the Watergate affair from both archives.

His papers also document Edmisten's 30 years of public service in Washington and in North Carolina. The Boone native, after graduating from UNC in 1963 and from George Washington University law school, served for 10 years on Ervin's staff. He later returned to the Tar Heel state, where he was elected attorney general in 1974 and ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1984. He served from 1988 to 1996 as secretary of state, before retiring from public service to launch a private law career with the firm that is now Edmisten, Webb & Moore in Raleigh.

For program information, contact Liza Terll, Friends of the Library, (919) 548-1203, liza_terll@unc.edu.

Read Smart Program Brings Gown to the Town

On August 23, a group of thoughtful readers, led by an NC State scholar, gathered at the iconic Cameron Village Regional Library to share ideas and discuss literature at the sixteenth *Read Smart* program. Dr. Sheila Smith McKoy, the director of NC State's African American Cultural Center, associate professor of English, and the director of NC State's Africana Studies program, led a discussion on Toni Morrison's new novel *Home*.



The program is part of *Read Smart*, a discussion series of popular books moderated by NC State scholars. The series is a collaborative program from the NCSU Libraries and the Cameron Village Regional Library. Librarians from both institutions work together to select books that are receiving critical and popular attention, and recruit NC State University scholars whose research and professional interests match the books themes to lead the discussions. Selected books are both fiction and non-fiction, and have ranged from autobiographies (*Blood, Bones and Butter* by Gabrielle Hamilton, with a discussion led by Dr. Sarah Ash, professor of nutrition), to novels (*Room* by Emma Donoghue, with a discussion

led by Dr. Lynne Baker-Ward, professor of developmental psychology), to history (*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, with a discussion led by Dr. Joe Caddell, special faculty in the Department of History).

Participants have responded enthusiastically to the program, and find it a valuable and accessible way to participate in life-long learning. Bob and Shirley Usry, frequent *Read Smart* attendees who are retired extension and teaching faculty and whose son and daughter are both NC State grads explain:

We are an NC State family, long-term members of the Raleigh community, and have often commented that many of our friends and acquaintances know little about the valuable resources at the public university "over there at NC State." We see *Read Smart* as a way to pierce the NC State mystique just a bit and let folks in the community hear, see, and interact with interesting, diverse university faculty scholars in a comfortable setting. And the fact that folks do not have to come to campus but *Read Smart* comes to the community . . . at a Wake County public library . . . makes it convenient for folks to "meet NC State."

Dr. Shevaun Neupert, associate professor of lifespan developmental psychology, led a discussion on *Turn of Mind* by Alice LaPlante, a novel that deals with aging and Alzheimer's disease. Neupert says, "facilitating a *Read Smart* discussion was a fun way to integrate some of my research with a popular novel. The participants asked great questions and it was a wonderful opportunity to interact with members of the community."

Read Smart is supported by the Friends of the Library of NCSU Libraries and continues through the fall. A complete schedule can be found at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu>.

Big Data Grant Winner Includes Rajasekar

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Professor Arcot Rajasekar will lead one of eight research teams that have won a Big Data grant – a new federal funding initiative that aims to improve the tools and techniques needed to access, organize and glean discoveries from huge volumes of data.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), with support from the National Institutes of Health, awarded the eight research teams about \$15 million six months after the White House announced the Big Data Research and Development Initiative. The eight projects will develop scientific techniques for big data management, new approaches to analyze data and e-science collaborative environments with possible future applications in a variety of fields, including physics, economics and medicine.

Rajasekar, a professor in the School of Information and Library Science and chief scientist at the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI), is principal investigator for a three-year project, "DataBridge – A Sociometric System for Long-Tail Science Data Collections." The \$1.5 million project funded by the NSF will use sociometric networks similar to Linked In or Facebook but on a larger scale to enable scientists to find data and like-minded research.

"This grant is an excellent fit for campus and the school's priorities as well as the research and curriculum initiatives already underway," said Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Professor in the School of Information and Library Science. "We are excited to have an opportunity to extend our national leadership in big data tool and services."

The other four co-principal investigators on the UNC project are Thomas W. Carsey, Pearsall Distinguished Professor of political science and director of the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science; Hye-Chung Kum, research associate professor at the School of Social Work and adjunct professor in the department of computer science; Howard Lander, senior research software developer; and Sharlini Sankaran, executive director of Research, Engagement and Capabilities Hub of North Carolina RENCi. Researchers at Harvard and North Carolina A & T State universities are partners in this project.

"The DataBridge project builds on a long history of national excellence in data management and archiving enjoyed by the Odum Institute," said Carsey. "The institute is always conducting research and development with a focus on delivering research data to scholars efficiently and effectively. The DataBridge project represents the next significant step in that ongoing mission."

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One Hundred Twenty-Five Years of Shaping the Future Opens at NCSU Libraries

As part of North Carolina State University's 125th anniversary celebration, the NCSU Libraries is pleased to present *One Hundred Twenty-Five Years of Shaping the Future*, an exhibition that honors and explores the university's history as an engine for educational innovation and economic growth for North Carolina and the world.

When Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act legislation that gave the states seed money for land grant colleges, he meant the investment to change the world.

In 1887 the people of North Carolina seized that opportunity, establishing the North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts. For 125 years the school—now NC State University—has demonstrated a genius for imagining the future and then doing the thinking, research, and work to make that future happen.

Presented through photos, images, and artifacts from the University Archives housed in the NCSU Libraries, from the State Archives of North Carolina, and from a host of individuals and groups that love the university, *Shaping the Future* covers a broad range of topics—from athletics to atomic research, notable milestones to nanotechnology, economics to electrical engineering—that leads the visitor from the New South to the New New South, and tells the story of NC State's transformative role in that journey.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years of Shaping the Future will be open and free to the public in the D. H. Hill Library Exhibit Gallery during regular hours through March 7, 2013. The exhibit has been generously supported by the NC State University 125th Anniversary Committee.

NC State University Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of Title IX with a Week-Long Schedule of Events

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in all university student services and academic programs. To mark the anniversary, campus groups including Women In Science & Engineering (WISE), the Office for Institutional Equity & Diversity (OIED), the NCSU Libraries, the Department of Athletics, and the Women's Center collaborated to develop a variety of programs and activities to highlight how Title IX has changed the landscape for higher education for both male and female students.

"Celebration of the 40th anniversary of Title IX provides an opportune time to reflect on the positive changes it has brought about, especially the increased participation of women in intercollegiate athletics and academics at NC State, and to recognize the need for continued progress toward equity," said Joanne Woodard, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity as well as Title IX Coordinator.

A website (go.ncsu.edu/titleix) featuring information and interesting facts about Title IX is available for more details. The anniversary week programs below are free and open to the public; students are especially encouraged to attend.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenville County Library System Launches New Financial Education Programs with Grant

Greenville County Library System (GCLS) is pleased to announce that it was one of only 16 public libraries nationwide selected for a Smart investing@your library® grant by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation for 2012-13. This prestigious grant will help to build the capacity of GCLS to provide effective, unbiased financial and investor education to the community.

With the funding, GCLS will offer Recipe for Financial Empowerment, an exciting and informative array of financial education programs, including an eight-week series of *Money Smart* classes as well as programs such as *Why Am I a 678?* and a psychology of spending workshop taught by the author of *Spent: Break the Buying Obsession and Discover Your True Worth*. A series of *Money Smart* classes will also be taught in Spanish. Special children's programs made possible by this grant include *Dollars and Sense* and *A Kid's Guide to Money*. These programs will occur on a rotating basis until the end of 2013, and beyond. A new website dedicated to financial information and resources, www.smartmoneyGCLS.org, will also be funded by the grant.

"This generous grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation couldn't have come at a better time," said Beverly James, Executive Director of GCLS. "Smart investing@your library® allows us to meet a critical need for individuals to have information they can trust to help them arrive at a brighter financial future. We look forward to using our grant to provide programs that can help members of our community prosper."

Greenville County Library System is working with the Rotary Club of Greenville to present *Money Smart* classes and will be hosting the United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in 2013.

"We are excited about the programs and services the new grantees will provide for people seeking unbiased information on the full range of financial issues that affect their everyday lives," said Gerri Walsh, President of the FINRA Foundation.

Library Wins InnoVision Technology Award for Community Service

On November 7, InnoVision Technology Awards honored Greenville County Library System (GCLS) with a Community Service Award for 2012. This award recognizes an organization for establishing and/or

supporting innovative, technology-based projects and programs that improve the quality of life for an Upstate or Greater Midlands community. With the implementation of Innovative Interfaces' Millennium and Encore products, the Library revolutionized the experience of Library users—allowing them to discover new information within our vast collection—by consolidating library products from multiple delivery platforms into one easily usable catalog.

Innovative Interfaces' Millennium and Encore products utilize a catalog search method (similar to Google) that produces a list of items in various formats along with select database articles, eBooks, government documents, images and more. With this technology, patrons' catalog search results also include related Library programs. For example, a search for a book on 'computers' will return library materials on computers, database articles about computers and upcoming library programs related to computers, such as computer literacy classes offered at multiple Library locations as well as a recent series of *Employment Readiness* programs.

Over half of Greenville County residents have a library card. In FY12 these library users presented over 246,000 information requests in person, by phone, mail or live chat to library employees. With this large number of inquiries and people coming to the library for assistance in their search of resources, the Library offers convenience, 24/7 access and tailored information to meet their needs. Through new single-search discovery technologies, GCLS is able to increase the awareness of its offerings in the form of learning opportunities and of resources that support workforce development and economic development among job seekers and entrepreneurs.

TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Library Association (TLA) hosted its annual Library Legislative Day on February 19, 2013 at Nashville Public Library, Nashville, TN. This program includes a panel of experienced advocates as well as an information session about how to interact with legislators. TLLD is sponsored by TLA in cooperation with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, with the support of TENN-SHARE, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and the Nashville Public Library.



The Annual Tennessee Library Association conference "Libraries Out of the Box", with 96 program sessions planned on a variety of current/relevant topics will be April 24-26, 2013 and no doubt may be the most outstanding conference to date. A keynote speaker, Andrea DuBus III, author; speaker Jason Mazzone; and speaker Dr. Steven Escar Smith will be featured. The conference will take place

at the Chattanooga Convention Center and Chattanooga Marriott in Chattanooga, TN. The TLA website <http://www.tnla.org/> has additional information if needed.



Last spring, like in many prior years, a group of excited, dedicated and knowledgeable Tennessee library advocates made their way to our nation's capital for the National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). We all know what an important part our libraries play in our democratic society where an educated electorate is essential. What an incredible opportunity NLLD is to be part of the democratic process and to let our elected officials hear why we feel libraries are so essential. NLLD will be held May 7-8, 2013, sponsored by the Washington Office of the American Library Association along with other library related groups including Friends of Libraries U.S.A. This will be the 38th year the NLLD will be held with an expected attendance of well over 300 library advocates from all over the United States. It makes a very strong statement to our elected officials that their constituents care about libraries and the services they provide to communities to travel all the way to Washington from every corner of the U.S. This two day event starts with briefing sessions about the current Federal Legislation that will impact our libraries. ALA Washington office staff as well as other political experts will explain any legislative issues or tell us where these issues currently are in the congressional process and most importantly how they will impact libraries. The second day will be filled with visits to the offices of our two Senators and nine Congressmen. During these meetings with our elected officials and members of their staff we will provide information about the impact of pending legislation on America's Libraries and ask that they vote to help keep libraries strong with statistics and stories demonstrating the positive way libraries can impact the lives of everyone in our communities. We all want to make a difference and becoming a library advocate in your state may be a small step to attain that goal, so perhaps if your state association is planning a trip to NLLD why not join in?

Tenn-Share Firefly Courier Service

Firefly, Tenn-Share's statewide courier service, began on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The courier will serve 207 public and academic libraries throughout the state, including the Tennessee State Library and Archives regional libraries. Firefly builds on a pilot, called Glowworm, which had 18 Tenn-Share members to participate. Firefly information can be found at www.fireflycourier.org, including presentations about how it works, cost, participating libraries and FAQs. Each library will be visited at least twice a week.

PEOPLE NEWS

FLORIDA

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries happily announces the arrival of **Barbara Tierney**, who joined the Libraries faculty as Head of Research & Information Services (RIS) on January 4, 2013.

Tierney received her MLS degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Before joining the UCF Libraries faculty, Tierney was at the J. Murrey Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC), where she served as Physical and Life Sciences Liaison Librarian, Information Commons Help Desk Coordinator, Head of Information Services, and finally Head of Research and Information Services. Tierney made several stops along the way to UNCC, including San Leandro [California] Public Library, where she brought in nearly \$1M in grant funds. She has a varied range of library experience, e.g., veterinary medicine and law libraries, and working in serials, cataloging, and reference. She was an adjunct faculty member in the Library and Information Sciences Graduate Program at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Barbara Tierney is stepping into the head of Reference Services, recently renamed Research & Information Services, which was vacated in July 2009. Dr. Penny Beile, currently Associate Director for Information Services & Scholarly Communication has been serving as interim head of the department.

Ms. **Sai Deng** became the Cataloging-Metadata librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries on August 8, 2012.

GEORGIA

Brett A. Williams has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, Valdosta, Georgia as an Instructor of Library Science and Circulation Librarian. Brett received his Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University in July 2011.

University of West Georgia News

Ingram Library Faculty and Staff

Blyne Olivieri was appointed Assistant Professor and Special Collections Librarian at the University of West Georgia in November 2012, joining Suzanne Durham, Head of Special Collections, in expanding this important area of Ingram Library. Ms. Olivieri holds the B.A. in Art History with Distinction, the M.A. in Art History, and the M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington. She