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FILMS

Paperback Projections: Literary Film Series

Join local educational film group The Film House for the screening and discussion of a movie based on a play or book. All films rated G-PG13. Call 527-9293 for more information.

The Sound and the Fury (Not rated)
Fri, May 22, 6p-8:30p, Main, Meeting Room A

The Long, Hot Summer (Not Rated)
Sat, May 23, 3p-5:30p, Greer

Tennessee

The Germantown Community Library received a \$2300 grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives for a digital scanner to preserve historical records.



From left to right:

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Library Director Daniel Page, Germantown Vice Mayor/Alderman Rocky Janda, Tennessee Genealogical Society President Joe Burns, State Senator Brian Kelsey.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Florida

University of Central Florida Libraries

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of **Shane Roopnarine**, who joined the Universal Orlando Foundation Library at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management as Public Services Librarian on February 13, 2015. Roopnarine received his MSLIS from the Florida State University. Before coming to UCF, he has a background in both academic (Florida State University Libraries) and public (most recently Orange County Library System) environments. He co-authored a chapter "Preserving Your Community Memories: Developing Librarians for Digital Preservation" in the book *Creative Management of Small Public Libraries in the 21st Century*, which was published in December 2014.



The Libraries also announces the arrival of **Leah Kriebel**, who joined the faculty of the UCF Regional Campus Libraries on March 13, 2015 as the Osceola Regional Librarian. Kriebel received her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Before accepting the position with the UCF Libraries, Kriebel was a reference librarian at ITT Technical Institute (Orlando) and Valencia College (Winter Park).



The University lastly reports the arrival of **Lindsey Ritzert**, who joined the Libraries faculty as Head of Circulation Services on March 13, 2015.



Ritzert received her MLIS degree from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. While working on her undergraduate degree in English, she served as Circulation Assistant for four years in the William Howard Doane Library, Denison University. Prior to receiving her MLIS,

Ritzert worked in Circulation in the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as well as the Langsam Library, University of Cincinnati, and McDonald Library, Xavier University, also in Cincinnati.

Ritzert's first professional library position was at the McDonald Library where she was Head of the Circulation Department for approximately eight years before accepting the position of Head, Circulation Services, at the John C. Hitt Library, University of Central Florida.

Georgia

Georgia Southwestern State University

The 2015 Carroll Hart Scholarship, which is awarded to cover registration at the Georgia Archives Institute, has been awarded to **Elizabeth (Beth) Whitlock**. Beth is a presently with Athens-Clarke County Library in Athens, Georgia as a part-time Information Services Librarian.

Technical College System of Georgia

Michael Miller, Appalachian Campus Librarian at Chattahoochee Technical College, is retiring on May 31. He has been employed in a Technical College System library since October 2, 1989.

Margaret Pitts, Library Assistant at the Paulding Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College will be retiring on June 30. She has been employed in a TCSG library since September, 23, 2002.

North Carolina

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lawrence Giffin** as Electronic Records Archivist.



Mr. Griffin is part of the University Archives and Records Management Services department in the Wilson Special Collections Library. In this position, he will help evaluate, acquire, and preserve official electronic records of the

University and of the University of North Carolina General Administration. He will also conduct outreach to and training for University staff. He worked most recently as the electronic records archivist for the Digital Services Section of the State Archives of North Carolina in Raleigh. His prior position was as records services archivist at UNC.

Mr. Griffin holds an M.L.S. from Queens College in New York City, an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and a B.A. in English literature from Florida State University in Tallahassee.

South Carolina

The Florence County Library System's information services manager, **Aubrey B. Carroll**, was recently honored by the Friends of South Carolina Libraries at its annual meeting. Mr. Carroll was awarded the 2015 Public Library Employee Excellence Award.

Mr. Carroll has worked with the Florence County Library System for nearly 16 years. His current position involves managing the reference and information services department

During his tenure at the library, Mr. Carroll has assisted the library in receiving a \$100,000 Leatherman grant and has also received the Outstanding Program Award from the Southeastern Library Association.



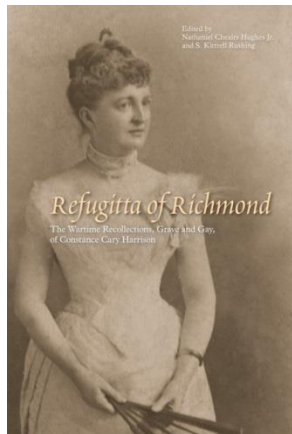
Tennessee

Sandra Clariday is retiring on June after over forty years in education as a teacher, school librarian, and academic librarian. For the past 28 years she has served as a professor and director of the library at Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, TN. She was also the recipient of the 2015 Frances Neel Cheney Award given by the Tennessee

Library Association for “a significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship through the encouragement of the love of books and reading”. She has been active in SELA as part of the Membership and Mentoring Committee.

BOOK REVIEWS

Refugitta of Richmond The Wartime Recollections, Grave and Gay, of Constance Cary Harrison. Edited by Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr. and S. Kittrell Rushing. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 2011. ISBN 1-57233-747-8. \$46.00



Opening the first pages of this edited memoir by authors Hughes and Rushing, my initial question was “Refugitta? What does that mean? Was it a nickname for Constance Cary Harrison? Was it an area near Richmond? Was it a family name?” Searching the Index, a reference to page 68 led me to learn Refugitta was the name of a horse loved by Constance whom she described as “a beautiful high spirited little creature I had ridden several times”. Like many of Constance’s detailed writings of her life and adventures in this book, we observed Constance displaying a beautiful high spirit as the famed Refugitta.

Constance Cary Harrison (1840-1920) recorded, in diaries, on pieces of discarded paper, in the stories she wrote, and in her newspaper articles, a significant literary contribution in the female voice of the years before and through the Civil War. Living in Richmond and being a part of the literary circle and social life of the times, Constance gives insights to us of the early administration of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Compared to Mary Boykin Chestnut and Eliza Frances Andrews, Constance is recognized as one of the outstanding memoir writers of the period (Front flyleaf of book, Hughes and Rushing).

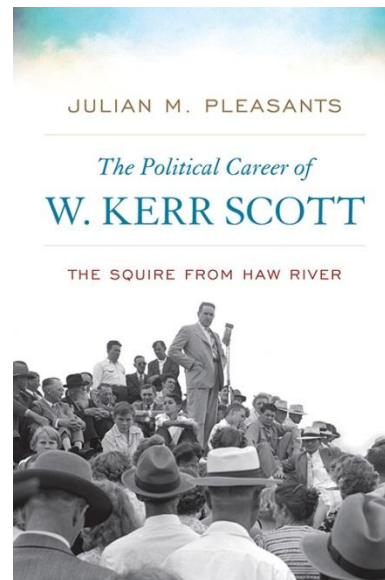
Constance’s intricate stories are easy to read, entertaining and filled with social gossip fit for a serialized movie. Her remembrances are infectious and can be imagined as one might imagine those in English novels. While her memories might not appear to be truth-telling, they open the reader to want to know more about the time from her

perspective. Civil War history is often filled with death, dying, devastation and misery for all involved; but Constance’s remembrances counter those tragedies in this memoir by her writings of light, caring, detailed and mysterious happenings behind the scenes of the battles and the conflicts.

This memoir is Constance’s window on the times and her experiences in and around Richmond and those close to the offices of President Jefferson Davis. It is an entertaining look at the context of the times in the early days of the Civil War. I recommend it for high school and college students who study American History and the Civil War. Also it is a great choice for a book club or for members of associations like the United Daughters of the Confederacy, www.hqudc.org. The historical photographs, the Epilogue, the well-developed section, Chapter by Chapter Notes, the Bibliography and the Index provide good primary resources for the researcher.

Dr. Carol Walker Jordan
University of North Carolina Greensboro

The Political Career of W. Kerr Scott: The Squire from Haw River. Julian M. Pleasants. Lexington, KY: The University Press of Kentucky, 2014. ISBN: 978-0-8131-4677-5. 414p. \$50.00.



Historian Julian M. Pleasants’ engaging biography, *The Political Career of W. Kerr Scott: The Squire from Haw River*, documents the transformative leadership of a populist politician in mid-twentieth century North Carolina. Framing his study around the years that Scott held office as the state’s Governor and US Senator (1949-1958), Pleasants argues that Scott played a pivotal role in modernizing the state’s economy, improved the quality of life of its most vulnerable citizens, and inspired a new generation of liberal democrats to seek public office. His political career drew upon and helped energize the brief