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The Horace W. Sturgis Library at Kennesaw State University received a \$3,000 grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities to host “Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War,” a five-part reading and discussion series. The library is one of sixty-five public libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series which encourages participants to consider the legacy of the Civil War and emancipation.

The Cobb County Public Library System, The Southern Museum, The Kennesaw State Center for African & African Diaspora Studies and the Kennesaw State Civil War Center are also sponsors of this series. The series is being led by program scholar Dr. Brian S. Wills.



Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the KSU Civil War Center and Professor of History at KSU. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including, *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman*, a biography of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, currently in reprint.

The first book in the series was *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion was well attended, and the Friends of the Library provided refreshments. The series continues until April 26, 2012.

FOL member Dianne Bridges baked Mary Todd Lincoln's White Cake for the main dessert for the first civil war book session.



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The Friends of the Sturgis Library celebrated Black History Month with a lecture by Dr. John H. Carter. Dr. Carter discussed his involvement with the Washington D. C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Project.



He supervised the passage of two laws authorizing the memorial, coordinated the site and design selection and raised over \$15 million before turning the project over to a permanent staff. Dr. Carter is a retired VP from AT&T. Currently he manages his own consulting firm and is an adjunct professor at Strayer University.

Dr. John H. Carter

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Personnel Updates -Ana Guimaraes has joined the Sturgis Library staff as a part-time reference librarian.