Mold Remediation Project

This past summer, Rankin and Nursing Libraries underwent mold remediation. The remediation involved removing wallpaper and re-sheet rock- ing the libraries as well as replacing flooring. An added problem occurred at Rankin Library when power was lost for a time during the summer and the dehumidifier stopped working. As a result, mold resurfaced on the books and furniture. All of the computer chairs had to be replaced and the library staff spent the first several weeks of school wiping down books with Clorox. The remediation and renovations at Rankin were completed the Friday before school began. A new dehumidifier has replaced the broken one. Faculty and students have been complimentary on the fresh update.
Constitution Day September 17, 2018
For Constitution Day, McLendon Library and I.D.E.A.L Women held a Voter Registration drive. Tables were set up in the cafeteria lobby and library foyer for students, faculty, and staff to complete voter registration applications. Seventy applications were completed, which included applicants from 13 Mississippi counties and two applicants from out of state.

Open Mic Night
Open Mic Night was held September 18th and was a huge success! Thank you to all the participants. Here are a few photos from the show.

New Faces
The Raymond Campus recently hired two new personnel to join the library staff. They were hired August 1, 2018. Pictured left is Kimberly Smith, library technical assistant and pictured right is Blaire Booker, reference librarian.

Hinds Retreat
Student Services Retreat was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. It was located at the MS State Extension Center on the Raymond Campus. The theme this year was “Soaring From Good to Great!” Above are library employees at the breakfast sign-in.

Student Services Fair
Shunda Reason represented the library at the Student Services Fair giving information to the students about library resources.
Bringing in the Fall Semester!

Lindsei Roby, Writer

Summer has ended and it is time for yet another fall semester. As students and faculty prepare to have a successful year, the Jackson ATC library kicks things off with a couple of new additions. A college themed display attracted students to a collection of books, with plenty of beneficial study tips for the upcoming semester. Students were able to checkout any book of their choosing that the display had to offer. Upon entering the study room, patrons can now experience a new interactive display, which includes touchscreen features with Bluetooth and internet capabilities. Students and faculty are able to reserve the room at any time to explore the monitor and its many features.

New Display

An Urban Fiction book display quickly has drawn plenty of attention. Students and faculty were able to browse a “drama” filled collection and it prompted several checkouts.

Book Club

The Sunset Readers book club had their first successful fall meeting and made lots of plans for the year. The club’s book choice for September is New York Times bestseller The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas. Thomas, a Jackson native, discusses the life of a 16-year-old who witnesses the fatal death of her friend at the hands of the police. Club members are eager for their first discussion. The next book club meeting will be held October 11, 2018.

New Worker

As the Jackson ATC staff prepare for an eventful fall semester, we welcome a new work-study student Joshua Bingham.

Utica Campus

NEH Service

A special “congratulation” goes out to Jean Greene, for being asked to serve on a review panel for the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants sponsored by the Division of Preservation and Access National Endowment for the Humanities. The panel reviews and provides recommendations on proposal projects.

New Humanities Course

As part of this year’s segment of the Utica Campus Holtzclaw Humanities grant, Jean Greene and Dan Fuller are once again teaching a Holtzclaw-focused Humanities course based on W.H. Holtzclaw and the history of the Utica Campus. Ms. Greene has been named Lead Instructor for the class which meets each Tuesday and Thursday in the ITC Room 8:30-10:00a.m.
Nursing Campus

Induction to DKG

On September 8, 2018 Sybyl Stringer was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women educators. Delta Kappa Gamma was founded to promote equal status for women, to work for school legislation, and to provide financial assistance for women in their educational careers. The prestigious honor of membership is by invitation only and comes with a responsibility to commit to an active role in organizational projects, pro-

From left to right: Dr. Priscilla Burks, current chapter President; Dr. Carolyn Holloway, Mrs. Delories Garner-Knight, Sybyl Stringer, and Rebecca Cockrell

Remediation

The NAH Library underwent mold remediation this past summer. The wallpaper was removed as part of the remediation and new sheetrock was hung. The walls were then painted a pale blue. Fluorescent lighting was replaced with LED lighting which really brightens up the space. The carpet was also removed and replaced with vinyl planks. Bookshelves were shifted which allowed one area to be opened to create a new study space. Student and faculty response has been overwhelmingly positive.
New Construction
Vicksburg campus broke ground almost a year ago on its new 40,000-square-foot Academic & Career-Technical Building. The two-story facility will house 10 classrooms, eight training labs, administrative offices, meeting space and a multipurpose room. Two parking lots and a bus drop-off are also proposed as part of the project, plus an access road to connect parking spaces to the existing parking area. The building is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of fall 2019 classes.

Classroom Usage Up
The instructional classroom at Vicksburg Campus Library continues to gain users among both students and faculty. Since the time that the room was converted from the library’s staff office to an instructional classroom in April 2016, the use of the study room has steadily increased each academic year. For the month of September 2018 alone the room has been used 39 times as compared to 16 times during September 2017.

One reason for the increase in usage is the temporary need for additional classroom space on the Vicksburg Campus. With continual enrollment increases the past four years, the addition of River City Early College, and the delayed completion date of the new career tech building, some faculty have had to locate extra classroom space this semester. When the library room is not being used for instruction, the classroom is a favorite group study location for both nursing and chemistry students. In fact, patrons are now finding other uses for the classroom, including workshops, tutoring, and as registration and counseling areas during campus recruiting events. Some students have even reserved the room as an improvised studio for recording PowerPoint presentations.

Printing Resolved
After 3 months of being off-line, WEPA tech support was finally able to resolve the printing issues at Vicksburg. Print drivers have been updated and the system is now operational.

Committee Work
On September 18, Greg Sellers served as a member of the VKB Campus Student Conduct Hearing Committee led by Dean Elmira Ratliff.

District News - Hinds now member of MLP
Hinds Libraries has signed on to the Mississippi Library Partnership (MLP) consortium for shared Integrated Library System. Current members include MS State, MS University for Women, East MS Community College and several public library systems. The MLP will provide a more sophisticated library catalog and expand access to an abundance of resources not currently available to Hinds.