On August 22, 2017, Administrative Librarian Greg Sellers began serving as District 1 Trustee for the Warren County-Vicksburg Public Library Board.

Each trustee is appointed by its respective District Supervisor upon recommendations given to the current Library Board of Trustees. The term of a trustee is five (5) years. The WC-VKB Library Board meets once a month, usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In Mississippi, library trustees are public servants who protect the community’s interest in the library. The library board is responsible for governing the activities and operations within a library system.

Greg Sellers will also have three new poems “Autumn Saudade,” “Faith Found in a Pasture,” and “This Side of Dark Water” published in the forthcoming October online publication The Journal of Wild Culture, http://www.wildculture.com/ The Journal of Wild Culture is the official journal for The Society for the Preservation of Wild Culture (SPWC).
McLendon Library hosted a “Bookend Paint Party” for students to express their creativity. The Party took place throughout the week of September 18th-21st. The students were given primed bookends with various colors of paint and brushes to create a one of a kind bookend. Well over 35 students participated. The bookends were judged by Dr. Theresa Hamilton (Vice President of HCC), Mary Beth Applin (Dean of Learning Resources), Sgt. Shawn White (HCC Raymond Police Dept.), and Leyva, Leereyna (Art Dept.). The winners range from 1st-5th place with 6 honorable mentions. These creative bookends will be on display in the library until October 31st.

Many changes are happening at McClendon! During the summer, library staff finished converting the collection from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress. Most of the book collection was shifted to the Reading Room, and a new collaborative “BYOD” (bring your own device) student space has been created, where the books formerly resided. The BYOD area has new modern chairs and tables for students to study. Soon, there will be power poles around the area for students to plug in their devices.

James Kennedy participated in a book signing at the Cathead Distillery in Jackson. All authors who contributed to the new publication of the Mississippi Encyclopedia were invited to attend. The release of the book was designed to coincide with the Mississippi Bicentennial celebration. The book and the signing were sponsored by the “Bookfriends of the University Press of Mississippi.”

The McLendon Archives is now adding weekly photos from the libraries’ archives collection to its Facebook page. Check us out at https://www.facebook.com/HindsCommunityCollegeArchives
News From Technical Services

This summer was a busy couple of months for Technical Services as they worked to complete the Library of Congress conversion project. By August, Tech Services had processed the last of the weeded books and reconciled the leftover labels. The entire conversion process enabled them to clean up the online catalog to make it ultimately more efficient for cataloging and for public users.

On August 4th, Technical Service librarians attended the Mississippi SirsiDynix User’s Group Meeting at the Quisenberry Library in Clinton, Mississippi. Judy Hilkert and Preston Salisbury were tapped by the Sirsi User Group to provide a presentation session on the Libraries’ conversion project. Their hour long presentation was entitled “Dewey Decimated” and was enthusiastically received.

Before school was back in session, Tech Services and the Libraries said good-bye to their cataloger, Preston Salisbury. Preston accepted a position at the grand and brand new Central Library of the Austin Public Library System. (Preston says he can see Dan Rather’s apartment building from his new office!) Austin Public Library is moving to a new building and the doors are expected to open to the public before the end of the year. Everyone in Learning Resources wishes him well, all of us are very proud of him.

Hinds Libraries welcomes our newest member, Bonnie Bennet, who joined us as the new catalog librarian September 18, 2017.

Utica Campus

Jean Greene, administrative librarian, and Diana Brown, technical services staff from the William H. Holtzclaw Library, participated in a three-day writing retreat along with administrators, faculty and staff members from the Utica Campus. The retreat was held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center this past summer. Participants were guided by Dr. Ingrad Smith, CEO of Educational Research Services. Educational Research Services sponsored Institutes for Academic Research which is designed to publish research for grants, publish research articles for higher education professors and publish research papers in journals designed for K-12. Dr. Smith conducted individual sessions on the Utica Campus September 15th, 18th and 22nd. Jean Greene and Diana Brown completed articles related to STEM and library partnerships. Those articles will be published in October 2017.

More From Raymond

Melanie John attended the student leadership conference in Rankin as an advisor for IDEAL Woman. The conference had several sessions for the students to attend which focused on leadership and education. The guest speaker was Mr. Keith Brown.

Melanie John created a word cloud art display on the windows of McLendon and Utica Libraries. She created this beautiful work of art by using adhesive vinyl and creative free spirit!

Bonnie Bennet joined Hinds Community College Libraries on September 18th, 2017 as the new Cataloging Librarian. She previously served as Senior Acquisitions Assistant and Reference Assistant in the Jackson-Hinds Library System. She received her master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Alabama in August 2017.
Lakesha Smith and Chris Levy created a book display to encourage students to checkout resources that will help prepare them for a successful semester.

On September 21st, NAH celebrated 35 years with a Reunion. Each program created displays of their original equipment. The library was able to provide a video of the original dedication of Anderson Hall along with items used when the library opened in 1982.

Rankin Campus Library staff made IDs for students during the first two weeks of August 2017. Every August both new and returning students receive new IDs. Tritta Neveleff assisted with IDs during the first week of class.

Congratulations go to Jackson ATC Library student workers Joshua Richard (left) and Jeremy Middleton (right) who were elected #SGA President and Vice President for the campus! #HindsCC