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The Library Link

William H. Holtzclaw Library (Utica)

Hinds Hero

Jean Greene won Hinds Hero this year! Jean was selected as a Fellow for the DLF Conference in Pittsburg, and she was elected Vice-Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance.

Authors Visit

Ms. Jacqueline Brown, former Utica Campus employee and author of the book of poetry, Tending My Garden came on the October 17th for a book signing and talk. The Utica library also had author Alysia Burton Steele as a special guest speaker as part of the annual Holtzclaw Lecture Series. Steele is a journalism professor at the University of Mississippi. She discussed her oral history project and book, Delta Jewels:

In Search of My Grandmother’s Wisdom.

Hinds AHS/Institute Museum

Dan Fuller and Jean Greene, co-directors of the NEH Holtzclaw Institute Grant, worked with Utica Campus administration, staff and community members to establish a museum in the old Hinds AHS Building. They plan to have a small display available during the Utica Homecoming Week.

Other Events

The Utica library hosted the Peer Educators Domestic Violence Awareness program and skit on the October 18th.

The Utica library held a drawing Wal-Mart Gift Card giveaway for students who participated in the Library Survey in October. There were two lucky winners, Richard Simmons and Mahyem YIsrael.

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You can access databases, catalogs, periodicals, additional resources and much more online! Additionally, you can renew your books and lookup library tips. Go to our website: www.hindscc.edu/lrc
Raymond Library began construction on two new facilities - a new computer classroom and a campus Writing Center that will be housed in the library beginning fall 2018. The Bucci Room behind Reference was divided in two to make the two rooms. Painting and renovations at the Raymond Library will continue through Jan. 4th. During Christmas break, new carpet will be laid. After New Year, the Reference and Circulation desks will be dismantled and one new desk will be built to house the two services.

To help celebrate the centennial year, students participated in passive programming by putting together several puzzles. The puzzles were created with Shutterfly using photographs from the archives in Raymond. (Pictured below ↓)

Banned Book Week was September 24-30, 2017. This display was created showing statistics about challenged books across the U.S., and titles currently owned by McLendon Library that were previously challenged at other libraries.

The McLendon library hosted an open mic night October 24th. There were over 20 performances of poetry and music. Over 150 people attended to support the event.

MLA Conference
The 2017 Mississippi Library Association conference was held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi October 17th-20th at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Several library staff from across the district attended, volunteered, and presented. From Raymond, Librarian Jennifer Todd co-chaired the registration committee, while Library Technical Assistant Melanie John volunteered to work the registration desk. Jennifer Todd and Judy Hilkert, Technical Services Coordinator/Acquisition Librarian, participated in a panel discussion about what unique items libraries are cataloging across the state. James Kennedy and Bonnie Bennet also attended the conference from Raymond. The conference had a great turn out with 362 attendees this year.

Above↑: Banned Books display; Bottom three photos↓: Open Mic Night
Kathy Farris has been hard at work monthly developing “Faculty Newsletters” highlighting some of the library’s electronic resources for each department. So far she has created guides for Welding, Brick, Block and Stone Masonry, and Veterinary Technology. These guides and more can be found on the Library’s web page (pictured above ↑) using the tab “Research by Subject.”

Bonnie Bennet has been busy training on the catalog, e-resources, serials, and most everything else. During breaks, she has been privileged to witness a play, a band performance, cream cheese made into a bowl on a pottery wheel, and a cake shaped like a brain, all done by Hinds staff and students. In addition to cataloging print resources, she has helped add some streaming videos for classes, including Risky Business and Money for Nothing on Kanopy (pictured above ↑).

Books purchased for the Raymond Campus to support the Phi Theta Kappa’s recognition of World AIDS Day 2017. They will be reading and discussing The Naked Truth by Marvelyne Brown. (← Pictured Left)

October 19th Judy Hilkert was a speaker on the Technical Services Roundtable panel titled “Tell Your Community’s Story Through Your Collection” at the Mississippi Library Association’s Annual Conference in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Judy listed and explained several non-book items that the Hinds’ Library catalogs. It was a great sharing of ideas among the panelist. It truly sparked the imagination as well as emphasized the value of providing diverse non-traditional resources to library patrons.

In this photo Judy is holding an American Girl Doll that is provided for checkout at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.
On October 10, the ATC Library hosted their first PDI entitled Library Resources 101. The PDI provided a basic overview of in-house and online resources. Faculty were able to navigate through various online databases as instructed and guided by Lakesha Smith. They were quiz on the material covered and the top three winners received special prizes.

With pink and purple themed decorations, an eye-catching flyer, and a carefully selected book display, the staff helped to spread awareness for breast cancer and domestic violence. Students were able to check out books with countless information on both epidemics. In efforts of spreading as much knowledge as possible, pamphlets with additional information were also available for students to take with them at their choosing. On October 19, the staff also wore purple for Purple Thursday. The date was nationally set aside to honor victims and support survivors of domestic violence.

The staff put their spin on a Halloween themed book display that quickly attracted a lot of attention. From haunting fiction, to graphic novels, students had their pick of whatever scary tale caught their eye. With a wide selection of ghouls, ghosts, and goblins galore, the staff created a uniquely spooky reading experience with a lasting impression. The display prompted several checkouts. In addition to the display, students and faculty were able to stop by the circulation desk for treats. Early Childhood Education Technology Lab students and teachers stopped by to obtain a delicious treat. All the students were dressed in adorable costumes.

Reading Fair Judge

Lakesha Smith had the opportunity to serve as a judge for Wilkins Elementary Public School Annual Reading Fair. She is picture below with Jackson ATC Counselor, Kristy Wagner. Kristy Wagner also served as a volunteer judge.

On October 11, 2017, Librarian Greg Sellers attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new $13 million Academic and Career-Technical Building that is planned for the Hinds Vicksburg Campus. According to The Vicksburg Post, the proposed “44,000-square-foot building will house 10 classrooms on its second level and eight training labs on its first floor. The labs will have a modular layout to be flexible and adjust to curriculum needs.” Vicksburg Warren School District’s River City Early College will be located in the building’s uppermost level. The building will also include two administration areas and multi-purpose space for community events. Completion for the building is slated for May 2019.

On October 19, Assistant Librarian Becky Jolly attended the “No Silence, No More” Domestic Violence PDI session, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness activities on the Vicksburg Campus.

On October 31, Librarian Greg Sellers attended the Central Mississippi Library Council’s fall meeting, hosted at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The November 2017 issue of Bluffs & Bayous, a local Vicksburg magazine, included photos of Assistant Librarian Becky Jolly & her husband Randy at The Vicksburg Art Association Fall Kick-off party. The event was held last September at the Constitutional Firehouse Gallery in Vicksburg. This year’s theme celebrated “Steampunk Art,” based on science fiction & nineteenth-century Victorian societies’ fascination with steam-powered technology before electricity.
The Nursing and Allied Health LRC are hosting the “From DNA to Beer: Harnessing Nature in Medicine and Industry” from the National Library of Medicine December 11 - Jan 20.

Renita Lane and Pam Harper each attended a day at the Mississippi Library Association Conference in the Lake Terrance Convention Center in Hattiesburg. Ms. Lane went on October 18 and Mrs. Harper on October 17. Ms. Lane’s favorite meeting was Tell Your Community’s Story Through Your Collection which featured Raymond Librarian, Judy Hilkert, as a panelist. Mrs. Harper’s favorite meeting on her day was Remembering and Writing in Black and White.

During October, the Rankin Campus Library hosted a display for Honors on Breast Cancer Awareness.

Renita Lane presented a copy of her M.A. thesis “Mad in Mississippi: A History of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum 1855-1885” to Lida Gibson of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Ms. Gibson contacted Ms. Lane to request a copy of her thesis for the Asylum Hills project to memorialize the asylum patients.

Sybyl and Brittney are scanning and uploading The Hindsonian archival newsletters. These historical articles are true treasures of Hinds CC!
"I would like to wish all of the Hinds Libraries employees a Happy Holiday and a most prosperous New Year! Thanks for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. You make the libraries a warm and inviting place for our students and faculty."

-Mary Beth Applin
District Dean of Libraries