Hinds CC hosted the Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network (WHEMN) conference this year at the Rankin Campus Muse Center. Renita Lane and Sybyl Stringer worked with the registration committee to pack gift bags and greeted attendees as they arrived on the first day. Lakesha Smith also attended the conference which had over 300 attendees and included a trip to the Mississippi History and Civil Rights Museums in Jackson. The conference speakers addressed issues such as gender equality and leadership in higher education. This year’s theme was “The Right Fit” and shoes were used as decorative touches throughout the Muse Center. Next year’s conference is set for February 21-22, 2019 and will also be hosted by Hinds, so be sure to mark your calendars to attend.

Exhibit
In January the NAH Library displayed a poster presentation for Stalking Awareness created by the Phi Theta Kappa students.
More from Raymond

Remodel & Open House
McLendon Library has a new look and some exciting new changes! All faculty, staff and students were invited to the library’s Open House, Thursday Jan. 18, noon – 3:30 pm. No additions include a Writing Center that will be located in the old Bucci room and a 30 seat computer classroom. Reference and Circulation desks were combined into a new smaller service center. Staff worked hard through November-January getting it ready.

Exhibit
The McLendon Library hosted the exhibit “FREEDOM RIDES: JOURNEY FOR CHANGE” through the month of January. The exhibit, comprised of fifteen panels, is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Foundation for Mississippi History. The Freedom Rides are one of the most prominent events in Civil Rights history. They embrace the struggles in which many individuals endured to create a Society of equality.

Renita Lane participated in WHEMN 2018 and was on the Registration Committee. She helped stuff 300 gift bags and greeted conference attendees at the doors of the Clyde Muse building.

Happy Birthday Dr. Suess!

Green Screen Fun
March the 2nd was Dr. Seuss’s birthday. The library staff and students all came together to celebrate the day by taking pictures in front of a “Green Screen” that then had Suess backgrounds superimposed via an app.
Jackson Campus

In honor of Black History Month and its theme, “African Americans in Time of War,” the ATC Library in conjunction with the Student Government Association showed the film *Glory*. Students anxiously gathered in the library for movie day. *Glory* was one of the first movies to bring to life the role of African American soldiers in the American Civil War. *Glory* showcases the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and the bravery and courage by its soldiers. The 54th Massachusetts was an all-black regiment that fought for the Union during the Civil War. As students engaged in the motion picture, they were provided with complimentary snacks and beverages. The staff also displayed a collection of Black History themed books that were available for browsing and checkout. The display featured major contributors to historical moments in Black History.

Exhibit

To help celebrate National Nutrition Month, the library staff setup an arrangement of books geared toward healthy living and eating lifestyles. With so many great choices to choose from, the displays did not stay stocked for long. National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Vicksburg Campus

HCCEA Campaign

On March 20, Becky Jolley, HCCEA officer, along with other HCCEA members and students participated in the Community Colleges Campaign to Restore Rightful Funding press conference at the State Capitol in Jackson. The press conference was held to address the significant budget cuts that Mississippi’s community colleges have suffered over the past three years.

Periodical Weeding

The VKB LRC completed the removal of all bound periodicals from its collection and weeded other print periodicals older than a year. Becky Jolly oversaw the project, and student workers Demond Calvin and Emily Sullivan assisted. 35 boxes of unbound periodicals were sent to HCC’s Sustainability Projects Office for shredding, as well as two pallets of bound volumes.

Committee Work

In February, Greg Sellers, along with Vicksburg faculty members Karen Gamble and John Coleman, served on the VKB Campus Foundation Scholarship Committee under Assistant Dean Ratliff. Greg Sellers will also serve on the VKB Campus Emergency Committee, headed by Teresa Johnson, Math Department. The committee is still being organized.
UTICA CAMPUS

Holtzclaw Cinema
During Black History Month, the Utica campus showed films every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 1-3:30. It proudly hosted the PBS screening of *Tell Them We Are Rising*, a locally produced film broadcast on PBS and MPB last February 19th.

Read Across America
Jean Greene visited The Redeemer Church School in North Jackson for Read Across America. The children were most entertained by Ms. Greene’s reading of *Petite Rouge*.

Author Visit
Former Utica employee Jacqueline Brown returned to the Utica Campus to read passages from her book of poetry *Tending My Garden* and give a bit of local history about her part in integrating several businesses in Vicksburg as a teen.

You are cordially invited to attend an Author Signing Event for Vicksburg native/Utica resident Jacqueline Miller Brown, author of *TENDING MY GARDEN: A Celebration of Love, Life, and Blessings* a poetry book of inspiration and encouragement Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Hosted by William H. Holtzclaw Library Mrs. Jean Greene, Librarian Hinds Community College Utica Campus