Hinds Hero
Congratulations to James Kennedy. He was selected as the Hinds Hero for the month of October.

Native American Indian Month
As part of the Native American Indian Month festivities in November, Raymond Library hosted the Montage Dance Theatre preview of “Pocahontas.” The event included a short film & a student Open Mic entitled “From the Voice of the EA-GLE” Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 12:30pm Raymond Library
Raymond Campus continued

Montage Dance Company and McLendon Library hosted speaker Rocki Sellers November 6th in its Dialogue Series “Voice of a Coushatta Princess.” Ms. Sellers who is Greg Sellers’ wife, spoke to students and staff of what it was like to grow up on an Indian reservation in south Louisiana. Ms. Sellers showed clothing, bead work and various bowls and other items that her mother crafted from long leaf pine needles. Her mother’s weave work can be found in the Smithsonian in Washington.

Utica Campus

Art Contest
Utica sponsored an art contest in October. Everyone was invited to submit an entry. The winning entries were framed and will be

Greene Gives Lecture
Jean Greene Director of Library & Archives, and Dan Fuller Humanities Division Chair, presented a lecture at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville on October 15th. The lecture was part of the William Holtzclaw and The Black Man’s Burden Humanities grant. The Holtzclaw Traveling Exhibit “The History, The Legacy, The Promise” will be on display in the Anderson Hall gallery until mid-November 2018.
Mississippi Library Association Conference
Pam Harper attended the Mississippi Library Association Conference held in Meriden at the MSU Riley Center. She attended several sessions and volunteered to help at the Registration Desk.

Holtzclaw Lecture Series: Industrious Men & Pious Women...
Kristi Richard Melancon, Associate Professor of English from Mississippi College, was the guest lecturer this fall for the Holtclaw Lecture Series. Dr. Melancon spoke about her work on race, gender and the Black Press October 18th as part of Homecoming Week festivities on the Utica campus. Dr. Melancon’s work examines representations of identity in the *New Orleans Tribune*, the nation’s first Black daily newspaper.

Bless Tha’ Mic Poetry Jam...
As part of the Homecoming 2018 festivities, Utica library hosted “Utica’s Got Talent: Open Mic Poetry Jam” Lakita Williams MC’d the event for the library. Several students participated sharing their personal poetry.

Giant Checkers!
Utica purchased a giant checkers set as part of gaming tournament events to be held in the library for Black History Month and/or National Library Week in Spring 2019.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
The Rankin Campus Library hosted the exhibit and selfie booth for the month of October. Pictured below are Joy Rhoads and Renita Lane with the PTK Breast Cancer Awareness Exhibit.
Nursing Campus

Knitting Club
After many requests, the NAH Library began hosting a Knit Club in October. The library currently has 11 members (both students and Hinds employees) and has created a Facebook group page ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/NursingKnitters/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NursingKnitters/)) from the library page. This semester the group met on Thursdays between 11 am and 1 pm, coming as their class schedules allowed.

Jackson Campus

Reading Fair
During the month of October, Lakesha Smith served as a reading fair judge for New Jerusalem Christian School and Powell Middle School. With student creativity and reading being the overall focal point, Smith had the pleasure of engaging in the imaginations of the presenters.

Early Childhood Students
The library collaborated with the Early Childhood Education Technology Program to host a morning story time featuring classics like, *Chicka Chicka, Boom Boom*, *Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar*, and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*.

ATC Library staff person Lindsey Roby led the readings. Later in the month, the students and children joined us to show off their festive Halloween costumes. They received some delectable treats from the library staff.
Book Exhibits
With book displays being a highlight of the semester, the library staff prepared three themed creations. Honoring breast cancer and domestic violence awareness, the staff created a joint book and brochure display. Students were able to check out books related to both causes, along with informational pamphlets related to each subject. The staff also created an annual spooky book display. Patrons were able to obtain books and explore a collection of ghouls, ghosts, and goblins on every page. As a final feature, the staff took a closer look at the man behind Marvel. Commemorating the life and legacy of Stan Lee, the staff gathered a collection of graphic novels. The collection highlighted characters like, Spiderman, Black Panther, and Daredevil.

Book Club
The Sunset Readers Book Club kicked off its semester with a reading of New York Times bestseller, *The Hate You Give*. As celebration for completion of the book, the Sunset Readers gathered for a movie night to see the film adaptation. On December 1, the group discussed the second chosen book, *To All the Boys I Loved Before*. The group also traveled to Stewpot Community Service to devote their time to those less fortunate in efforts of giving back to the community.

Guest Lecturer
Rocki Sellers, the wife of Greg Sellers, participated in the event, "From the Voice of a Coushatta Princess", at the Raymond Campus.

District News - Library to Hold Retreat
The Hinds Libraries will be hold their annual retreat at the Raymond Campus (JWB room) at 12:30 January 11th. Besides working on goals for the upcoming year, the retreat will include a special guest, Kym Wiggins, Corporate Consultant and Trainer from Intrepidus, LCC. Ms. Wiggins will be providing the library staff with a team-building session that will she promises will “engage, equip and inspire!” The session will include interactive exercises, practical examples, and real-time coaching in an informal yet focused environment. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday to all the Library Staff! 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