Renita Lane (Librarian, Rankin LRC) and Sybyl Stringer (Librarian, Nursing/Allied Health LRC) participated in the planning and preparation of the Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network (WHEMN) 2019 conference at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Both ladies participated in set up which entailed packing goodie bags for conference attendees and helping set up the tables used during the conference.

Ms. Lane worked registration, greeting attendees and helping ensure that they received their name badges and signed up for CEU or PDI hours. As part of the Social Media committee, Mrs. Stringer helped create and judge challenges that encouraged attendees to post to the WHEMN social media pages. She also used Raymond Library’s green screen to take picture of attendees with various flamingo backgrounds that she then posted the WHEMN Facebook page. (The theme of this year’s conference was “Be a Flamingo, Stand Up and Stand Out.”)
Sybly Stringer poses with the Instagram frame at WHEMN 2019. Mrs. Stringer was also responsible for creating and setting up the Mentoring Network and applications on the WHEMN website (www.whemn.org/mentoring).

Renita Lane poses with a flamingo and the Instagram frame at WHEMN 2019.

Melanie John and Jennifer Todd pose in front of the green screen at the WHEMN conference. McLendon Library lent the green screen to the conference for photos opportunities.

Vicksburg Campus

Administrative Librarian Greg Sellers attended the Central Mississippi Library Council winter meeting on January 22, 2019, hosted by Mississippi College at Leland Speed Library, Clinton. Greg Sellers also attended the SIRSI and MLP Circulation Best Practices training at McClendon Library, February 2019. As District One Trustee for the Warren-County Vicksburg Public Library, Greg Sellers served on its proposal evaluation committee, February 2019.

Greg Sellers’ Jubilee Sonnets I-VII appeared in the Winter 2018 (vol. 35, no. 2) issue of Southeastern Louisiana University’s Louisiana Literature. The poems had been scheduled for the Spring/Summer 2019 issue. Greg has also been nominated for a 2018 Pushcart Prize for his sequence of haiku published in Narrative Northeast’s Haiku Corner, issue 5.
Kicking off the New Year!

By Lindsey Jai Roby

Beginning in the month of January, the library staff created a display table honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Students and faculty were able to view and check-out books commemorating the life and legacy of a historical leader. Flowing into February, the staff continued on the path to “Freedom”, by showcasing the exhibit entitled: “Stand Up:”

Freedom Summer Exhibit

The Freedom Summer Movement of 1964. The exhibit was also supported by a collaborative book display. A collection of related books, gave patrons a more in depth background of the historical event. The Freedom Summer (cont) documentary viewing, with supportive interviews and detailed experiences of the historical summer. The documentary entitled Freedom Summer was retrieved from Films on Demand.

Community Service

The library staff in conjunction with the Sunset Readers Book Club, geared up for some community service. The readers, along with Germaine Thompson and Lakesha Smith, journeyed to Stewpot Community Services of Jackson, to lend a helping hand to those in need. Stewpot staff gladly welcomed the eager helpers and hope that this collaboration of service, continues in the future.

WHEM

Lakesha Smith attended the annual WHEMN conference. The theme for the conference was “Be a flamingo, Stand up and Stand out.” She thoroughly enjoyed the guest speakers and panelist discussions.

Read Across America

Kicking off the Month of March, Smith also visited the 4th grade students of North Jackson Elementary School for Read Across America Day. The students gathered around to enjoy the adventurous tales of “Amelia Bedelia” and “No Jumping on the Bed.” Smith thoroughly enjoyed this experience and hopes to be invited back in the near future.
President’s Scholar Winner!
McLendon Library Circulation Librarian Jennifer Todd, who is also a HindsCC student, received a President’s Scholar ribbon for making a 4.0 last semester. She is graduating this May with degrees in Cyber Security and Computer Networking.

Annual Library Retreat
Library staff participated in the annual library retreat held at the Raymond campus. The guest was motivational speaker Kim Wiggins. The retreat consisted of activities, food, and team-building exercises.

Black History Month Celebration
McLendon celebrated Black History month in February. Students came by the library to view two displays and answer a black history question at the desk to receive prizes! The displays were done by Melanie John, Jennifer Todd, and Shunda Reason.

Happy Lunar New Year!
2019 is the "Year of the Pig" and in celebration, McLendon librarian Jennifer Todd set up a “History of Chinese New Year" display in the foyer of the library. The display was up until the end of February.

Preview Day
The Raymond Campus hosted its annual senior Preview Day Feb. 1 from 8 a.m.-noon. Approximately 800 guests were expected to be on campus during that time. This was an important recruiting event to help us welcome prospective students to Hind as you see them touring campus! Shunda Reason and Melanie John represented for the library.
Hinds Joins MS Partnership!

Hinds Libraries officially joined the MS Library Partnership (MLP) March 14th. The consortium includes 57 academic and public libraries throughout the state. The partnership libraries share resources and technical services. In a formal ceremony at Fountain Hall on March 20th, MSU President Keenum and Hinds President Muse signed the Mississippi Library Partnership agreement. Pictured left to right: Mary Beth Applin, Dean of Hinds Libraries, Judy Hilkert, Hinds Technical Services Coordinator, Theresa Hamilton, VP Hinds Raymond & Nursing Campuses, Clyde Muse, Hinds President, Mark Keenum, MSU President, Anita Winger, MSU Automations System Manager, Francis Coleman, MSU Dean of Libraries and Stephen Cunetto, MSU Asst. Dean of Libraries.

The Extinction of Black Teachers

The Extinction of Black Teachers program, reading, and book signing was Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 at the Holtzclaw Library on the Utica Campus 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The book and reading was given by the author Dr. Vanessa Wilson who also teaches Reading Skills at the Utica Campus.

Agriculture Lunch & Learn Program

Fine Arts and Founder’s Week was a success! Thank you to our Agriculture Lunch and Learn Guest Speaker, Dr. Bill Evans, for a great presentation.

Hezekiah and Jimmy were the winning team with 4800 points. The second place team had 4600 points. It was a close, fun game. Left to right: Steven Jones, Director of Title III; Elijah Brown, Kristi Marshall, Jean Greene, Quiz Bowl Host; George Powell, Jimmy Jones, Hezekiah Williams, Jonathan Townes, Assistant Director for Title III.

Jeopardy Quiz Bowl

Ms. Greene was host of the First Annual Utica Campus Black History Month Jeopardy Quiz Bowl.

The Extinction of Black Teachers My Memoirs

By: Dr. Vanessa Wilson

Program, Reading & Book Signing

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Holtzclaw Library

Details will be on file for purchase at $15.00 each

A book purchase is not required to attend event.

Dr. Vanessa Wilson has worked as an educator for over thirty years. In three years, she has researched and written the book in the format of a memoir of the life of a black educator. The book is an account of her life as an educator and a memoir of her life as a black educator. Her memoir will bring awareness to black educators, their struggles and triumph.

The book serves as a great way of expressing the lives of black educators today. This book is designed to make the black educator more visible and create an educational path to make sure our needs are heard.

For details, please call 662-836-7102 or Vanessa.Wilson@olemiss.edu.