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“CHANGING AMERICA” TRAVELING PHOTO EXHIBITION COMES TO THE LIBRARY



Ellender Memorial Library proudly presents:

Changing America

The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963

This traveling photo exhibition is a visual tour of the 100 years between the end of slavery and the March on Washington. The exhibit will showcase these two landmark events and the people that made them possible in an effort to bring understanding and elicit discussion about the relationships between the two movements. The exhibit will be available for viewing November 4th—December 15th in the Archives (1st floor) during the following hours:

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM

Closed Weekends & Thanksgiving Week.

The following events are scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room (third floor of the library).

Tuesday, November 4

Lynette Ater Tanner will speak on *Chained to the Land: Voices from Cotton and Cane Plantations*, a collection of slave narratives and accounts she has gathered together from the interviews by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s.

Opening reception in the Library's Archives to follow.

Wednesday, November 5

Keith Finley, guest speaker on civil rights.

Dr. Finley is the Assistant Director of the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies, an instructor of History, and the University Records Retention Coordinator at Southeastern Louisiana University

Thursday, November 6

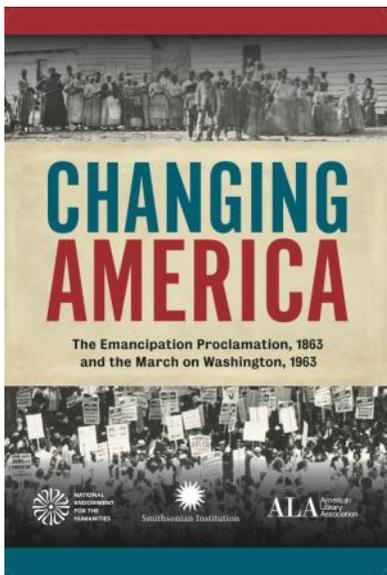
Jared Wells, guest speaker on “Slavery by Another Name”

Please join us to hear Nicholls adjunct history instructor speak about the PBS documentary “Slavery by Another Name.” Screening of film to begin at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, November 11

Paul Wilson, guest speaker on “African-American Experience in WWI & WWII” in honor of Veteran’s Day. Dr. Wilson is the interim head of the Nicholls Department of History and Geography.

“Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963” is presented by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Museum of American History in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The exhibition is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and is part of NEH’s *Bridging Cultures* initiative, “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle,” which brings four outstanding films on the civil rights movement to communities across the United States (see <http://createdequal.neh.gov>). “Created Equal” encourages communities across the country to revisit and reflect on the long history of civil rights in America.



Library Hours: Mon - Thurs 7:30 am - 11 pm; Fri 7:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sat CLOSED; Sun 3 pm - 11 pm

Note: For changes to the schedule due to holidays, emergency closures, or departmental exceptions, please see the library website or contact 985-448-4654. All patrons are asked to leave the library 15 minutes prior to closing.

New employees

Ellender Memorial Library has two new additions since the Spring semester. Both Michael Arseneau and Helen Thomas have offices on the first floor, and the library welcomes them to the Nicholls family.



Michael Arseneau, Assistant Librarian (Head of Technical Services)/Assistant Professor, michael.arseneau@nicholls.edu, 448-4612

Although Arseneau was born and raised in Southern California, he calls Asheville, North Carolina his home. He received his B.A. in Political Science from UNC at Asheville and M.S.L.S. from UNC at Chapel Hill. The majority of Arseneau's career has been in the library profession, including six years at UNO in which he helped that library recover from hurricane Katrina. However, for the past two years before joining the Nicholls faculty, he worked as a pastry cook for the Grove Park Inn, an OMNI Resort in Asheville, NC. Now that he is the Head of Technical Services, Arseneau manages the department and catalogs items in all formats, which includes creating original records and reclassifying items from the Dewey Decimal System to Library of Congress. He is also the liaison for government and sociology and can assist faculty and students with their library needs on those subjects.

"Never give up. The solution is out there. Our job is to find it."



Helen Thomas, Assistant Archivist/Assistant Professor, helen.thomas@nicholls.edu, 448-4644

Greensboro, North Carolina, is her hometown, and she also received her professional education from that state. With a B.A. in American Studies and M.S.L.S. with a concentration in Archives and Records Management from UNC at Chapel Hill, Thomas can put her education to good use in our Archives department. Before joining the Nicholls' faculty, she worked at UNC while pursuing her masters, assisting their Southern Historical Collection. Thomas also speaks highly of her opportunity to have had an internship at the M.E.T. (Metropolitan Museum of Art) in New York City. Now that she is working at Ellender Library, Thomas works with special collections, arranges and describes archival material for research, and works with students who need to complete service learning hours for classes. She also teaches History Bibliographic Instruction and is the library liaison for history. Thomas' long-term goals

include revamping Archives' web presence by making the collection more available online and a web page. She can help students and faculty with any historical needs. Also, students who need service learning hours should contact her for a transcribing project.

"You can't talk & listens at the same time."

Library: Five-Time Welcome Back Day Spirit Champion

Van Viator

For five straight years, the library has brought home the Most Spirited Trophy at Welcome Back Day. The library has succeeded because of the dedication and participation of the members of its Events Committee. The committee meets at least a month before the event deciding what games will be played, what prizes will be given, a library theme that will be in conjunction with the event theme, costumes worn, and refreshments served. Some of the members are excellent bakers and usually some of their delicious culinary creations are given to the students. The members are extremely enthusiastic and one even dressed as a dancing banana one year. Also, pictures are usually taken of the students, and other event-goers, against a themed backdrop, and in recent years, the pictures have been posted to our Facebook page. Congrats library and keep up the good work!!!



Desk Diaries

John Bourgeois

Dear Desk,

What compels me to remain by your side all through the day? To constantly be available for anyone: students, faculty, or the public, who desires information? Near or far – wherever they are - you and I, Desk, we are here for each other.

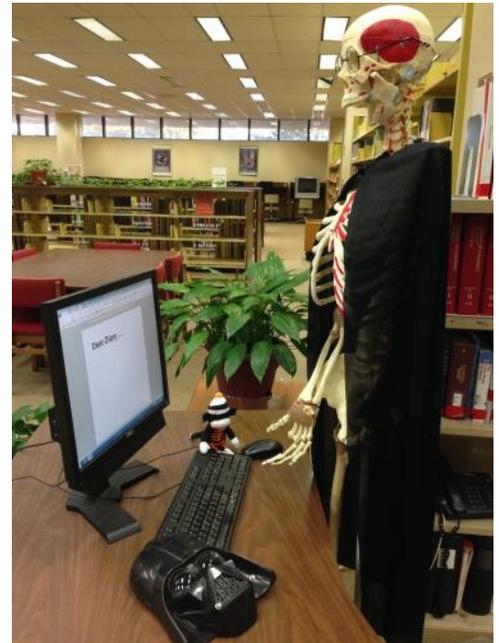
Remember that one time when someone called up (x4625) at 10:15 on a Tuesday night and needed journal articles for a bibliography that was due Wednesday morning. You recall how we did not judge the caller's procrastination or phone reception. Not us. Instead, we found full-text articles and emailed the links. Took all of five minutes. Good times.

Or that email we got at el.reference@nicholls.edu. That guy wanted to know if we had a certain book and couldn't figure out our online catalog. We commiserated about how, "Yeah, it can be difficult to navigate." Turns out we didn't have the book but did place an interlibrary loan request. He even stopped by in-person to say thanks when he picked up the item from the 2nd floor of the library. What a nice guy.

Desk, thanks for being a pal, always so eager to help.

Just wanted to say I appreciate it,

Your librarian.



Fred working the reference desk.

Photo by April B. Rome / Staff

Library News

LOUIS Users Conference attendees: Anke Tonn (Co-Director/Research), Brandy Burbante (Technical Services), John Bourgeois (Access Services/Research), Megan Myers (Technical Services), Michael Arseneau (Technical Services), Robert Bremer (Research), Sarah Simms (Serials/Research), Van Viator (Co-Director/Research), and William Charron (Technical Services).

*Bourgeois, Simms, and Bremer presented at this conference held in Baton Rouge, LA on Oct. 16-17, 2014.

Other conferences: Hayley Johnson (Government Information) and Sarah Simms presented a poster on multidisciplinary collaboration at the COMO SELA Conference in Augusta, GA, Sept. 30- Oct. 4; Johnson also attended a Grant Conference in Portland, OR, Oct. 15-19; Michael Arseneau and Anke Tonn attended an American Music Library Association (SELMA) workshop in Baton Rouge, LA, Oct. 2, where Arseneau additionally attended workshops on RDA Cataloging and Reference and Collection Development.

Publicity: April Rome (Access Services) has undergone several publicity/outreach campaigns on Facebook, in which a couple have grabbed the attention of several publications. Rome's work with "shelfies" has been published in an August 2014 issue of the newspaper *Tri-Parish Times* (recently renamed *The Times*). Her engagement with students and the library's skeleton model "Fred" has also earned recognition in the book published Sept. 8, 2014, *Proactive Marketing for the New and Experienced Library Director* by Dr. Melissa Goldsmith. Also, Rome is editing the book *Karma's Angel* for a Nicholls professor.

Trivia Master: John Bourgeois has continued to demonstrate his trivia skills on campus. So far, he has won the *Inside Nicholls State University* newsletter's trivia contest four times, earning himself free meals in the university's cafeteria for each win.

Published Author: John Bourgeois has a new book published that is set to release on Halloween. It is entitled "The Christmas Croc: A Yuletide Fable." The Amazon listing describes it as "A dark, humorous twist on an old Christmas tale. The truth about Santa's workshop, elves and toys comes to light in this satirical, witty fable."

Copyright: Robert Bremer (Research) gave a CAFÉ presentation on "Copyright-Compliant Instructions Aids"

Check-out Journals and Magazines: The Serials Department now allows students and faculty to check-out its bound collection. For more information, stop by the third floor or call 448-4676.

LLA President: Robert Bremer (Research) is acting president of the Louisiana Library Association for 2014-2015.

Honoring Veterans: Display and Discussion



Display: Annually, Ellender Memorial Library assembles an exhibit spanning the Civil War era to the present day. The majority of the items in the display are from the Veterans of Southeast Louisiana collection, which is housed in Archives and can also be viewed online through the Louisiana Digital Library (<http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/>). Additionally, some items in the display are loaned to the library from current students who are veterans. Pictures, uniforms, medals, and more are featured in the display. Stop by the first floor of the library November—January for viewing.

Discussion: The library will host the exhibit *Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963*, to which a series of lectures will take place. In honor of Veteran’s Day, Dr. Paul Wilson of Nicholls’ history department will speak on the African-American experience in WWI & WWII. The lecture is open to the public and begins at 5:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room (third floor) of the library.



International Film Club

Every semester, IFC and SPA team up to show the student body movies for FREE in Peltier Auditorium. Library Co-Director Anke Tonn is the chair of the club. IFC’s brochure states that “more current films” will be shown. “Check out these upcoming films:

Intouchables (2011) France 11/12/14

Directed by Oliver Nakache, Toni Toledano
After he becomes a quadriplegic from a paragliding accident, an aristocrat hires a young man from the projects to be his caretaker.

Undertow (2004) Greece 12/3/14

Directed by David Gordon Green
The Munns, father John and sons Chris and Tim, recede to the woods of rural Georgia. Their life together is forever changed with the arrival of Uncle Deel, through the tragedy that follows.



Pirate Radio (2009) USA 1/28/15

Directed by Richard Curtis
A period comedy about an illegal radio station in the North Sea in the 1960s.

Cigarettes & Nylons (2010) Louisiana 2/11/15

Directed by Fabrice Cazeneuve
Cigarettes & Nylons follows three young women through hope and disillusionment, love and heartbreak, to a time when even as the world was burning, young hearts were set aflame.

Tonn, pictured left, holding some of the movies to be on view

The Library Around Campus



Move-In Day 8/16/14

(L-R) Brandy Burbante, Cynthia Delise and Sandi Chauvin representing the Library at Move-In Day



Majors Day 8/22/14

The Library hosted a social & networking event as part of the first “Welcome to Your Major Day” in August. Food, fun and raffle prizes were awarded to students and faculty.

L-R Back Row: William Charron, Megan Myers, Van Viator & Lady Pierson

L-R Middle Row: Cynthia Delise, Sandi Chauvin & John Bourgeois

Front: Sarah Simms

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