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On the cover: *Refuge Sunset* by Kara Roberts, Starkville Public Library. This is a picture of a sunset over Bluff Lake at the Sam D. Hamilton - Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

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President's Page

Everyone loves libraries...why do we need advocacy?

Library advocacy has always been an important part of MLA's mission, but advocacy methods are changing and there is increased competition for limited resources. It is important for the future of libraries that Mississippi librarians expand and develop our advocacy skills and tools, but advocacy is not easy. With all of the modern tools and techniques, how do librarians choose the best method for them? What is the best way to turn passive support into educated action by stakeholders? How can we fit advocacy into our already busy days? To support its members in their advocacy efforts, MLA is forming an ad hoc committee on library advocacy to work in partnership with our legislative committee. The advocacy committee will focus on advocacy training and tools for MLA members. Plans are underway to host an advocacy training at this year's MLA conference. If you would like to be involved in MLA's advocacy committee, please contact me at mollyjomc@gmail.com.

The MLA Executive Board, sections and committees had a busy spring. Here are some of the highlights:

The Board drafted and passed a letter in support of the confirmation of Dr. Carla Hayden, the current Chief Executive Officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, as the 14th Librarian of Congress. The Board responded to the passage of House Bill 1523 by approving a resolution reaffirming the role of librarians to provide service



to all of our community members without discrimination or bias and opposing the Mississippi Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act. The resolution was announced via press release and ALA's Chapter Relations Office posted it on the ALA website on [Model Resolutions in Response to Issues Affecting Chapters](#).

Stephen Cunetto and the nominating committee recruited some excellent nominees for MLA office. The election committee and chairperson Jennifer Smith held elections electronically and there was a great response rate from our members. Congratulations to the newly elected 2017 Mississippi Library Association officers Sarah Mangrum as VP/President Elect, Jennifer Wann as Secretary, and Ellen Ruffin as ALA Councilor.

The MLA Legislative Committee, Legislative Committee Chair Mara Polk, MLA Administrator Barbara Price, along with the Mississippi Library Commission, prepared our delegation for the American Library Association's 42nd annual National

Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. on May 2–3, 2016. Mississippi Librarians joined several hundred other librarians and library supporters in the capital to support federal funding for our nation's libraries and other legislative priorities.

Ashley Biggs and the membership committee have been conducting research into association membership in an effort to increase our membership. MLA will soon be conducting a survey of current and past MLA members to determine what members and lapsed members expect from their association. The committee is also working to create brochures and signage to promote membership and membership engagement.

Phillip Carter is chairing chair an ad hoc committee on outreach. The purpose is to coordinate MLA's participation in various library and

book related events around the State. MLA, for the second year, had a table at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival and MLA is registered for a booth at the Mississippi Book Festival on August 20, 2016. We will be looking for volunteers to staff the booth and talk about the great things happening in Mississippi Libraries. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Phillip Carter at pcarter@lamarcountylibraries.org.

Although the Board has been busy, the busiest MLA members this spring and summer are those planning the MLA Annual Conference, October 18-21, at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The theme is "Mississippi libraries - the heart of our communities" and the keynote speaker will be Zachary Benedict, an architect and urbanist at MKM architecture + design, a Ft. Wayne, Ind.-based firm. We look forward to seeing you in Vicksburg.

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MLA Responds to HB 1523 with Resolution

MLA Members:

On April 5th, Governor Phil Bryant signed House Bill 1523, known as the “Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act” into law. While there has been a good deal of debate about exactly what this new law does and does not do, many of our members have expressed concern that the law, which goes into effect on July 1, legalizes discrimination based upon an individual’s sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions related to marriage, sexuality, and gender. On Friday, May 6 the MLA Executive Board responded to the passage of House Bill 1523 by approving a resolution reaffirming the role of librarians to provide service to all of our community members without discrimination or bias and opposing the Mississippi Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act. The mission of the Mississippi Library Association is to provide professional leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. Passage of this resolution supports our mission by reiterating our commitment to serving all of our users with gladness, inclusiveness, and fairness.

Molly McManus

MLA President

RESOLUTION ON 2016 MISSISSIPPI Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act

Adopted by the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association

May 6, 2016

Whereas the Mississippi Library Association, a nonprofit professional association, is committed to the ethical principles to provide equitable service policies and access to accurate, unbiased resources; and to distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with the provision of access to library services;

Whereas the Mississippi Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act includes the provision that public employees may engage in speech or expressive conduct based upon their sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions related to marriage, sexuality, and gender; and

Whereas speech or expressive conduct by library employees that is directed at library users based on a user’s marriage status, sexuality, or gender could deter library users from seeking access to information services in Mississippi’s publicly funded public, school, community college, or university libraries; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Mississippi Library Association (MLA):

1. reaffirms the role of librarians to provide service to all of our community members without discrimination or bias and to distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties;
2. opposes the Mississippi Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act on the basis that it contradicts the fundamental values of the library community to provide unbiased and courteous responses to all requests for information services; and
3. supports library environments that are safe and welcoming for all.

National Library Legislative Day

Erin Busbea

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The Mississippi Library Association was well represented at the 2016 National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington, DC on May 2nd and 3rd with eight delegates in attendance. Those attending included Executive Director of MLC, Susan Cassagne; Board of Commissioners for MLC, Jolee C. Hussey, Dr. Glenda Segars, Ann Marsh, Suzanne Poyner, Pamela Pridgen; Public Library Directors, Jennifer Stephenson, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library System and Erin Busbea, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System.

The group attended the American Library Association (ALA) Briefing on Monday, May 2nd to learn more about the hot topics that needed to be discussed with the legislators from each state represented. These topics included confirmation of Dr. Carla Hayden as the Librarian of Congress, support of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), continue to maintain funding for the “Innovative Approaches to Literacy” program, support the Real Privacy and Surveillance reform, support the Marrakesh Treaty for the print disabled, support the Freedom of Information Act reform, support Public Access to Taxpayer Funded Research, and support the Lifeline Program, as well as Affordable Broadband and Net Neutrality. After the meeting the Mississippi delegation met to discuss the topics that were of most importance to Mississippi – LSTA Funding, the

Innovative Approaches to Literacy program, and confirming Dr. Carla Hayden as the Librarian of Congress. The group then set out for Capitol Hill to meet with the staffers for Senators Roger Wicker and Thad Cochran, and Representatives Steven Palazzo, Gregg Harper, Bennie Thompson, and Trent Kelly. Unfortunately, all of the Mississippi Legislators were in recess and not in DC during NLLD.

Thanks to Susan Liles (MLC), the group had a wonderful packet put together to give each person during the meetings. The packet contained a very vivid, informational booklet about LSTA and its impact in Mississippi as well as some very hard hitting statistics that were compiled by Joy Garretson (MLC) from the Annual Statistical Report that each library system submits every year in December. During each meeting,

all eight delegates took the time to share individual stories about their libraries and how each of the topics comes into play for all Mississippi libraries. The impact of LSTA funding and Erate funding were discussed at length with each staffer. First time NLLD attendee Erin Busbea said “At the end of the day, I felt like we had some really productive meetings with each staffer. They seemed to genuinely care about what is happening in Mississippi and they really listened to our concerns. They assured us that they would relay our concerns to each Senator and Representative and I feel confident that they did.”

The 2017 National Library Legislative Day is May 1-2, 2017. For more information about this event and to learn how to get involved, visit the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.



Erin Busbea, Director, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System talks to Tara Gaddis, Staffer for Representative Trent Kelly about the importance of LSTA Funding for Mississippi Libraries. L to R – Suzanne Poyner, Tara Gaddis, Jennifer Stephenson, Erin Busbea, and Cecelia Park. Photograph taken by Katie McDill of Columbus, MS.

Mississippi Library Leadership Institute in Action

46 Projects Help to Build a Stronger Library Community in Mississippi

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January 2016 marked the closing of the MLC's 21st-century Laura Bush Grant for the Mississippi Library Leadership Institute (MLLI). The institute was comprised of two cohorts of participants that met quarterly, created group presentations, received peer feedback and mentoring, and created community projects. MLLI was divided into two cohorts. The first cohort included 26 participants and lasted from April 2013 to January 2014. The second cohort had 20 participants and lasted from April 2014 to January 2015. A third phase of the project took place from April 2015 to January 2016; in that phase, past participants were able to extend the community projects they completed as part of their original MLLI experience.

MLLI was created to develop leadership skills in MLS-degreed library professionals from public, school, academic, or special libraries by providing training in critical thinking, problem solving, communication, leadership, and responsibility. Participants attended four multi-day retreats to develop intended skills and to build a peer network. Between retreats, they were assigned group work and presented their finalized presentations at the end of each retreat. To further advance their leadership skills,

participants created individual development plans with the assistance of professional coaches and the approval of their supervisors. Finally, all participants were required to design and lead an innovative project that would impact their communities. Participants were required to partner with outside entities, including schools, non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and local businesses and were given \$1000 to implement their plans.

This article will focus on the completed projects and on the innovative services they brought to the Mississippi Library community. In the two cohorts of MLLI, a total of 46 participants completed 42 projects; participants were allowed to team up to combine efforts. Once the cohorts ended, all past MLLI participants were invited to apply for further funds to extend or revamp their original projects. Fifteen participants received these additional funds.

PROJECT FOCUS

The guiding principle for the leadership projects was that the participants develop a community partnership and that they implement an innovative service. To that end, the projects were widely varied and targeted Mississippians of all ages (from toddlers to seniors), economic backgrounds, and abilities. In each of the following categories, a brief overview of the types of

projects done will be given, as well as highlights from some of the most successful projects.

LITERACY PROJECTS CHILDHOOD LITERACY (FOR AGES 0-18):

Participants created 13 literacy projects for children. Two of these projects helped to establish Excel by Five Family Resource centers in the towns of Senatobia and Horn Lake, MS. These centers make early literacy resources available to families in order to promote lifelong reading. Other projects included reading clubs and challenges, as well as online book reviews. Crystal Giles of Northwest Community College created two projects that taught children basic gardening principles and healthy eating habits, all tied into a reading project with a book from a local author and entrepreneur. Giles' project is ongoing; she and participating children are partnering with a local farmer and planted some vegetables in March 2016 that they are planning to monitor over the summer.

Jennifer Parker of Puckett Elementary School purchased high-interest books for her school, and between August and December, her 52 students checked out roughly 35 books each. She also helped them create an online book review blog that received over 1000 views in its first two months.

Ally Watkins of the Mississippi Library Commission was able to purchase several Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) kits with MLLI funds and has begun training librarians, parents, and educators in this Early Literacy curriculum. Watkins is currently working to help public library systems across the state to intertwine ECRR principles with existing programs or to become fully ECRR Certified. Within the next year, at least nine more systems will receive the ECRR materials and training.

FAMILY LITERACY

Four participants created family literacy projects. Lindsey Beck built and stocked several Little Free Libraries and posted them at Housing Authority Complexes in Columbus,

Mississippi. Inspired by a young boy who had to walk across town to get to the library to check out books, Beck wanted to make resources available for people without ready access to transportation. Her goal was to amass resources for children and adults, and she utilized contacts at the Mississippi University for Women to help her collect appropriate materials. In Columbia, MS, Ryda Worthy created two family reading projects; her second project was a One Book-One Community program, in which 100 families participated. She also provided literacy instruction for 27 preschool educators as part of this project.

Darlene Morgan partnered with a local jail and the Rotary club to create a program that would connect incarcerated parents with their children. Morgan obtained permission from the prison warden to allow authorized prisoners to read a book onto an MP3 Player.

That player was then transported to the library, where the inmate's family is able to check out the recording, receive a copy of the book, and transfer the recordings onto their own devices. To date, 15 recordings have been made, and seven families are participating in the program.

ADULT LITERACY AND RESOURCES

Fewer resources were dedicated to Adult Literacy; the three participants that completed adult literacy projects took very different approaches to varying levels of success. One project was intended to teach adults how to choose books that interested them; in another project, a public library built up its collection of books for new adult readers.

At the time that Jamie Elston of Moss Point Public Library started her program, Jackson County had a 10.9% unemployment rate for people over 16. To address this, Elston created a job/resource center for



Photo 2, above: Elizabeth Simmons with a tech team student. Photo credit, Susan Liles, Mississippi Library Commission

Photo 1, left: Student at Puckett Attendance Center working on a scaled model of the school office. Photo credit, Susan Liles, Mississippi Library Commission

adults. She designated a computer for users needing to complete job searches and file applications. She also collected materials on resume-writing and job searching skills and recruited an MSU Extension Services instructor to provide training for job seekers in her area.

DIGITAL LITERACY

Seven participants put together meaningful digital literacy projects. Notable among these was Elizabeth Simmons of Puckett Attendance Center in Puckett, MS. Combining the funds from MLLI with Title XI and other grant funding, Simmons was able to invest over \$20,000 to create a Digital Makerlab in her school library. The lab is equipped with a MakerBot 3D printer, Apple TVs, presentation software, and additional computers. Simmons has created a student tech team that gives IT support throughout the school. She works in close conjunction with science teachers to use the 3D printers, and students like the one pictured here (Photo 1) have stated interest in pursuing college degrees that play to their new-found strengths in computer drafting and 3D design.

In the public library arena, Callie Wiygul from the Hattiesburg Public library created a social media awareness campaign at the Hattiesburg Public Library that was geared towards teaching patrons how to protect themselves when using social media.

Finally, Sarah Mangrum's SOAR to Success project was geared towards helping incoming freshman at the University of Southern Mississippi to attain the digital literacy skills needed to conduct academic

research for college.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Six projects were geared towards collection development. The following projects enhance library collections and information access across several media. At the University of Mississippi, Judy Greenwood and Melisa Dennis purchased new technology to meet the needs of their millennial college students. The team procured Kindles and iPad Minis to circulate to their student body at the University of Mississippi, with the intent that the e-readers would both promote reading and draw in new users.

Three other participants created collection development projects as well. Ally Mellon, Shivon Hess, and Lacy Ellinwood from the Mississippi Library Commission created the following book club (and film club) kits: Spanish Language Book Club in a Box (Spanish materials for a range of ages, meant for families); Graphic Novel Book Club in a Box (Graphic Novels and interactive materials); and a Film Festival in a Box (films with performance rights that would enable libraries to show them publicly). Mellon and Ellinwood also created Multicultural Book Clubs (several kits, each with 10 books from a different countries or cultures) and Art History Books Club kits (with books, movies, and art supplies) to circulate to libraries in Mississippi.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECTS WELLNESS

Three participants created general wellness projects. Ashley Biggs of Central Mississippi Regional Library System worked to bring her

community together for anti-bullying support, and Brandon Cain of Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System joined with the Tour d'Attala cycling group to put together a project called "Cycling for the cause," which promoted cycling safety, advocated for walking and biking, and discouraged driving and texting. Chameka Robinson of UMMC put together a series of public information sessions on various health topics.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Six librarians in the group put together innovative special needs projects. Erica McCaleb's Sensory Storytimes Kits is much in keeping with the collection development storytime kits listed above, except that these are targeted towards young patrons who have visual impairments. Each kit includes a dual Braille/picture book, along with sensory items that enhance the reading experience and literacy training for the child using the kit. Josh Haidet of East Mississippi Regional Library System also put together a project that helped him to procure materials for blind and physically handicapped patrons and connect them with the Mississippi Library Commission's Talking Book Service.

Drawing on experiences she had in hospitals as a child, Abbie Woolridge partnered with the Anderson Regional Medical Center to provide kindles, board books, and small toys to their pediatric unit patients. She provided the hospital with library accounts so the patients could check out books from the Meridian-Lauderdale Public Library eBook collection. The hospital expressed delight with this outreach attempt and

expressed interest in expanding it to other units.

Jennifer Nabzdyk from MLC took on an ambitious website project geared towards creating ADA-compliant, responsive websites for Mississippi Public libraries. With software purchased from grant funds, she has created 18 websites for Mississippi public library systems to date; four of those sites were the first live, functioning websites for their systems. (See Fig. 1)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Libraries have been working to establish their position as hubs of information and usefulness to their communities in the Technology Age, and participants created five projects to reach out to potential users. At Holmes Community College, Blair Booker implemented mini-library orientation sessions for students to attend at their convenience. In the fall of 2015, the Holmes staff held 18 mini sessions for 48 total attendees who reported substantial gains in their knowledge about library resources (see table). Booker paired the push for library instruction with a new iPad check-out service that allowed students to use library iPads for research and information needs during finals season; students reported high satisfaction with this service. (See Fig. 2)

In a second project, Judy Greenwood and Melissa Dennis of the University of Mississippi created a “pop-up tech library” that includes Raspberry Pi and Makey Makey kits, along with informative materials about the library’s technology education programs. Dennis and Greenwood took these kits out to strategic places on campus in order

to draw in students and advertise their services.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Ten participants created cultural heritage programs to draw attention to special collections within libraries or to historical aspects of the towns in which their libraries reside. Sarah Crisler-Ruskey and JoAnn Blue of the Carnegie Public Library in Clarksdale both worked on creating digital histories of Clarksdale, creating projects that include online time lines and digitization of local historical items.

Hillary Richardson from Mississippi State University created two projects about Civil Rights in Starkville, resulting in a website logging oral histories and public information about the Starkville civil rights struggle (<http://starkvillecivilrights.msstate.edu/wordpress/>). With help from the Mississippi Humanities Council, she also hosted a public forum about the civil rights experience in Starkville which

included panelists from MSU, Tougaloo College, Millsaps College, and the Starkville chapter of the NAACP.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Each of the leadership projects was not mentioned in this article. Many were not successful in their initial incarnation and needed to be re-imagined or put aside in lieu of better plans. However, the projects did provide each participant with experience in creating new proposals, writing applications for funds, budgeting, and project management.

At their most successful, these programs were able to unite families, promote literacy, educate children about health and wellness, meet the needs of underserved populations, inspire students to explore new technologies, document history, and build a more cohesive community.

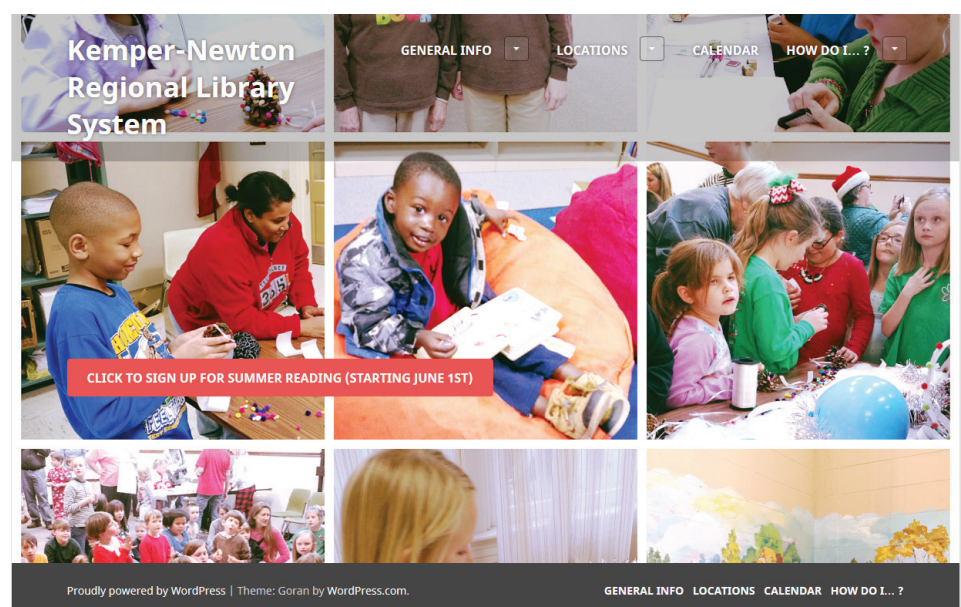


Fig. 1: Screenshot of Kemper-Newton Regional Library Website
Jennifer Nabzdyk built this ADA-compliant, responsive website for the Kemper-Newton Library System. This site is KNLS's first working public website.

Information Presented	Pre-Test	Post-Test
Percentage of students who have knowledges of the Holmes Library Search (main database search):	19%	87%
Percentage of students who are aware that they have access to streaming video databases:	40%	78%
Percentage of students aware of MLA and APA tutorials on library webpage:	13%	89%

Fig. 2: Increase in student understanding of the Holmes Community College Library Services. The figure below shows results from pre-and-post tests given to the 48 students who completed Booker's mini-orientation sessions at Holmes Community College.

A Serials Weeding Project at the Millsaps-Wilson Library

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Next to emptying the outdoor bookdrop on cold and snowy days, weeding is the most undesirable job in the library. It is also one of the most important.¹

INTRODUCTION

The Millsaps-Wilson Library occupies three floors. Connected by walkways the library spans two buildings: the original Carnegie building of 1926 (renovated in 1955) and a newer structure built in 1971. Another building on campus, the Christian Center, was due to be renovated as part of the Millsaps College Strategic Plan of 2012. The college administration looked to the first floor of the library to house the faculty displaced by renovations. In order to accommodate the college administration's request, the library began a large scale weeding project. What follows is an account of that

project including evaluation standards, workflow, faculty input, logistical considerations, issues, and ramifications.

EARLY CONSIDERATIONS

Known as 1West, the area to be converted into offices occupied the ground floor of the 1971 addition to the Millsaps-Wilson Library. Consisting of over two thousand square feet, the space dedicated to the new offices held four named collections, all microforms, a portion of the reference collection, much of the library's periodical collection, and a twenty-nine station computer lab. Faced with the loss of space, the library staff initially considered a new compact shelving facility to be built in a portion of an adjacent parking garage. With only sixteen other computers available in the Information Commons, the library staff was concerned that the loss of twenty-nine workstations would have a negative effect on student access to computers, and the library's capability to deliver information literacy instruction. An examination of the computer lab's usage statistics for the three years prior corroborated

this. Library staff recognized that although the shelving was significant, of greater importance was the teaching and working space afforded by the computer lab. To accommodate a new computer lab another 2,268 linear feet of materials needed to be weeded, bringing the projected amount to be discarded to approximately 5100 linear feet. The project began in earnest in late 2014, with the bulk of the work taking place between February and July 2015.

EVALUATING THE COLLECTION

The first step was getting an accurate list of the periodical holdings in the general stacks and 1West. After some discussion it was decided that the most accurate list of current holdings would be obtained through an AtoZ report. The major downside to using a report generated in AtoZ, rather than in the library's OPAC, was the lack of call numbers. At this stage various reports were run in an attempt to supply call numbers electronically, but none worked and the time and labor intensive task of assigning call numbers manually fell to the Electronic Resources Librarian.

¹Will Manley, "The Manley Arts: If I Called This Column 'Weeding,' You Wouldn't Read It," Booklist 92, no. 13 (March 1996): 1108, quoted in Weeding Library Collections: A Selected Annotated Bibliography for Library Collection Evaluation—ALA Library Fact Sheet 15 <http://www.ala.org/tools/libfactsheets/alalibraryfactsheet15> (accessed April 28, 2016)

The first attempt at creating weeding lists began with comparing print titles to perpetual access JSTOR titles. This database-by-database approach was abandoned when the project was put on hold for some months during a staff transition period.

The Millsaps-Wilson Library has a small staff with four full-time librarians, one full-time technical services assistant, and a handful of student workers. All staff members participated in the evaluation process. The College Librarian outlined the following criteria for potential discards: short or incomplete runs, titles in subjects no longer needed to support the curriculum (e.g., German periodicals for a now defunct program), availability in other libraries through Interlibrary Loan (ILL), and titles available online. Going shelf-to-shelf, staff created the discard lists that would be sent to the Millsaps faculty for review. The College Librarian reviewed each list and made any final adjustments. The lists were then categorized by academic department.

The following is an excerpt from the workflow created by the Electronic Resources & Web Services Librarian:

1. In each list, compare titles and ISSNs to make sure that the title is actually the same. The comparison would be between titles in the selected database, in this case JSTOR collections and titles in the library print "database." Databases are listed in the "Source" column below.
2. First, find duplicate titles in the list by matching ISSNs and titles.
3. Next, compare managed and custom coverage dates to check

for overlap.

Other processes to consider:

1. Check the periodicals area to make sure that the dates for the print runs are accurate in the discard title list.
2. Double-check our list against the publisher lists and/or links in AtoZ just to make sure we actually have online access to the titles.
3. For the print journals we discard, check links in AtoZ list to make sure each title connects correctly.

FACULTY BUY-IN

Millsaps has just under a hundred full-time faculty members in over twenty departments. Proceeding without faculty input was a possibility, but the library staff felt the faculty's knowledge of subject literature could contribute to more informed weeding decisions. It was also important to the library staff that this user group understand the reasoning behind the massive weeding. Getting faculty to participate was made easier because the project was initiated by the college administration, and the Academic Vice-President contacted faculty asking for their assistance and support.

The next point of contact for the faculty was an email from the College Librarian with a link to a Google Form. After creating departmental discard lists, the library staff, using Google Forms, created a multiple choice survey for the faculty. For each periodical, the faculty was given three choices: remove, keep, or neutral. It also specified which dates would be removed and whether or not electronic access was available along with coverage and

embargo dates. Realizing that language was key, library staff opted not to use the term "discard" and instead chose the less dramatic "remove." The end of the form had an optional name field and a place for additional comments.

FACULTY RESPONSES

Responses varied from "No!!! Please don't get rid of anything!" to "I do not think I ever used a hard copy journal in grad school and applaud the college for cleaning these out," and were for the most part overwhelmingly supportive. Types of responses were spread across the disciplines with both the sciences and humanities departments requesting to keep titles. Many of the faculty had questions or concerns, and a dialogue sprung up between the College Librarian, the Acquisitions & Serials Librarian, and some faculty members. Most faculty were concerned about titles that were not available electronically, or that future budget restrictions might remove access at a later date. It was helpful in many cases to remind faculty that anything not available in the library is usually obtainable through ILL. The survey was not sent to adjunct faculty.

Not all faculty chose to respond to the Google Form electronically. Some printed it out and filled in a printed version. Others skipped the form altogether, and emailed their opinions and responses. The number of titles on the form was a major factor in this. Most departments averaged fifteen titles per form, but some had in excess of fifty to consider, and the largest list contained over one hundred titles. An unexpected result was the request to have titles

transferred to the departments, with the Art department using their bound periodicals for papermaking and mixed media projects. Many departments chose to discuss the project as a whole and submit one response to the library. The library was happy to take responses in any format. When requests came in to keep certain titles, negotiations were inevitable. The first consideration was space—how much shelf space did the requested title take up? If small, the request was usually accommodated. The final decision was with the College Librarian. Some faculty responded promptly while others needed repeated reminders to participate. After a month of emails and follow-up emails, the discard lists were complete. The next step for the library staff was to move everything.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND LOGISTICS

Millsaps has minimal summer classes and this was the best time to

do the moving of the bound periodicals and named collections. A variety of things needed to happen in the general stacks to accommodate the new computer lab and the titles being moved from 1West. Almost all of the short ranges were eliminated, some open space was taken up by new shelving, and all ranges received an added top shelf. During the reorganization, desks, tables, and chairs were piled into study rooms and corners. Periodicals were organized on the floor in the open areas and study rooms. The named collections were easily re-shelved once space was made available. (Picture 1)

From the beginning, it was important to the library staff that the periodicals be recycled if at all possible. After some calls, the College Librarian located a local recycler willing to pick up materials. For a small fee, he provided cardboard bins that were approximately forty cubic feet, and picked them up when full. The discards were shuttled onto book

carts and taken to the cardboard bins housed in a parking garage. The library filled a total of seventy-six bins over a six week period.

All the materials being kept from 1West were brought up to the general stacks. They were placed on the floor in call number order, along with any materials that had been removed from the shelves during the reorganization. Interfiling the periodicals was the next step. It was overseen by the Technical Services Assistant, the person responsible for the daily processing of incoming print periodicals, and for sending full runs to the bindery. This was often a trial and error activity with shelf shifts happening continuously. After the physical removal and shifting of remaining materials, the final step was changing the records. The printed removal lists had columns to be checked off once items were removed from the catalog, OCLC, and AtoZ.

The Millsaps-Wilson Library has an outdated and dusty microform reader/printer that often refuses to work. Buying a new reader was not in the budget and given the low usage of microformats, it would also have been a waste of money. In the early stages of the project, the library staff was planning on keeping the majority of the microforms and moving them to storage rooms. About halfway through the process, the staff realized that the microforms were being retained not because they were used, but because staff was hesitant about discarding them. At this juncture, it was decided to discard all microforms except some unique and local materials. The library's microformats along with excess shelving were advertised



on listservs and donated to other Mississippi libraries.

ISSUES

Although most of the library staff had experience with weeding, none had participated in a project of this size. This lack of experience made for a less than systematic workflow. A literature review of similar weeding projects might have helped the staff coordinate processes better.

The size and duration of the project created multiple measurement systems, with space and periodicals being counted in shelf space rather than linear or cubic feet. The library missed doing a volume count as the periodicals were discarded. Instead, staff arrived at a cubic foot count by measuring a discard bin, and multiplying by the number of bins used. A title count was reached after the project ended, but having a volume count would have been an asset.

Being without a computer lab for almost six months was difficult for the library. The staff carried out fall freshman library instruction in meeting rooms and classrooms without workstations. This required librarians to alter lesson plans and rely on lecture-style instruction.

The campus community was very aware of the discard bins outside the library, and concerned that the items would be sent to a landfill. When informed that the periodicals would be recycled, most people accepted the project, and only a few collected discarded volumes for their own use.

CONCLUSION

Over the course of nine months, the Millsaps-Wilson Library staff evaluated and weeded the library's bound print periodical collection, and eventually discarded 523 titles measuring over 3000 cubic feet. The

new computer lab opened in September 2015, and is brighter and easier to access and supervise than the old lab. It is also in a more centralized location, rather than down a dark stone staircase. Housing twenty-four work stations with an instructor's station and overhead projector, it is used regularly by students, faculty, and for information literacy instruction. Faculty began moving into the new offices January 2016, and the renovation surprised everyone, turning a dimly lit ground level room into a light-filled space. Now housing twelve faculty offices, a conference room, and two seating areas, the renovated space is better utilized and more up to date. Despite the staff's trepidation at the start the project it was ultimately beneficial for the library and the campus. (Picture 2)



Academic Librarian Outreach to Veterans

Giving Back to Those Who Served

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INTRODUCTION

Since the Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008, colleges and universities have seen an influx of veteran enrollment and several scholars have stated that as many as two million veterans will be arriving on college campuses within the next few years. In 2013, President Obama introduced an 8 Keys program that identifies the actions that colleges can undertake to ease veteran transition from the battlefield to the classroom. What may have started as an administrative outreach opportunity, that colleges would recruit veterans who have access to the funds to pay for their education, has become a hot topic in academic libraries.

Colleges and universities have recently started to build a supportive environment for their veteran students to ensure that their unique needs are met while also focusing on the administrative goals of retention and timely graduation of all students. One of President Obama's 8 keys is to coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans. This is where the academic librarian can begin their outreach efforts to veterans.

Veterans are inherently different from other incoming students, including older transfer students. Many veterans have served overseas and have seen and participated in

combat. They are frequently mature and responsible adults with families to support who have undergone years of rigorous training. However, studies have also shown that people who volunteer for military service are more often than not poor, non-white, and, first generation college attendees. It does veterans a disservice to generalize them as either too mature for basic library instruction, or too unprepared for a complicated research assignment. Academic librarians involved in outreach should consider meeting with the Center for military veterans, service members, and families on their campus to determine how best to serve those individuals.

BACKGROUND

Since 2013, several articles have been written about academic libraries and veterans in an attempt to lay the groundwork for other outreach librarians interested in this unique patron class. Fawley and Krysak, (2013), were among the first to state that librarians can serve a central role in easing the transition from military life to student life for veterans on campus. LeMire, (2015), herself a veteran of the Iraq war and an academic librarian, provides particularly interesting insight into successful engagement with veterans that begins with making a connection. Veterans will want to know why you are interested in them as a group. Phelps, (2015) discussed facilitating veteran student learning by reinforcing and translating the

skills they acquired as members of the military.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

I recently accepted a position at the University of Southern Mississippi, as the librarian for the College of Arts and Letters, after having served in a similar role at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. One of my roles at Wayne, was to provide outreach to various groups outside of my liaison areas. My favorite outreach opportunity was working with a class of student veterans. Every semester a new group of student veterans would be tasked with conducting interviews of each other for submission to the Library of Congress Veteran Oral History Project. We not only covered the mechanics of interviews and transcription, we covered where to find primary documents related to "their" wars. I also introduced them to an easy to use but comprehensive database to locate secondary materials related to their time in service, and finally, I was able to introduce them to our wide variety of newspaper sources.

Teaching this class was an incredible opportunity for me. The veterans worked together as a team to create and document their own oral histories that can now be shared with their future children and grandchildren. At the same time, I was able to share valuable information about library resources and how to apply them to real life situations. In fact, I went in to teach them one last time

after I had already resigned. I highly recommend this activity to anyone who wants to reach out to veterans on their campus.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

My first day as a librarian at USM, I was provided an orientation checklist that included familiarizing myself with the University website. One of the items that caught my eye was the announcement that USM had been named a 2016 Top Military Friendly Online College, one of only 81 awarded that distinction nationwide. I decided to investigate further to see if the library was supporting veterans by directing them to our online services and resources and was pleased to find a LibGuide had already been completed. The following week, I was invited to attend a DAR presentation by one of my history faculty members, Dr. Andrew Wiest where he discussed one of his recent books, *The Boys of 67: Charlie Company's War in Vietnam* and informed us that he is currently working on a similar book about the families of the veterans. He interviews each veteran that he can locate and documents the conversation, very much like the oral histories that I had previously worked on. After speaking with Dr. Wiest, who also serves as the Founding Director of the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society at USM, I was even more firm in my resolve to work with the veterans at USM and reached out to Maj. Gen. Jeff Hammond (U.S. Army, ret.), who serves as director of the University's Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families.

Mr. Hammond was pleased that



Anne Hudson helping Valerie Henry at the USM Center for Military Veterans Service Members and Families. Photos by Jennifer Culley, USM

I had expressed an interest in his center and invited me to tour the facility and to discuss the services and resources that they provide to the veterans, service members, and families at USM. We agreed to work together this summer to develop an orientation and other library/military events during the academic year. There are currently 1,200 veterans enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi and they primarily major in Business, Education, or Nursing.

CONCLUSION

If you are passionate about trying to repay in some small way the debt owed to our veterans, and serving those who served, I would encourage you to try at least some of the following outreach activities in your own libraries. Public libraries could

of course also incorporate some of these events into their programming plans:

Host special orientation sessions for veterans that welcome them to campus;

Introduce them to success tools: research consultations; ask a librarian services; and, LibGuides;

Save them time by creating videos introducing efficient database searching strategies;

Tailor instruction sessions for veterans by focusing on their current information needs, their ability to evaluate information, and to enhance their critical thinking skills;

Create book exhibits or displays to coincide with military remembrances such as Veteran's Day;

Introduce veterans to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project: <https://www.loc.gov/vets/>

As Jeff Hammond so kindly put it, just to know you care and will smile when you see a service member or vet on campus is enough to build a life time bond with these young men and women. I can't think of any greater reward for the time I spent in library school, I hope that you agree.

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Quantitative Analysis of Published Articles in the Journal of Mississippi History

A Bibliometric Study 2002-2012

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The Journal of Mississippi History is one of the premier journals in the field of history, published by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Eleven volumes of this journal, containing 44 issues from 2002 to 2012 have been taken into consideration for this present study that carries out a bibliometric analysis of 170 articles by 140 authors with

7822 cited references of this journal. The analysis covers the number of authors from participating states and out of country; the number of articles by joint authorship; ranking of significant authors; ranking of significant contributing organizations; organization wise distributions; ranking of articles as per number of cited references; highest number of authors as per rank; ranking of articles having more than ten pages etc. The most productive institution was the University of Mississippi with 27

articles for this journal during this study period.

OBJECTIVES

The basic objectives was to find out who are contributing to this journal, their affiliation, rank, is there any other states involved, is there anyone contributing from other countries, is there any joint collaborations issues among the contributing authors over the eleven years period; what are the significant subjects have been highlighted

out of this these articles, etc.

METHODOLOGY

The data presented in this paper have been retrieved from an excel file created out of the bibliographic information of 170 articles for 44 issues of 11 volumes within the time period of 2002-2012.

Table 1 lists that out of the 170 articles, there are 1 transcribed and edited; 2 addresses; 23 compiled; 140 articles have been written by authors from Mississippi and others states and 3 from other foreign countries and 4 articles does not

Table 1: Number of articles 2002-2012

Transcribed and edited	1
Address	2
Compiled	23
Written	140
No author mentioned	4
Total	170

Table 2: Participating states and number of authors

States	# of articles
MS	98
NC	9
AL	4
CA	4
FL	4
KY	4
GA	3
NY	3
IL	2
RI	2
KS	1
LA	1
MA	1
MI	1
PA	1
IA	1
MD	1
Total	140

contain any author information.

Table 2 lists that there are 16 other states other than Mississippi have contributed in this journal. The Mississippi authors contributed 98 articles during these eleven years of study period. The next productive state is North Carolina by contributing 9 articles and Alabama, California, Florida and Kentucky contributed 4 articles each.

Table 3 indicates that 4 other foreign countries such as Australia, Canada, Scotland and Turkey participated in this journal by contributing one or two articles.

There are 8 articles where 16

authors have written jointly at least once whereas only two authors Jere Nash & Andy Taggart contributed jointly 3 times during these 11 years period. All these collaborations are from the states such as Texas, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi and one from foreign country such as Australia.

Table 3: Participating foreign countries

Out of Country	# of authors
Scotland	2
Australia	2
Canada	1
Turkey	1
Total	6

Table 4: Joint authorship

Authors	Affiliation	State	Ranks	Times
Aubrey Lucas & Elbert Hilliard	Mississippi Historical Society & Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History	MS	President & Secretary-Treasurer	1
Charles D. Lowery & Sara Bradford Lowery	Mississippi State University	MS & AL	Professor Emeritus & Retired teacher	1
Dorothy McLeod MacInerney & William Warren Rogers	Florida State University, Tallahassee	TX & FL	Freelance author and historian; Emeritus Professor	1
Jere Nash & Andy Taggart		MS	Political consultant & Chief of Staff of Gov. Ray Mabus & Kirk Fordice; Attorney	3
Maria R. Lowe & J Clint Morris	Southwestern University, Georgetown	TX	Associate professor & student	1
Mike Bunn & Clay Williams	Historic Chattahoochee Commission & Old Capitol Museum	AL & MS	Director	1
Princella W. Nowell & Elbert R. Hilliard	Mississippi Historical Society & Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History	MS	President, Secretary-Treasurer	1
Timothy J. Minchin & John A. Salmond	La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia & La Trobe University	Australia	Professor & Emeritus Professor	1

Table 5: Ranking of significant authors as per # of articles contributed in the journal

Author	Affiliation	State	Rank	# of articles written
Elbert R. Hilliard	Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History	MS	Director Emeritus	11 times
Robert V. Haynes	Western Kentucky University	KY	Professor Emeritus	4 times
Jere Nash & Andy Taggart		MS	Political consultant & Chief of Staff of Gov. Ray Mabus & Kirk Fordice; Attorney	3 times
Jerry Dallas	Delta State University	MS	Professor Emeritus	2 times
John David Smith	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	NC	Professor	2 times
John R. Tisdale	Texas Christian University, Fort Worth	TX	Associate professor	2 times
Joyce L. Brouard	California State University, Northridge	CA	Professor	2 times
Timothy B. Smith	Shiloh National Military Park	TN	Staff	2 times
Jennifer Ford	University of Mississippi	MS	Associate Professor	20 times
Brenda M Eagles		MS?		3 times

The most significant author is Elbert R. Hilliard, Director Emeritus from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History who has contributed 11 times by writing articles on Mississippi Historical Society

awards and Mississippi Historical Society minutes of the annual meeting etc. on a regular basis. The next is Robert V. Haynes who is professor emeritus from Western Kentucky University. Jennifer Ford, the

Associate Professor from the University of Mississippi, has not been considered as most significant author as her contributed articles are all compiled information.

The University of Mississippi is the most significant organization that has contributed 27 articles before Mississippi Department of Archives and History having 15 articles. The other 6 organizations have contributed 3 or more articles during this period of time. These above 8 organizations have contributed almost 50% of total articles (80 out of 170 articles) and rest of the organizations has contributed 90 articles.

Table 6: Significant organizations by number of articles (more than 2 articles)

Organizations	States	# of articles
University of Mississippi	MS	27
Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History	MS	15
Mississippi State University	MS	11
University of Southern Mississippi	MS	10
University of North Carolina	NC	7
Western Kentucky University	KY	4
California State University, Northridge	CA	3
Delta State University	MS	3
	Total	80

Table 7: Organization wise distributions

Organizations	# of article	University	College	State agency	Others
Abyssinian Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis	1				1
Albany College of Pharmacy	1		1		
Architect of the Capitol in Washington	1				1
Belhaven University	1	1			
Boston University	1	1			
California State University, Northridge	3	1			
Car and Driver magazine	1				1
Columbus-Lowndes Public Library	1				1
Delta State University	3	1			

Organizations	# of article	University	College	State agency	Others
East Georgia College	1		1		
Elon University	1	1			
Florida A & M University	1	1			
Florida State University, Tallahassee	1	1			
Georgia Southwestern State University	1	1			
Greenville Memorial Hospital	1				1
Gulf Coast Community College	1		1		
Hinds Community College	1		1		
Historic Chattahoochee Commission & Old Capitol Museum	2			1	1
Historic Jefferson College	1		1		
Howard Community College in Columbia Maryland	1		1		
Jones Junior College	1		1		
Koc University in Istanbul Turkey	1	1			
La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia	1	1			
Lambuth University	2	1			
MDAH	15			1	
Michigan State University	1	1			
Mississippi State Hospital	1				1
Mississippi State University	11	1			
Natchez National Historic park	1				1
Natchez Trace Parkway Association	1				1
North Dakota State University	1	1			
Northeast Mississippi Community College	1		1		
Northern Illinois University	1	1			
Palmer College	1		1		
Pennsylvania State University	1	1			
Phelps Dunbar LLP	1				1
Queen's University, Kingston, Canada	1	1			
Rice University	1	1			
San Francisco State University	1	1			
Shiloh National Military Park	1				1
Siena College in Loudonville, New York	1		1		
Southwestern University, Georgetown	1	1			
St. Cloud State University	1	1			
Stephen F. Austin State University	1	1			
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth	1	1			
Tougaloo College	1		1		
Troy University	1	1			
United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission	1				1
University museum, University of MS	1	1			
University of Alabama, Birmingham	1	1			
University of Central Florida, Orlando	1	1			

Organizations	# of article	University	College	State agency	Others
University of Edinburgh	1	1			
University of Georgia	1	1			
University of Kansas	1	1			
University of Memphis	1	1			
University of Mississippi	27	1			
University of North Carolina, Ashville	1	1			
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	2	1			
University of North Carolina, Charlotte	3	1			
University of North Carolina, Greensboro	1	1			
University of Rhode Island	1	1			
University of Southern Mississippi	10	1			
University of Texas	1	1			
University of Texas-Austin	1	1			
University of Wahington	1	1			
Western Kentucky University	4	1			
Total		42	11	1	13

Table 8: Ranks and number of authors

Ranks	# of authors
Adjunct instructor	1
Adjunct professor	1
Archivist	3
Assistant Archivist	1
Assistant professor	17
Associate professor	12
Author	6
Cataloger, Special Coll.	1
Chair	1
Chairman of Div. of Arts and Science	1
Chief justice	1
Co-Chairman	1
Computer program analyst	1
Dean	2
Director	6
Director Emeritus	1
Doctoral candidate	3
Doctoral student	4
Editor	1
Editor-in-chief	1
Freelance author and historian	1

Ranks	# of authors
Emeritus Professor	1
Graduate	3
Graduate student	2
Grants Administrator	1
Historian	3
Historical archaeologist	2
Instructor	1
Lecturer	4
Medical Director	1
Past President	1
Pastor	1
Political consultant	1
Chief of Staff of Gov. Kirk Fordice	1
President	1
Professor	37
Professor Emeritus	8
Program Chair	1
Research fellow	1
Retired director	1
Retired Historian and Archaeologist	1
Retired-professor	1

Ranks	# of authors
Secretary-Treasurer	1
Senior partner	1
Staff	1
State Historian	1
Student	3
Teacher	2
Technology Instructor	1
Visiting instructor	2

Table 7 provides alphabetical listing of all 67 organizations including 42 universities, 11 colleges, 1 state agency, 13 others that have participated for contributing articles in this journal.

[Note: All organizations other than university, college and state agency, have been designated as others.]

Table 8 indicates that authors with 50 types of ranks contributed in this journal during these times. And this information can be interpolated as “Highest number of authors as per rank” in Table 9.

Table 9: Highest number of authors as per rank

Ranks	# of authors	Ranks	# of authors
Professor	37	Historian	3
Assistant professor	17	Student	3
Associate professor	12	Dean	2
Professor Emeritus	8	Graduate student	2
Author	6	Historical archaeologist	2
Director	6	Teacher	2
Doctoral student	4	Visiting instructor	2
Lecturer	4		
Archivist	3		
Doctoral candidate	3		
Graduate	3		

There are maximum numbers of authors with the rank “Professor” followed by “Assistant Professor”. The ranks that have only one author

have not been shown in this table.

In Table 10, John Drabble is the author who has cited maximum number of references in one article followed by Jerry Dallas with 150 citations. Also, it was found that there are 14 articles with cited references in the range of 100-150; 49 articles from 60-100; 28 articles for 40-60 and 20 articles in the range of 20-40. So majority articles have cited references in the range of 60-100 that signifies well researched articles for this journal.

Table 10: Ranking of articles as per # of cited references

Authors	Title of the articles	# of cited references
John Drabble	The FBI, cointelpro-white hate, and the decline of the Ku Klux Klan organizations in Mississippi, 1964-1971	234
Jerry Dallas	Movie theaters in twentieth century Jackson Mississippi	150
Marika Pineda	Preserving good order: John Girault of Natchez, Mississippi, 1783-1813	147
Susan Weill	The press challenge of social responsibility in times of political upheaval: Hodding Carter III and the Delta Democrat-Times respond to freedom summer in 1964	145
Jeffrey Normand Bourdon	Soldier versus statesman: the primacy of symbols during the elections of 1824 and 1828 in Mississippi and Alabama	129
Robert L. Flegler	Theodore G. Bilbo and the decline of public racism, 1938-1947.	127
Craig Zaim	Trial by ordeal: the Willie McGee case	122
Mona K. Vance	Mississippi University for Women and the battle over coeducation	122
Maria R. Lowe & J Clint Morris	Civil rights advocates in the academy: white pro-integrationist faculty at Millsaps College	121
Jack D. Elliott, Jr.	Confabulations of history: William Faulkner, Edgar Francisco, and a friendship that never was	119
Susan Weil	The Dixiecrats and the Mississippi Daily Press	118
Jerry Dallas	Sectional contrasts and the demise of old South Jackson's white residential areas	116
Toby Bates	“General Prentiss proved himself no better than a vulgar Braggart!”: General Benjamin Mayberry Prentiss and a failure of Civil war historiography	112
Paul T. Murrar	Father Nathaniel and the Greenwood movement	111
Rebecca M. Dresser	Kate and John Minor: confederate unionist of Natchez	105
Robert Krause	A pawn in the “great experiment”: the origins of the TVA in Mississippi, 1933-45	98

Authors	Title of the articles	# of cited references
William Sturkey	Crafts of freedom: the poor people's corporation and working class activism for black power	96
Ashley Baggett	The Mississippi state sanatorium: pioneering tuberculosis treatment during the 1920s and 1930s	96
Timothy J. Minchin and John A. Salmond	"The saddest story of the whole movement": the Clyde Kennard case and the search for racial reconciliation in Mississippi, 1955-2007	95
Jack D. Elliott, Jr.	Paving the Trace	93
Ed Payne	Kinship, slavery, and gender in the free state of Jones: the life of Sarah Collins	93
Robert V. Haynes	The tragic tenure of territorial governor Robert Williams	92
Rebecca Miller Davis	The three R's- reading, 'riting, and race: the evolution of race in Mississippi history textbooks, 1900-1995	92
Mary Jo Festle	First try at a second chance: the pioneering lung transplant	89
Justin C. Eaddy	Mississippi's state parks: the new deal's mixed legacy	89
Thom Rosenblum	Driving out the slave traders: the Natchez uprising of 1833	89
Joyce L. Brouard	Malvina Mathews: the murderess madam of civil war - era Natchez	89
Suzanne T. Dolensky	Natchez in 1920: on the threshold of modernity	89
Terry Whittington	In the shadow of defeat: tracking the Vicksburg parolees	88
Jack D. Elliott	The buried city: a meditation on history and place	88
Eric Gerard Pearman	Ida B Wells: familial and religious influences in Holly Springs, Mississippi	87
Dennis J. Mitchell	Mississippi community colleges 1972-2000	87
Chris Myers Asch	Revisiting reconstruction: James O. Eastland, the FEPC, and the struggle to rebuild Germany, 1945-1946	86
Charles W. Eagles	"The fight for men's minds": the aftermath of the Ole Miss Riot of 1962	85
Michael Vinson Williams	With determination and fortitude we come to vote: black organization and resistance to voter suppression in Mississippi.	85
Charles W. Eagles	"Thought control" in Mississippi: the case of professor William P. Murphy	82
Evan C. Rothera	Forgotten fire-eater: William Barksdale in history and memory	82
Charles A Weeks	The politics of trade: Delavillebeuvre's 1787 mission to the Choctaws and journal	81
Thomas Adams Upchurch	Why populism failed in Mississippi	81
Whitney Adrienne Snow	Teaching young dogs new tricks: early boys' and girls' clubs in Central Mississippi	80
Mullins, Andrew P.	The education programs of Governor William Winter	78
James G. Hollandsworth, Jr.	Looking for Bob: black confederate pensioners after the civil war	76
Nicholas Patler	A black vice president in the gilded age? Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce and the National Republican Convention of 1880	75
Leland R. Johnson	No work, no rations: army engineers' work relief in Southern States	74
Donald K. Mitchener	Divided loyalties: reactions of Mississippians to Franklin D. Roosevelt's supreme court reform proposal	74

Authors	Title of the articles	# of cited references
Nik Ribianszky	"She appeared to be mistress of her own actions, free from the control of anyone": property-holding free women of color in Natchez, Mississippi, 1779-1865	74
David H. Jackson, Jr.	Guess who's coming to dinner: a Mississippi response to Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, and the White House incident of 1901	73
John David Smith	Frederic Bancroft's "notes among the negroes": writing contemporary history in bourbon-era Mississippi	72
Robert E. Lockett, Jr.	Annie Devine: a mother in and of the civil rights movement	71
C.B. Waldrip	Sex, social equality, and yankee values: white men's attitudes toward miscegenation during Mississippi's reconstruction	70
James F. Barnett	The Yamasee war, the bearded chief, and the founding of Fort Rosalie	69
Tony L. Turnbow	The Natchez Trace in the war of 1812	69
Christopher S. Johnson	Poverty of dependency: the paupers of antebellum Mississippi	68
Jere Nash & Andy Taggart	Fifty years of legislative reapportionment in Mississippi	68
Jere Nash & Andy Taggart	William Winter and his campaigns for governor: 1967, 1975 and 1979.	67
Fred C. Smith	The Tupelo Homesteads: new deal agrarian experimentation	66
Joyce L. Broussard	Occupied Natchez, elite women and the feminization of the civil war	66
Jere Nash & Andy Taggart	Education transforms the Mississippi legislature	65
Don Harris Thompson	Senator John Cornelius Stennis, Mississippi Statesman: the early years	63
Fred C. Smith	The Delta cooperative farm and the death of a vision	63
Karen L. Cox	Revisiting the Natchez pilgrimage: women and the creation of Mississippi's heritage tourism industry.	62
Wendy St. Jean	Squirrel king and the Eastern Chickasaw band	60
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range of 10-20 pages. So it can be inferred that majority of the articles are in the range of 20 to 30 pages.

Each significant word was assigned in each cell of an excel file and total counts were done for the same word and have been assigned in the above table and it signifies that maximum number of articles (12)

have the word 'Natchez' followed by William F. Winter (6) times. That means within this eleven years period of time, the authors selected Natchez and William F. Winter as significant subjects followed by civil war, Abraham Lincoln etc. The words like Mississippi, Annual business meeting, Programs etc. have

been considered for this table.

The Book Reviews are a major section of this journal but they have not been considered for this present study. Probably in the future, there will be another bibliometric study on book reviews to find the detailed analysis of this section.

Table 13: Significant words

Significant words	#of times
Natchez	12
William F. Winter	6
Civil War	6
Abraham Lincoln	4
Choctaws	3

Significant words	#of times
Jefferson Davis	3
Antebellum Natchez	2
Civil Rights Movement	2
Creek War	2
Desegregation	2
New Deal	2

Table 12: Significant words

Aaron Burr	Creek War	Houma Nation	Natchez Trace Parkway	Stennis
Abraham Lincoln	David Halberstam	Ida B. Wells	Natchez, Mississippi	Supreme Court
Accession	Davis	Indian Biographies	National Republican	Reform
African American Education	Delavillebeuvre	Interview	Convention Of	T. Webber Wilson
Agrarian Experimentation	Delta	Jackson	1880	Territorial Mississippi
Alabama	Delta Cooperative Farm	James O. Eastland	New Deal	Theodore G. Bilbo
Alfred Holt Stone	Desegregation	Jefferson College	New South	Theodore Roosevelt
Alibamon Mingo	Dissertations	Jefferson Davis	Occupied Natchez	Transactions
Annie Devine	Dixiecrat	Jim Crow America	Old Hickory	Tribal Laws
Annual Business Meeting	Drinking	John C. Stennis	Ole Miss Riot 1962	Tuberculosis
Antebellum Mississippi	Eastern Chickasaw Band	John Cato	Pace Feud Of Mation	Treatment
Antebellum Natchez	Eastern Creek Nation	John Girault	County	Tupelo
Antebellum South	Edgar Francisco	John Minor	Paupers	TVA
Archives & History Building	Education	Johnny Reb	Pennsylvania Connection	Union Occupation
Awards And Officers	Education Programs	Kate Minor	Pit Bull	United States Colored
Bibliography	Election Of 1824	Keesler Air Force Base	Poindexter	Troops
Biloxi	Election Of 1828	Ku Klux Klan	Program	University Libraries
Black Confederate Pensioners	Elite Women	Legislative Reapportionment	Pro-Integrationist	University Of Mississippi
Black Organization	Elizabeth Croom Bellamy	Lincoln	Faculty	Uprising Of 1833
Black Power	Emmett Till Murder Trial	Lung Transplant	Public History	Vicksburg
Booker T. Washington	Evolution Of Race	Lyman C. Draper	Publications	Vicksburg Parolees
Bourbon Era	Father Nathaniel	Malcolm McGee	Racial Moderation	White House
Boys' And Girls' Clubs	FBI	Malvina Mathews	Racial Reconciliation	White Men
Buried City	Female Education	Manuscript Accession	Racial Thought	White Residential
Campaigns For Governor	Feminization	Mexican War	Reconstruction Religion	Areas
Catholic Church	FEPC	Millsaps College	Robert Williams	William Barksdale
Censorship	Forest products	Mississippi	Ross Barnett	William David McCain
Chickasaws	Forgotten Industry	Mississippi College	Sarah Collins	William F. Winter
Choctaws	Fort Rosalie	Mississippi Daily Press	Seafood Strike	William Faulkner
Choctaw Chief	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Mississippi Legislature	Secession	William Handlon
Choctaw Occupation	Frederic Bancroft	Mississippi Regiment	Senator Blanche Kelso	William McGee
Civil Rights Movement	Free Speech	Mississippi State Penitentiary	Bruce	William P. Murphy
Civil War	Free State Of Jones	Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission	Senator John Cornelium	Women's Property Act
Civil War Centennial	Freedmen's Bureau	Mississippi State University	Stennis	Of 1839
Civil War Historiography	Freedom Summer 1964	Mississippi Statesman	Sanatorium	World War I
Civil War Letters	French Colonial Period	Mississippi Territory	Sermons	Yamasee War
Clyde Kennard Case	Gambling	Mississippi's Reconstruction	Sex	Yankee Values
Co-Education	General Benjamin Mayberry Prentiss	Morris	Slave Traders	Yazoo
Cointelpro-White Hate	Germany	Movie Theaters	Social Equality	Zachariah McGirth
Community Colleges	Greenwood LeFlore	MUW	Southern States	
Congressional Collection	Greenwood Movement	Natchez	Sovereignty Commission	
Constitutional Act	Grierson	Natchez Pilgrimage	Squirrel King	
Corinth	Hodding Carter	Natchez Trace	Starkville Public Schools	
Cox	Holly Springs		State Parks	
	Home-Grown New Deal			
	Homesteads			

People In The News

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Dr. Matthew Griffis, Assistant Professor for the School of Library and Information Science at Southern Miss, appeared as a featured speaker at Emporia State University's National Library Week celebrations on April 14th. Dr. Griffis's paper, entitled "Town and Gown: Celebrating the Carnegie Libraries of Emporia, Kansas", explored the history of the town's two Carnegie libraries: the Anderson Memorial Library of the former College of Emporia, and the Emporia Public Carnegie Library, which served Emporia residents for almost 70 years.



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Paul McCarver, Associate Professor, Senior Research Services Librarian, and Business Librarian at Cook Library, retired at the end of June 2016.



Mr. McCarver began his career at The University of Southern Mississippi in October 1980 and has been an esteemed librarian and respected member of the Southern Miss community throughout the intervening thirty-plus years.

Paul McCarver earned a Master of Library Science degree from Delta State University in 1978 and a Master of Library Service degree from the University of Alabama in 1980. Mr. McCarver joined the

Mississippi Library Association in 1976, and has served as chair of the Elections Committee, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Mississippi Government Documents Roundtable, as well as being a member of the MAGNOLIA Database Selection Committee.

The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries invited friends and colleagues of Mr. McCarver to join them in a celebration of his lengthy career in librarianship and to offer best wishes for his retirement at a reception on June 16th.



University of Mississippi Blues Curator and Associate Professor **Greg Johnson** has received two awards for his book *100 Books Every Blues Fan Should Own* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2014). The book won the Association for Recorded Sound Collections' award for "Best Historical Research in Blues, Gospel, Rhythm & Blues," and it was also the recipient of the Music Library Association's "Vincent H. Duckles Award," the association's "annual prize for the best book-length bibliography or reference work in music."

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**AUTHOR EDWINA CAMPBELL
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2016
MARSZALEK LECTURE SERIES**

USGA Executive Director John Marszalek and his wife, Jeanne, have been strong supporters of Mississippi State University Libraries. Fourteen years ago, the Marszaleks approached Frances Coleman, Dean of MSU Libraries, with the idea of

creating fund to donate history related materials to the library's collection each year. Dean Coleman suggested that in addition to the purchased materials, the library should bring in a speaker each year and work with the history department,

where graduate students could apply to present their work. The John F. and Jeanne A. Marszalek Library Fund & Lecture Series made its debut in the spring of 2003. This year's event, the 14th lecture in the series, was held at MSU Wednesday, March 23 in Mitchell Memorial Library's John Grisham Room.



The 2016 Marszalek Lecture speaker was author and USGA member **Dr. Edwina S. Campbell**. Dr. Campbell is a former U.S. Foreign Service officer who worked on several presidential visits and summit meetings during her years with the Department of State. After leaving the diplomatic service, she taught American foreign policy at the University of Virginia, was a professor of grand strategy at National Defense University, and retired in 2014 as a professor of national security studies at Air University. Since 1985 she has been a frequent practitioner of public diplomacy for the U.S. Information Agency and the Department of State. Campbell's numerous publications include *Germany's Past and Europe's Future: The Challenges of West German Foreign Policy* and *The*

Relevance of American Power: The Anglo-American Past and the

Euro-Atlantic Future. Dr. Campbell spoke on her forthcoming book, *Citizen of a Wider Commonwealth: Ulysses S. Grant's Post Presidential Diplomacy*, published by Southern Illinois University Press. The hard-back edition is currently available from all major booksellers.



Ryan Lawrence, a senior at MSU, presented his paper entitled "Mutual Misunderstandings: A Study on Ida Honoré Grant's Austrian Experience." The 2016 Marszalek Lecture Series student essay winner's work centers on the transnational interactions and cultural interpretations between Ida Grant and the Austrian aristocracy during Fred Grant's appointment as minister to Austria from 1889 until 1893. The collection of Ida Honoré Grant's letters, donated to the Grant Library by Ulysses Dietz, were invaluable to the completion of this paper.

For more information on MSU Libraries, the Marszalek Lecture Series, and the upcoming lecture, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/Marszalek>.

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SOUTHERN MISS SLIS PROFESSOR RECEIVES IMLS GRANT

The School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi is also pleased to announce that Dr. Matthew Griffis' project, "The Roots of Community: Segregated Carnegie Libraries of the American South as Community Learning Spaces" has been funded with a research grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The three-year project will examine how public libraries in the past have been used as community learning spaces by members of marginalized and minority groups.

Griffis' project was one of 20 funded this spring through the Institute's Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Its mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.



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MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND MAKES SIGNIFICANT DONA- TIONS TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

MaxxSouth Broadband — a provider of high-speed Internet, cable TV and phone services in northern Mississippi — and its owner John Robinson Block donated a rare collection of early Mississippi law books to the MSU Libraries in February and subsequently pledged an in-kind gift valued at \$750,000. The gifts are part of the company's *Community First* program, designed to deliver on the company's mission to give back and support its communities in ways that enhance their quality of life.

The impetus for the in-kind gift was the generous February donation of a major collection of rare, early Mississippi law books to the MSU Libraries Special Collections Department by John Robinson Block, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *Toledo Blade*, which, like MaxxSouth, are subsidiaries of Block Communications. Mr. Block's donation to MSU Libraries opened the door to further conversations about MaxxSouth support.

The collection of 19th-century Mississippi territorial and state session laws were printed between 1801 and 1898. The collection includes the first digest of the laws of the Mississippi territory, published in 1808; state session laws from 1818 to 1859, showing the development of the legal system from a context of early frontier conditions to a highly regulated plantation-dominated society; five Civil War imprints published between 1861 and 1865;

and Reconstruction and post-Reconstruction era laws through 1898. For more information on the specific titles visit the Library website.

"MaxxSouth and Block Communications, Inc., with their generous contributions, have demonstrated just how invested they are in the communities in which they operate," said Frances Coleman, Dean of Libraries at MSU. "These donations enhance our unique and rare collections and helps promote our vision of delivering excellent programs of teaching, research and service." As part of the support agreement, MaxxSouth Broadband will provide advertising and other services to MSU Libraries and to a variety of other programs at the university over a three-year period. "Universities play such an important role in society, so we feel it is our duty to give back," said Peter Kahelin, President and CEO of MaxxSouth Broadband. "The purpose of our support to the Mississippi State University Foundation is to maintain and enhance the academic excellence for which this fine institution is known for, and the benefits they bring to the Mississippi community as a whole."

About MaxxSouth Broadband:

MaxxSouth Broadband service area for video, high-speed Internet and digital phone stretches more than 200 miles and includes 20 counties and 60 communities in northern Mississippi and Alabama. The company currently has approximately 80,000 subscribers for broadband services and passes 110,000 homes. Operating as a subsidiary of the reputable and diversified media holding company Block Communications Inc., MaxxSouth Broadband continues to expand and enhance its

state-of-the-art broadband network in the communities it serves. For more information, visit <http://www.MaxxSouth.com>.



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MSU President Dr. Mark Keenum, and
MaxxSouth Broadband owner, John Robinson Block at the presentation of the collection to MSU Libraries.*

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI ACQUIRES RARE SHAKE- SPEARE FOLIO

The University of Mississippi recently acquired a particularly rare copy of a 1632 second folio edition of the collected works of William Shakespeare. Originally owned by one of the most famous Shakespearean actors in history, Edwin Booth, this significant volume is now a permanent part of the University of Mississippi's collections. It is currently on display in the Department of Archives & Special Collections.

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MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION HOSTED "LIBRARY DAY" AT THE STATE CAPITOL

The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) hosted "Library Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The event was held on the First Floor Rotunda from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There were costumed characters from some classic children's books, demonstrations of 3-D printers, and many other exciting things showcasing what is going on in today's libraries. Representatives from the Mississippi Library Association (MLA) and Friends of the Mississippi Libraries, Inc. joined MLC to share the news from the libraries in their communities.

This event provided an opportunity for MLC and its supporters to talk with state lawmakers about the value of libraries in their communities and how libraries enhance and strengthen the state. For those who were unable to attend the event, a note or call to lawmakers is encouraged. For more information about "Library Day" or about advocating for libraries, contact MLC at 601-432-4111.

The Mississippi Library Commission supports innovative programs and initiatives to strengthen and enhance library services for all Mississippians. The agency is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, with additional funding provided through the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), offering leadership in library services, advocacy, and training for library professionals and paraprofessionals.

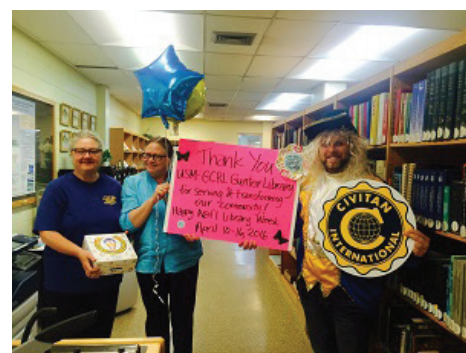


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NORTH BAY CIVITAN CLUB THANKS LIBRARY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

On Wednesday, April 13, Keith Wilson, President of the North Bay Civitan Club, visited Gunter Library with balloons, donuts, and poster to offer thanks for supporting the Club. Gunter Library has partnered with the North Bay Civitans on service projects such as promoting their annual special needs Easter Egg Hunt and Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving Bridge Walk to collect food for The Lord is My Help.



Photograph by Danielle Bailey
Shown from left to right are Library Assistant Maryanne Anthony, Librarian Joyce Shaw, and North Bay Civitan Club President Keith Wilson.

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Book Reviews

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Barton, Chris.

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch.
Grand Rapids, Michigan: William
B. Eerdmans Publishing Company,
2015. 50pp, \$17.00 (Hardcover)

"John Roy Lynch had an Irish father and an enslaved mother." Sad-faced children dressed in ill-fitting, ragged shirts overlook the cotton plants, hoe-wielding slaves, and the tiny shacks of a plantation. Thus begins the picture book biography of a freed slave who rises to success in the unfamiliar context of Reconstruction.

Lynch's childhood was typical: promises of freedom, a succession of owners, moves from fields to fancy plantation homes, and back to fields at the whim of a master. Then, apparently having escaped the plantation, as a young teenager Lynch found *paying* jobs: waiter, cook, pantry man on a Union steamer, and photographer's assistant. In the

meantime, Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation. By age nineteen, Lynch was running the local portrait shop and attending a night school taught by Northerners. Soon, John Roy Lynch was appointed Justice of the Peace, then elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives, and then—at age 25—elected to the United States House of Representatives. However, as the North fell on hard times, legal equalities won by African Americans were fiercely contested by white Southerners. The federal government looked the other way for nearly a century. Lynch lost his Congressional seat, lived as a soldier and writer, and eventually settled in Chicago.

Chris Barton tells John Roy Lynch's story through simple sentences and colorful anecdotes. For example, the author explains how, in Sunday school, young ears "heard more than they were intended to." He noticed how his mistress twisted scriptures to teach obedience to a master. In addition to Barton's informative text, Don Tate's illustrations furnish both historical and emotional detail. All through the pages dedicated to Lynch's childhood, the woebegone faces of slave children reflect their hopelessness. From the cover's "Natchez" steamboat to the paintings of whippings and lynching parties, the illustrator provides historical context, and he does it in a style that is gentle enough to present harsh realities to children.

Lynch's life presents hope in the face of hard times—times that are very difficult to teach to children. Historical notes, a timeline, maps, a bibliography, and afterword by the author and the illustrator make this

very readable biography and a must for both school and public libraries.

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Hailman, John.

Return to Guntown: Classic Trials of the Outlaws and Rogues of Faulkner Country.

Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 2015. 368 pp.
\$29.95 (Hardcover)

This is a sequel of sorts to John Hailman's first book, *Midnight to Guntown*, however it can be read independently of the first book. In the preface he essentially explains who he is and how he came to be an attorney. In addition, for those who have not read his first book, this second volume provides a handy preface summarizing the contents of the first volume. Hailman assures the reader that he is working on a third *Guntown* book.

The book is divided into different genres of cases (i.e. Fancy Frauds, Crime Victims Fight Back, etc.). These cases are told in a story type manner. This work reads like a book of short stories. Short stories that just happen to all have occurred in Mississippi. Each story is given a name and listed in the table of contents. One of my favorites was called, "Not without My Daughter's Teeth." The stories told are sometimes hilarious, sometimes sad, but always attention grabbing.

I found it difficult to read this book straight through as if you would a regular book. I found much more pleasure in skipping around and reading the stories that sounded interesting to me from the table

of contents. I would venture to guess that most readers will feel this way. In some ways this book feels like a reference book. Since so many real-life individuals are referenced, the author includes an index of all the individuals and towns profiled. I very much enjoyed reading this book and look forward to reading Hailman's first *Guntown*. The author not only spins a great tale, he has the goods to back up his stories as well. I recommend this book to public libraries and libraries that collect works by Mississippi authors.

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Morrison, Minion.

Aaron Henry of Mississippi: Inside Agitator.

Fayetteville, Arkansas: University of Arkansas Press, 2015. 460 pp.
\$34.95 (Hardcover)

The unforgiving caste system that dominated Mississippi after Reconstruction caused many African Americans to endure a difficult life with little room to dream. Minion Morrison's biography *Aaron Henry of Mississippi: Inside Agitator* shows that his subject was not among this crowd. Morrison's book follows the rise of Henry from his share cropper beginnings, into military service, and eventually to a career as a public statesman. What's most impressive about Morrison's book is how he is able to show that Henry was both above and apart of his culture. During every major step in Henry's life he is confronted with a racial system that rejects him as an autonomous actor. At Camp Shelby he and other black servicemen were

treated unfairly by his superiors. Upon opening his own business he could only cater to other people of color. During his time as representative of Clarksdale he was looked upon as a nuisance. But Morrison consistently shows that despite these slights, and in some cases, because of them, Aaron Henry continued his tireless work for racial equality.

Readers unfamiliar with Henry will enjoy learning about the subject's early life. Morrison paints a vivid picture of sharecropping in the harsh Mississippi delta. Morrison shows that despite these conditions many people within the delta maintained an entrepreneurial spirit that pushed many working class farmers to better their conditions. The book follows Henry's life as he grows into adulthood. Morrison details the organizations that Henry led and how each shaped his life. The most interesting chapters show how Henry's personal charisma inspired others to make changes within the Mississippi political structure. The best example comes in chapter eight as Morrison discusses Henry's tireless effort to heal a fractious Democratic party.

The persistence needed for Henry to make changes in a racialized system that rebuffed his very existence is inspiring. Morrison's novel does great service to his subject and shows why Henry still casts a long shadow over the Democratic Party in Mississippi.

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Saterstrom, Selah.

Slab: On that Hallelujah Day when Tiger & Preacher Meet.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Coffee House Press, 2015. 186 pp. \$16.95 (Paperback)

Selah Saterstrom, a Mississippi author currently living in Colorado and teaching at the University of Denver, was drawn to document the chaos, disorder, and bleakness of a devastated coast following Hurricane Katrina. With her roots in the rich loam of Coastal Mississippi and Louisiana, Saterstrom creates a type of kinetic synthesis of pre- and post-Katrina voices united into the story of Tiger, the narrator, who waits on a concrete slab amid storm debris. The Gulf and a landscape in ruins is the starting point of a conglomeration of drama and theater, prose and poetry, memoir, and interview by Barbara Walters. Saterstrom's narrative takes some concentration and energy to chase on the pages. But she keeps her writing succinct and mostly concise. The book itself is divided into two "acts" as if it were a play. Peppered throughout the book are poems, stand-alone paragraphs, questions from Barbara Walters, a post card, a playing card, and drawings of the rebel flag. The story is as chaotic, disordered, and bleak as the setting, but with a comic resiliency and whimsical weirdness.

Tiger is beautiful, a dancer, a dreamer, and a stripper who incorporates a "Profound Woman" Helen Keller into her act. A former Miss Mississippi, she visits schools to promote gun safety awareness. Tiger's experience with guns includes her grandfather's suicide and the gun she uses while sitting on the slab. Is Tiger also an author and a chef? She likes dogs and has

a library card. Tiger tells her story in sixteen scenes, some only a sentence, a paragraph or a poem, others several pages long.

The Preacher's story is a single act with one scene, mostly a sermon given on the beach, and the story of a fortune teller in New Orleans. Reading cards for a young girl named Harriet, the fortune teller in act two reminds us that "Something comes to an end...a gate card, the heart's path...diaspora. It is what it is. And the best you can do is accept it." This statement is akin to the feelings and emotions that swept the region after Hurricane Katrina.

This is Saterstrom's third book and it continues themes from other earlier works by following the life of a young southern woman who wanders a wrecked and damaged landscape, living in a nameless "Big City" where predatory older men prey on youthful naiveté and innocence. Tiger, as others before her, is flawed and compelling, tragic and drawn to deeper meanings. She is changed by her environment, but is she better off?

Slab is not a novel, but it is "novel." I recommend it for libraries which collect works by Mississippi writers, academic libraries supporting modern literature programs, and libraries collecting books about Hurricane Katrina.

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Webster, Anne L., ed.

Mississippians in the Great War: Selected Letters.

Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 2015. 231pp. \$65 (Hardcover)

It is all too easy to look at a history book depicting a war long past and gloss over battles and dates without a thought of the cost to the individuals who played a part in that war. It is much harder to do that when you read the heartfelt letters written to loved ones in *Mississippians in the Great War: Selected Letters*.

Webster provides a unique glimpse of what Mississippians from all walks of life experienced during World War I. She compiled various letters published in Mississippi newspapers and transcribed letters from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to reveal the impact the war had on people from places such as Pontotoc, Natchez,

and Jackson.

Arranged in chronological order, the letters begin with eager young men training to become soldiers before they are shipped to Europe. The middle chapters detail the letters from terrified, homesick, and brave soldiers as well as letters from doctors in the trenches trying to keep a brave face for the folks back home. The letters conclude with triumphant Mississippians joyously awaiting reunion with their loved ones after surviving not only shells, gas, and gunfire, but epidemic diseases such as influenza. Although not as numerous, Webster includes letters from women who acted as nurses and relief workers, and letters from African American men who proudly served overseas in the face of segregation.

Webster makes these letters

written almost a hundred years ago accessible in a number of ways. When available, brief background information about each letter writer is included, such as their occupations before and after the war and whether or not they survived the conflict. Although not available for most, there are a few pictures of the letter writers as well. Webster also provides notes describing songs, poems, people, and phrases that were easily recognizable during World War I, but are no longer known by most people today.

This book is recommended for libraries that have a Mississippi history collection and for those looking for primary source materials for World War I.

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Mississippi Book Festival: Mississippi State Capitol, **August 20**

MS Lamp Workshops: Tupelo, Batesville, Pearl, & Hattiesburg, **September 26**

Joint GA COMO/SELA Conference: Athens, GA, **October 5-7**

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