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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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WOOHOO: THE LIBRARY WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Wyndham Robertson Library is the 2009 recipient of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Excellence in Academic Libraries Award for the college category. This award is given to libraries whose staff provides innovative and dedicated services that further the educational mission of their institutions. It is awarded by the academic section of the American Library Association who represent over a thousand college libraries.

"It was really exciting. There was a lot of 'whoo-hoo'ing," Joan Ruelle, University Librarian said of the award's reception. "Everyone here has worked really hard to be the kind of library that would win this kind of award and be recognized by our peers."

The ACRL awards committee praised the WRL staff for their innovation, creativity and "can do" attitude in creating programs and services such as this year's Poker Run Orientation, and the new documentary film series.

"The library's Green program, an emphasis in the university's strategic plan, displays forward thinking -- far ahead of the curve both in content and partnership with student body," Pamela Snelson, chair of the 2009 Excellence in Academic Libraries Selection Committee and college librarian at Franklin & Marshall College said. "The campus dining hall book mobile program is a program members of the selection committee are eager to emulate at their libraries."

See continuation on back for rest of "Excellence Award"

RWANDA: LADIES FIRST NOW AT THE LIBRARY, MARCH 8

After genocide ripped their nation apart in the 1990s, the women of Rwanda have led the healing process and have helped usher in a much-needed era of stability.

This film features an in-depth examination of the remarkable role Rwandan women play and shows how one portion of a citizenry, no matter how under-recognized and under-appreciated, can help guide a nation and provide a courageous example to the wider world. Professor Edward Lynch will introduce the film. (58 min.)



Rwanda: Ladies First, a documentary film by Mishal Husain, will be shown in the Jackson Screening Room Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 P.M.

NEW: GROVE ART ONLINE



Grove Art Online (GAO) is the foremost online art encyclopedia, containing over 45,000 articles and images on Western and non-Western art, contributed by hundreds of scholars worldwide.

Searching GAO is a breeze. The Home page provides several searching venues: "Advanced Search," "Image Search," "Browse," and "Explore."

"This is a magnificent resource: a vast encyclopedia of art, with both internal and external hyperlinks to even more material." — *The Guardian*, June 2004

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NEW EXHIBITS



Sowing the Seeds: Women Peace-Builders Worldwide

March 1-31

This exhibit explores the role played by women activists, community organizers, and political leaders in peace building efforts around the world.

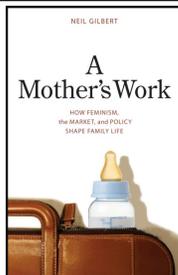


There will be an International Women's Day presentation by Isis Nusair, Ph.D., Denison University. She will speak Wednesday, March 4 at 4:30 pm in the Green Drawing Room.

The World of Women's Work

March 1-31

This exhibit is run in conjunction with "Reimagining the Distaff Toolkit", an art exhibit at the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum. The books and artists featured in these exhibits investigate the tools traditionally used by women in their every day work.



MORE ON GROVE ART

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- thematic guides
- direct links to museums and galleries

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MORE ON LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

The ACRL award is accompanied by a \$3,000 cash prize which is funded by Blackwell's Book Services. Ruelle said there aren't any plans yet for the cash award but she hopes that it will commemorate the library staff and reflect their values as an organization.

There will also be an award ceremony for the library in the future, along with other festivities in the spring for the library's ten year birthday.

"This is our year," Ruelle said. "We intend to celebrate it."

For further information about this award, please visit the library website at hollins.edu/library.



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