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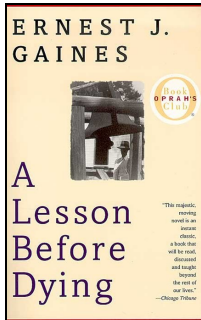
# WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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## BIG READ UPDATE

In less than 45 minutes, the books were gone: 35 free copies of Ernest Gaines's novel *A Lesson Before Dying*. It was a great way to start the Big Read at Hollins University!

Around our campus, people are reading and talking about this book. There's a lot there to discuss: while telling a dramatic story, Gaines's novel celebrates humankind's ability to transcend the most difficult of circumstances. His writing is direct and powerful, and although the story is set in the 1940s the question he asks of his characters and readers is a question we all face : are you going to define your own life and destiny, or are you going to let society decide for you who you are, what you're capable of, what you are worth?



## JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

There are many ways to get involved:

### THE BIG READATHON

Each evening starting at 8:30 we will meet to read a few chapters. Come to read to your friends, or just to listen; follow us as the story travels from dorm to dorm, or drop in just for one night. Refreshments will be served. **March 8-13.** More information on Facebook at the Hollins Big Readathon group.

### PANEL: LESSONS FROM ERNEST GAINES'S NOVEL

Join a discussion of *A Lesson Before Dying* with Professors Anderson, Coogan, Doan and Trethewey. Followed by a free reception. **March 13, 2:30 p.m., Hollins Room, Library.**

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## WEARING HIJAB

**Wearing Hijab: uncovering the myths of Islam in the United States** - a film by Ray LeJeune



*Introduced by Prof. Mona Hammad, this screening will be followed by a panel discussion with international and U.S. students. Afterward, there will be a free reception, sponsored by Student Activities.*

In this documentary film, six American college women discuss their choice when it comes to wearing the traditional Muslim veil or hijab. Interviews with the women and their families explore common misconceptions about the spiritual and cultural dimensions of practicing Islam today.

Sunday MARCH 7 at 2 p.m.  
in Jackson Screening Room  
Free and open to the public

## MEET JOESEPHINE

Joesephine Collins is one of the library's new reference assistants; working evenings and week-



ends, she helps library users with finding information and answering research questions. Joesephine received her Master's degree in Information Science from the

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## Big Read - On-campus events continued:

### BOOK CLUB

This month's faculty/staff book club discussion will be of *A Lesson Before Dying*. Brown bag lunch, drinks and dessert will be served; rsvp to [mbarber@hollins.edu](mailto:mbarber@hollins.edu)

**March 16, noon., Hollins Room**

### PATRICE GAINES: THE SHORT DISTANCE FROM FOLLOWER TO LEADER

Patrice Gaines's autobiography is titled *Laughing In The Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color— A Journey from Prison to Power*. Her personal history is a story of tremendous growth from drug abuse and shoplifting to a career as an award-winning journalist for the *Washington Post*; she also works as an activist to reform the U.S. judicial system and prison industry.

She is co-founder of the Brown Angel Center in Charlotte, N.C., a center offering services to help women become financially, mentally and spiritually healthy. Her message of personal responsibility and justice echoes the themes in *A Lesson Before Dying*, bringing them into our society today.

**March 31, 7 p.m., Talmadge Recital Hall**

Patrice Gaines lecture: *Hollins and The Big Read Roanoke Valley* are cosponsors of this event. Making the event possible are Member One Federal Credit Union and RGC Resources, Inc.

## VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK

Several Hollins alumnae and one professor are participating in this year's Virginia Festival of the Book. Enjoy 5 days of books, books, books!

From March 17-21, in Charlottesville, VA ([www.vabook.org](http://www.vabook.org))

Participants (with most recent titles):

**Lee Smith '67** (*Mrs. Darcy and the Blue-Eyed Stranger*)

**Marietta McCarty '69** (*How Philosophy Can Save Your Life: 10 Ideas That Matter Most*)

**Jane Baber White '62** (*Once Upon a Time. . . A Cemetery Story*)

**Thorpe Moeckel**, English Prof. (*Venison: a poem*)

## NEW JOURNAL TITLES

### In Project Muse:

- American Music
- Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies



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Coming soon: more  
back issues in Muse!

## MEET JOSEPHINE (CONTINUED)

....University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2005.

"I started working at the Roanoke County Reference department in 2000. Before starting with the library I worked in marketing and graphic design but always felt like it was just a job, not a career. Right from the start I loved being in the library environment and enjoyed helping people find the information they needed."

- *Where are you from?*

"Although I was born in Arizona I grew up in Maine. Despite living in Virginia for over ten years, I still consider Maine "home" and go back several times a year to visit my family. I graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, now known as Randolph College (unfortunately.) "

- *Do you have any hobbies?*

"Reading of course! I don't know any librarian who wouldn't list reading as a hobby. But I also enjoy hiking, kayaking, and cooking. Last September I enrolled in the Culinary School of Western Virginia ...so when I work at Hollins on Friday afternoons I'm likely to have just come from butchering a chicken, making a sauce, or practicing my knife skills. "

- *What do you enjoy about your position at Hollins?*

"Reference questions at Hollins are much more research based as opposed to quick questions like what is the population of India or who was the 23rd president? It's also been a great chance to work with students who are comfortable with technology."

### In EbscoHost Databases:

- Australian Business Forecast Report
- Behavioral Disorders
- Canadian Folk Music
- Environmental Philosophy
- Journal of Finance & Accountancy
- Journal of Housing Research
- Journal of Media Research
- Hamburg Review of Social Sciences
- Pacific Science

