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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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HEY PRINCESS, GOT GOLF?

Come shake off the homework blues at the library's Spring Festival on Friday, April 27! From 1:30 - 3:30 (before Cotillion) there will be fun free activities with prizes, music, and snackage of course.

Why you should come:

- ☺ Play mini-golf in the library: six holes among the books!
- ☺ Win the princess scavenger hunt, get a free pizza party for 4!!
- ☺ Record yourself in the library photo booth
- ☺ Race with library book carts
- ☺ Participate in the recycled book fashion show
- ☺ Win cupcakes for the best literary character costumes!



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JOB OPENING: STUDENT PEER COORDINATOR

Student Peer Coordinators are responsible for initiating and fostering a collaborative, collegial work environment in the Circulation Department of Wyndham Robertson Library. They are responsible for opening, operating, and closing the facility when the regular library staff is unavailable, and for managing weekend student employees. This position is available to work-study and non-work-study applicants. It is part-time: weekly schedules usually range from 12-20 hours, and evening and weekend hours are required. A successful SPC must relate well to others, have good oral and written communication skills, manage time and tasks effectively, be dependable, responsible, and in good academic standing. A strong emphasis is placed on leadership, serving as a role model and mentor, creative problem solving, team work, and training student employees. For more information see <http://goo.gl/JDloV>

JOAN RUELLE AND WRL

Joan Ruelle came to Hollins as the new University Librarian in 2003. Under her leadership Wyndham Robertson Library reached several important milestones, with significant gains in such areas as the quality of collections and the size and scope of the instruction program. Today, the library is an integral part of the Hollins community, whether our staff are bringing books to Moody with the monthly bookmobile, meeting with a student advisory group, or exploring archival materials with faculty and students. Through crafting a mission that emphasizes service and engagement, Joan Ruelle led the team that won a national award from the American Library Association in 2009. Each of her achievements is a testament to her strength as an administrator, her positive approach as a supervisor and mentor, and her abiding interest in the Hollins community.



I would be remiss if I did not point out something else that, along with her accomplishments, makes her perfect for this library. *Continued online: hollins.edu/library*

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MORE LIBRARY NEWS

AT THE GATES OF AUTISM

Anne Georget's documentary film "At the Gates of Autism: Emerging into Life" will be shown at the library on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.



The film is a biography of Dr. Temple Grandin, who was born with autism. With the help of her mother and therapists, Temple Grandin grew up to become a college professor, an expert on animal behavior and an international

speaker on life with autism. The story of this fascinating and accomplished woman is our feature for April, which is National Autism Awareness Month.

The film will be introduced by Angela Leonard, Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center (BRAAC). BRAAC has been in existence since 2002, working with children and families who are dealing with autism and learning disabilities in the Roanoke Valley. They provide educational programs, after-school tutoring, in-home services and training for parents.

This program in the library's Jackson Screening Room is free and open to all, and will be followed by a free reception.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

On April 4, University Librarian Joan Ruelle announced the winners of the second annual Wyndham Robertson Library Undergraduate Research Awards. Cecelia Parks ('14) was the first-year/sophomore winner for her paper titled "Millicent Garrett Fawcett: Leader of the Constitutional Women's Suffrage Movement in Great Britain," written for a history class; in the junior/senior category, Amanda Marcus ('12) won with a sociology project: "'Gone but not Forgotten': a Study of Gravestone Imagery and Iconography in Southwest Virginian Cemeteries." Their sponsors were professors Nuñez and Creek.

Recognition was also given to four finalists: senior Meredith Levy, sponsored by Professor Ernie Zulia; senior Ashton Little, sponsored by professor Kathleen Nolan; and junior Suzanne Allison and sophomore Abbey Minor, both sponsored by professor Tina Salowey.

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SNAPSHOT VIRGINIA

Fact: on just one day last year, 243,166 books, movies and other items were checked out to library users in Virginia; 1,638 new borrowers received library cards; and 21,529 reference questions were answered. These and other statistics are available from snapshotvirginia.org, the website of the Snapshot Virginia Project. The website also links to hundreds of photographs and comments about libraries from all around the state.

At a time when libraries are busier than ever they are also threatened by budget cuts, and projects such as Snapshot Virginia are crucial in bringing the facts about how libraries are used and valued by their communities to the attention of legislators and other decision-makers. On April 18, our library will be joining thousands of libraries - public libraries, school libraries and academic libraries like ours - to participate in this state-wide program for library advocacy. We will collect statistics, photographs and stories. Taken together, these become a lively picture showing how vital libraries are: vital as in important to our communities, and also lively!

When you stop by the library on April 18, take a moment to tell our staff why you use the library, and what it means to you. Your comments will count: they will be added to the project - and thank you for helping us create a Snapshot of Virginia's libraries in 2012!



What does the library mean to you?

"There's no way I could have such wide access to books and other resources on the free market for the same few dollars of my taxes this costs me. There's a reason we call a library a public good." - John B.

"The library gives me the resources I need to succeed as a student-research, meeting space, and good books!" -Kat C. (from Snapshot Virginia 2011)