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This season of “Now at the Library” includes a series of documentary films on current topics. Films are shown in the Jackson Screening Room with introductions by Hollins faculty, and a reception will follow. Screenings are free and open to the public.

October’s selection is Weather Report, an award-winning film that brings us the powerful human stories of people in India, Kenya, China, Canada, and the U.S. whose lives have already been dramatically altered by global warming.

Weather Report will show on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2:00 p.m. The screening will be introduced by physics professor Marshall Bartlett.

The papers of Julia Randall (1923-2005), poet and Hollins University faculty emeritus, are available for research at the library. The papers span the years 1930-2001 and include correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, periodical publications, schoolwork, and Hollins teaching notes.

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DVD FINES LOWERED

As of October 1, new lower fines are in effect for all of our library’s films! Fines will be:

- $1 per day for the first 3 days past the due date, and
- $3 for day 4 and onward.

This change does not yet apply to films borrowed from Roanoke College, where the change to lower fines will occur later this year. Many thanks to the library’s Student Advisory Committee, who suggested this change.
There are more than 2,500 letters from over 130 correspondents, including many Hollins colleagues and alumnae. Letters of Louis Rubin, Howard Nemerov, Malcolm Cowley, William Jay Smith, Annie Dillard, Lee Smith, Eleanor Wilner, Charles Molesworth, and Rosanne Coggeshall may be found in the collection.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Julia Randall received a B.A. in English from Bennington College in 1945 and an M.A. in English from Johns Hopkins University. Randall taught at several schools before obtaining a position at Hollins College in 1962. She held the title Associate Professor of English and taught numerous students who later became well-known authors, including Annie Dillard and Lee Smith. Randall published eight collections of poetry; she also wrote literary reviews for the Baltimore Evening Sun and the Hollins Critic. In 1987 she received the Poets Prize for Moving in Memory, two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships in 1966 and 1982, and the American Poetry Society Percy Bysshe Shelley Award in 1980. For more information about the collection please contact Beth Harris: 362-6237 or bharris@hollins.edu

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