LSAB Minutes April 2015

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Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee

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Present: Erin, Aubrey, Johnna, Mimi, Naomi, Tena, Rebecca, Maryke, Beth.

Graduating Seniors

Johnna Henry and Naomi Fukuda are graduating! Please join us in congratulating them on their future plans. They have both spent multiple years as members of the Student Advisory Committee, and we are truly grateful for their invaluable advice.

Beth Harris: Hollins Archives and Special Collections

The Hollins Special Collections department has such a varied collection, it’s very hard to get an overview in 15 minutes! Among the Special Collections treasures are cuneiform tablets, illustrated manuscripts, and rare first editions; in the Archives, departmental records and student honors theses share space with photographs, journals and other items chronicling the history of Hollins.

Beth Harris showed us examples of historical student handbooks, early editions of the “Hollins” and “Cargoes” literary journals, and more.

Here’s the best part: you do not need a reason or special permission to have access to these treasures! You do need to contact Beth for an appointment, but that’s easy: you can reach her at 540.362.6237 or bharris@hollins.edu

Stress Relievers during Exams

During exams, the library offers a button maker with supplies, coloring, games, and other stress relievers. What else would you like to see?

Suggestions included mandalas for coloring, colored pencils, cushions for nap time, chalk for drawing outside, others games outside? And something called “Squishables.” ‘Cause who wouldn’t want a Massive Werewolf Bean Bag.

Bestseller selection

Maryke is looking for suggestions for the library’s Bestseller collection. This collection, shelved on the first floor between the new books and the DVDs, is a bit different from the general collection. These are:

- Not scholarly!
- Recently published books which are already (or are likely to become) bestsellers.
- Rented – as these books “age” we select some to keep in the general collection, while the rest go back to the rental company.

If you have titles or authors or favorite genres you would like to suggest, let us know! We’ll also be bringing lists to the meetings, so you can help us choose the next batch of Bestsellers. Suggestions from the meeting included Kim Harrison, Tamora Pierce.