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## WRL Newsletter November 2013

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# Library

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## news

Your connection to the Wyndham Robertson Library

### MEET EMILY WOOD

We are happy to introduce you to our newest staff member, Emily Wood. Emily is a Reference Assistant and will be your go-to contact for questions in the evening. We caught up with Emily to ask her a few questions.

**Q:** What is your academic background?

**A:** I received my BS in Gender and Women's Studies and International Studies from Hollins! I also completed substantial coursework with the Economics department and the Batten Leadership Institute.

**Q:** What did you do before joining our library?

**A:** I am returning to the library after working here as a student employee, student peer coordinator at the circulation desk, and alongside library staff as a Student Success Leader. One of my favorite things to do in those positions was help students with their research. I am happy to expand upon these interests by joining the library as a Reference Assistant.

**Q:** What do you like to read?

**A:** Sounds totally cliché, but everything. Since my background is in GWS and international political economy, my reading interests tend to be geared in that direction. I have also been picking up books I was required to read in high school (The Scarlett Letter, Crime and Punishment, etc.) and re-reading them. It's been much more enjoyable the second time around.

**Q:** What else would you like to share with yourself: hobbies, fun facts, life goals?

**A:** Last year I started running, and I will run in my first half marathon on Nov. 23. Wish me luck! With my remaining time I volunteer to teach others about financial literacy, travel as much as possible, and spend time with family and friends.



Contact Emily:  
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## ANNOUNCING HOLLINS DIGITAL COMMONS

Have you heard the news? Maybe you saw it on Twitter or Facebook? Or perhaps the campus notice grabbed your attention? The library will launch Hollins Digital Commons (HDC) in Spring 2014! HDC will be a virtual repository of material created by the Hollins community. In other words, it will be an online database of the creative and scholarly work produced by the students and faculty.

It's no secret that the world of academia is rapidly evolving in the digital age. One of the areas changing the most is scholarly communication, or how scholars share new ideas and information with others in academia (traditionally done through books & journal articles). Online repositories are a new way for universities to showcase the wonderful work being done at their institution and share this information with the world. The library is excited to add Hollins to the growing list of universities that have a digital repository.

Here are a few FAQs to give you more information:

- *What is the purpose of HDC?* The purpose is two-fold: to preserve the scholarship being done at Hollins and to make that scholarship accessible to others.
- *Will everything be online for free?* That is up to the contributor. We encourage everyone to publish through open access, which makes it freely available. However, if you intend to publish elsewhere, we can limit it to the Hollins community only, the same way we limit access to our other databases.
- *Who can I contact to if I have more questions?* Please contact Luke Vilelle, University Librarian, at [lvilelle@hollins.edu](mailto:lvilelle@hollins.edu).

# Library *news* continued...

## NANOWRIMO WRITE-IN

The library will host a Write-In to support all of our budding novelists during National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). This year marks the fifteenth November that hundreds of thousands of people worldwide will participate in NaNoWriMo, a month-long write-a-thon that challenges authors to write fifty-thousand words in thirty days. To put the challenge into perspective, that works out to over sixteen hundred words a day, or about seven double-spaced pages!

To help cheer along those who are participating, **the library will host a mid-way Write-In on Wednesday, November 13th from seven to midnight in the Hollins Room.** We will have snacks, drinks (coffee!), camaraderie, and books about writing to help everyone stay on track. In addition, the white board near the circulation desk is reserved for participants to track their word count.

If you have any comments or questions about NaNoWriMo or the library's event, please contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach & Humanities Librarian, at [seipprl@hollins.edu](mailto:seipprl@hollins.edu).



## FEATURED DATABASES

America: History & Life and Historical Abstracts are powerful companion databases that cover the history of the world since 1450. AH&L focuses on history in the US and Canada, and HA covers everything else. Both databases:

- allow you to limit your search by historical time period. Go to "advanced search" to use this option.
- have a "cite" function that easily formats citations.
- let you email articles to yourself or group members.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Have you been spending hours searching for sources for your paper only to end up with nil? Are you working on your thesis and want to make sure you are using the appropriate resources? Perhaps you're new to scholarly research and you are unsure where or how to start? Good news, the library is here to help you! You can:

- Chat with us on the library's homepage
- Visit us at the Reference Desk
- Email us at [askref@hollins.edu](mailto:askref@hollins.edu)
- Make an appointment with your subject specialist
  - **Maryke Barber** ([mbarber@hollins.edu](mailto:mbarber@hollins.edu)) *Art, Dance, Film, Photography, Music, Theatre*
  - **James Miller** ([millerjc@hollins.edu](mailto:millerjc@hollins.edu)) *Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology,*
  - **Luke Vilelle** ([lvillele@hollins.edu](mailto:lvillele@hollins.edu)) *Business, Communication, Economics, Education, Gender & Women's Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Sociology*
  - **Rebecca Seipp** ([seipprl@hollins.edu](mailto:seipprl@hollins.edu)) *Children's Literature, Classics, English, French, German, History, Japanese, Philosophy, Religion, Spanish*

## ART JOURNALS SALON

Calling all artists and art scholars! Join us for a spontaneous exhibition of the library's art journals and magazines. The rich tapestry of images and information contained in this collection is extraordinary – and it's free... Come and find out what's waiting for you among the buried treasure. All journals served with a complimentary side of **free pizza**.

Art Journal Salon  
Lewis Reading Room in the Library  
Friday, December 6  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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