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

What is your academic background?

I am a Hollins alumna! I graduated in 2009 with a BA degree in Business and French. Currently, I am working on my Masters degree in Library Science and Information Technology through Wayne State University's (Detroit, MI) distance learning program. I am on track to graduate in fall 2015.

What did you do before joining our library?

After graduating, I began working at Liberty Medical Supply, Inc. in Salem selling diabetic supplies and am still there.

What do you like to read?

I love to read short stories! Also, I like to read historical fiction, poetry, and the occasional romantic fiction novel (P.S. I Love You is a favorite).

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

Once I earn my Masters degree, I want to concentrate on reference, instruction methods, and information literacy. I studied abroad in France during the fall semester of my senior year. I love listening to music, watching movies, and white water rafting. I believe ice cream should be considered a major food group!

The library is excited to announce that all Hollins alumnae/i will now have access to two of our most popular databases, JSTOR and Project MUSE. Here’s what each database covers:

JSTOR is a full-text database with over 1,500 journals, books, and primary sources in the arts and sciences.

Project MUSE is a full-text database of journals and books covering the humanities and social sciences.

Why is access to these databases so important? After graduation, it can be difficult to access scholarly resources. While you can search Google Scholar for material, it lacks the search capabilities of JSTOR and Project MUSE, and does not guarantee you will be able to read the article. If purchased by an individual, scholarly articles often run $20-$30 (or more) per article, which is prohibitively expensive. Thanks to the library’s partnership with Alumnae Relations, our alumnae/i can continue to access high quality, scholarly material.

Ready to start searching these databases? All alumnae/i (even 2014 graduates) will need to contact Alumnae Relations to obtain log-in information. Email them at alumnae@hollins.edu or call 800-TINKER1.
GREENR
GREENR (Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources) is a database for researching issues surrounding sustainability and the environment. In addition to scholarly articles, GREENR includes news, statistics, primary source research, videos, and other media that cover the wide range of topics in environmental studies.

Notable features include:
- Customizable world news
- Daily updates of videos, images, and podcasts
- The ability to browse information by topic/issue or begin research using an interactive map.

Let There Be Cake (and Gifts and Festivities)!

This April marks the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Wyndham Robertson Library building—let’s party! To celebrate our birthday we’re not asking for presents. In fact, we’re giving the Hollins community reasons to celebrate. The week of April 21st we will have multiple events to show our love for the students, faculty, and staff that make Hollins a wonderful place.

Cake Day! What is a birthday party without cake? To help you get rid of the Monday blues, we will be giving away slices of birthday cake to everyone who comes into the library. The giveaway starts at 10 am and lasts until the cake is gone.

Gifts! The library has received donations from local businesses for our birthday and we’d like to give them to you. Check out the box below for information on how to enter.

Spring Festival! On Friday, April 25th from 1-3 pm the first floor of the library will be transformed for the Spring Festival. We will have mini-golf, a guess-your-literary character game, a recycled book fashion show, book cart races, erasure poetry, and snacks!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Seipp at seipprl@hollins.edu or x6328.

Research Awards

The library is happy to announce the winners of the Undergraduate Research Awards. In the First-Year/Sophomore Category, Abigail Sease won with a paper she wrote for Modern Art (ART 254) titled “Anxiety of the Unknown in Art: Xu Bing’s A Book from the Sky”. In the Junior/Senior Category, Catherine Hensly won with her Senior Seminar (ECON 480) paper titled “Higher Education, Higher Costs: An Income-Contingent Approach”.

Gift Giveaway

Want to win one of the library’s birthday presents donated by generous local businesses? We thought so! We have two different ways you can enter the giveaway.

1—Sign up via Instagram. Follow the library’s Instagram (@HollinsULibrary), show us why you love the library with a picture, and tag the library’s account in the comments. Get creative with your pictures! Anything and everything related to the library will work—the building, your favorite study space, pictures of your books, or #shelfies. Have fun with the pictures and show us why you love the library!

2—Sign up at the library. Since you’re happy the library is turning a year older and you certainly visit us at least once per week, just ask for the sign-up sheet at the check out desk.

Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to enter the giveaway one time. All entries (in person and on Instagram) need to be submitted between Monday, April 21st—Thursday, April 24th. The winners will be notified on the day of our Spring Festival (Friday, April 25th).

Contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach and Humanities Librarian at seipprl@hollins.edu or x6328 if you have any questions.