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CALLING ALL FIRST-YEARS!

The library has a fun way to help you learn about the building and our services: the Green and Gold Scavenger Hunt! From September—Nov. 1st first-year students can participate in the scavenger hunt, where they’ll look for clues to help them decode a secret phrase. Once you complete the scavenger hunt, turn in the secret phrase along with your contact information at the Checkout and Reserves Desk. We will send you a gift certificate for a free coffee at the library’s Greenberry Café and you will also be entered to win a $75 Amazon gift card.

The details:
- The scavenger hunt is self-paced. We estimate it will take you approximately 30 minutes.
- To begin, go to the Checkout and Reserves Desk for an instruction sheet and an answer sheet.
- You can complete the scavenger hunt with a small group of friends, but everyone must submit an answer sheet separately.
- Completed answer sheets must be submitted by closing on Thursday, Nov. 1st. The winner of the gift card will be notified via email.
- Sorry upper-class students, only first-years are eligible for the free coffee certificate and the grand prize!

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian, at seipprl@hollins.edu.

OPEN ACCESS PLEDGE

The Open Access (OA) movement is an effort to make scholarly research and output freely available online, rather than behind a paywall. The library financially supports OA initiatives and we recently created an Open Access Pledge (printed in full below and also posted on the “Library Policies” page of our website).

We, the administrative staff of the Wyndham Robertson Library at Hollins University, pledge that we will make all of our published research freely available through online open access, via publication in an open access journal and/or the archiving of publication copies in an open access repository (including, but not limited to, the Hollins University digital repository).

As library professionals, we believe in the importance of access to information, both for our university community and for the world. As advocates for the dissemination of ideas and knowledge to all who might benefit from and build upon that information, we believe this is an important step we can take to show our commitment to open access.

We consider this commitment an important corollary to our library’s collection development policy, in which we pledge “financial support for third parties who curate open access resources that will be of use to the Hollins community.” We also support all faculty, staff, and students at Hollins who wish to make materials open access by building and maintaining HU’s institutional repositories.
Looking for newspaper articles? We have you covered!
- **Factiva** provides access to major international and national newspapers, including the *Wall Street Journal*.
- **Nexis Uni** includes major national/international newspapers and legal cases.
- **Newsbank** is best for Virginia and smaller national newspapers, including the *Roanoke Times*.
- Sign up for the **New York Times (Group Pass)** to access the NYT online and on your mobile device.

To access these, go to the library homepage, click on “Articles & Databases”.

### SUNIL YAPA READING

Seven people’s lives are forever changed in one fateful afternoon at the WTO protests in Sunil Yapa’s *Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of A Fist*. Hear this novel come to life when the author is on campus October 3 & 4 as part of the Beanstalk Lecture Series. On Thursday, October 3 at 8:15 pm Yapa will give a reading of his work in the VAC Auditorium and the following day there will be a Q&A session at 11 am in the Hollins Room.

A finalist for the 2017 PEN/Faulkner award, Yapa’s debut novel, *Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist*, was a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Pick and was named one of the best books of 2016 by Amazon, *Time* magazine, *The Washington Post*, *Bustle*, and others. Set during one day of the 1999 Seattle World Trade Organization protests, the novel is described as “fast-paced and unflinching” by *The New Yorker*, “a genuine tour-de-force” by *The Seattle Times*, and “generation-defining” by *The Toronto Star*. Yapa’s fiction and nonfiction have appeared in *American Short Fiction*, *Guernica*, *O Magazine*, *Poets & Writers*, *The Margins*, *Hyphen*, *Slice*, *LitHub*, and others. He teaches in the low-residency M.F.A. program at Sierra Nevada College.

Funding for this event is provided by The Beanstalk Fund. The Beanstalk Lecture Series brings readers and writers together by supporting lively and entertaining literary events at Wyndham Robertson Library and Hollins University.

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