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The Wyndham Robertson Library is celebrating Earth Day. A month long exhibit on the first floor called “Earth Day, Every Day” features an inter-disciplinary look at environmental consciousness.

“One really interesting book in the exhibit is The option of urbanism: investing in a new American dream by Christopher Leinberger,” Technology Librarian and exhibit organizer Beth Larkee said. “The book is about how the younger generation is rejecting moving to the suburbs. They are moving back into the city and having a more walk-able sustainable lifestyle.”

Another pre-Earth Day event will be the “Waste=Food” screening on April 19 at 2:30 P.M. in the Jackson Screening Room. “Waste=Food” is a documentary about the new industrial revolution; a movement in design which argues that a product, once discarded, should either be recyclable or biodegradable.

On Earth Day, April 22, the library will host the Eco-Biblio-Laborations Art Contest. Students will be able to create sculptures, poetry or 2-dimensional art out of provided out-dated books and library materials. This event will be held from 2:30-5:30 P.M. Afterwards, judges from the museum, creative writing art departments will judge entries. The winning works of art will be displayed. In each category, the winner will also receive a gift certificate: $25 from Alejandro’s Mexican Restaurant, Barnes & Noble or Southern Graphics and Art Supply.

“The priority is fun,” Inter-Library Loan Coordinator & Public Services Assistant and event organizer Katy Baum said. "Books can be re-imagined and reused to make something new."

Student Employment Week is April 12-18. The library would like to thank all of their student employees for their hard work!
NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The library’s goal in forming a student advisory committee was to invite students to take a role in how library services can be improved.

“I joined the Student Advisory Committee because I think it’s important for students to have a say,” Andrea Flores ’12 said. “Personally, I don’t use the library as much as I could. Being on the committee helps me see all that the library offers to students.”

To find committee members, nominations were asked for from a variety of faculty and staff. The library staff also appeared before the Student Senate, and invited students to self-nominate. The committee now numbers 12, a larger number than was anticipated. Nine are undergraduate students, two are graduate students, and one student is in the Horizon program.

“The library hopes to create a lasting relationship that will enable us to have a more in-depth conversation about what really matters to the students, what they need to achieve academic success, how we can help them get there; we also want input on how we can offer creative programs and services that students will enjoy,” Outreach and Arts Liaison Librarian Maryke Barber said.

The committee meets three times per semester during the dinner hour on Wednesdays.

Meetings have been a mix of discussion and brief presentations by the library staff. There have been discussions about everything from the library’s mission to customer service, from archives to the library web site.

NEW JOURNAL TITLES

Project Muse-
African American Review
American Music
French Studies: A Quarterly Review
Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
JEGP, Journal of English and Germanic Philology
Journal of Canadian Studies
Library Trends
Western American Literature

JSTOR-
The Review of Metaphysics
Journal of Business and Psychology
The Journal of Ethics
Journal of New Zealand Literature: JNZL
Latin American Literary Review
International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society
American Indian Law Review
The Social Service Review