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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

WWW.HOLLINS.EDU/LIBRARY

LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

Over the past year, the university's website has begun migrating to a new look, and now it's the library's turn. Our goal was to make the change to a new design that is not only good-looking, but also good to use. We made a number of changes to the organization of the site, and added new features which students and faculty have told us they wanted to see. When we tested the new site with students in January, their positive feedback told us it was time to go ahead and make the switch.



Our new site has:

- Easy search forms for books and for films
- Special services pages for faculty, off-campus students, and thesis writers.
- Printable maps showing all of the library's book and film locations.

Tried it? What do you think? Please send your questions and comments to librarians Erin Gordon (egordon@hollins.edu) or Maryke Barber (mbarber@hollins.edu). We will continue to fine-tune our new website for the next few months!

NEW BOOK LIMIT FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The book borrowing limit for undergraduate students has been *raised* to 50 (to match the limit for graduate students). Happy Reading!

THE YES MEN FIX THE WORLD



Introduced by Prof. Amy Gerber-Stroh, and followed by a free reception
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the Jackson Screening Room

Don't miss this hilarious film: it's documentary, activism and scathing corporate satire all at once!

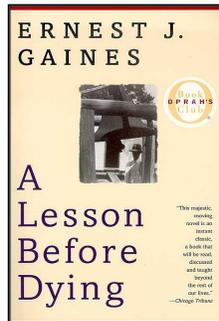
The Yes Men are two daring and imaginative political activists who infiltrate the world of big business and pull off outrageous pranks that highlight how corporate greed is destroying the planet.

Outrageously entertaining....This movie is glorious testimony to the moral power of satire." — *New York Magazine*

"Great fun! It takes some nerve, not to mention diabolical intelligence... to pull off the elaborate pranks devised by the Yes Men." — *New York Times*

BIG READ

It's the Roanoke valley's biggest literary event ever: For a whole month, March 2010, everyone is invited to a community-wide celebration of Ernest J. Gaines's award-winning novel *A Lesson Before Dying*. There will be concerts, films, poetry readings, book discussions...



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BIG READ GIVEAWAY!

Visit the Bookmobile on Thursday Feb. 11 and get one of **35 free copies** of the Big Read book.

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BIG READ (CONTINUED)

... and a week-long Read-A-Thon that will be unique to Hollins.

A Lesson Before Dying is a classic tale of challenge and redemption that takes place in 1940s Louisiana. Grant is a college-educated schoolteacher, working in his small home town – he aches to leave, yet is unable to go. Jefferson wasn't smart enough to say no when two men pressured him to assist in a robbery; now he waits for his execution because a white shopkeeper has been killed. Grant's aunt convinces him to visit Jefferson in jail. He finds the boy helpless and full of rage, with little use for Grant or for his lessons.

In 250 pages, Gaines builds a vivid portrait of these men and their community. In the 1940s South, pervasive racism was almost casual in its everyday appearance, yet its effects reached deeply into the lives of everyday people. Despite the challenges that threaten to paralyze these men, both have to answer the question: knowing we're going to die, how should we live?

For more information on the Big Read program, see bigreadroanokevalley.org

PROGRAMS AT HOLLINS

February 12-13

Showing of the film "A Lesson before Dying", starring Don Cheadle and Mekhi Phifer (sponsored by Student Activities).

Saturday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.

"Lessons from Ernest Gaines's Novel" – professors Anderson and Trethewey, Coogan and Doan discuss the themes and characters in the book.

March 8 – 13

The Big Read-a-Thon! Join a community performance reading of *A Lesson Before Dying*, a few chapters at a time – in a different location every night! Drop in or follow us, as we tell the story.

THE NEW LEXIS-NEXIS GETS IT RIGHT

Lexis-Nexis Academic is a large database that allows you to search over 6,000 newspapers, magazines and other documents in a single search. It is one of the best sources for news, legal information and business information. Searching LN has not always been easy but the good news is, a brand-new interface has made some long-overdue changes. Anyone who's ever wondered just how many clicks they needed to search the *New York Times*: this one's for you!!

The new interface is more intuitive, and has better options to start you off in your search.

New LN interface facts:

- Five common search types are all on the first page: news, companies, countries, people, legal.
- "By source title" - search by title, right on the main page
- "Subject area searches" - search pre-selected group of publications for: accounting, environmental studies, health & medical care, government & politics, and environmental studies.
- Automatically searches all available dates, rather than only the past two years.

**** find it: www.hollins.edu/library_databases ****

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Search the News" with a help icon. Below the title, it says "Covers 1980 to today." There is a "Search For:" label followed by a text input field. Below that, there is a "By Source Type" section with a dropdown menu currently set to "Major World Publications" and an information icon. Underneath is an "Or by Source Title" section with another text input field. A note below the input fields says "Start typing a title like New York Times". At the bottom, there is a link: "» Try also [All News](#) search & [Sources](#) directory." and a blue "Go" button.