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MARY ROACH ROCKS THE STACKS

Are you ready to make some noise in the library? On Sunday evening, April 18, come join us for Rock the Stacks, a concert in the library: it’s all about good music, and not so much about quiet...

Mary Roach (’07) was already making music when she was a student and RA at Hollins, and now she is pursuing her dream: writing, playing, singing full throttle while living in Ontario, California. Mary’s music is a mix of acoustic music, rock and folk. Check out more at youtube.com/maryroachmusic.

More about Mary: “My universe got flipped on its head during the Spring semester of my first year at Hollins. A fellow Hollins student was performing some songs down in the Rat, and she was just awesome.

Her performance was raw, emotional, sensitive, and powerful. I can't remember ever feeling so deeply affected by such a stripped down, bare bones performance...I wanted to become a part of this group of folk singers who cut out the filler and inspire people to continue to feel, and to sing, and to maintain their sense of vulnerability, of humanity.

Sunday April 18 8 p.m.
at the Library
Refreshments will be served

HOLLYWOOD LIBRARIAN

Think you know us? Think again... The Hollywood Librarian is a fascinating and often hilarious documentary about the world of book-lovin’, database-wrangling, information-junkies-with-a-serious-phantom-for-organizin’ women and men otherwise known as librarians.

That’s right: we’re baring all of our deep, dark secrets... and having some fun looking at portrayals of librarians in American movies. Who would you be if you worked here: Parker Posey in Party Girl, or Marian the Librarian in The Music Man? Or Batgirl? There’s only one way to find out: come see The Hollywood Librarian!

Sunday April 18 at 2 p.m.
Jackson Screening Room
Free and open to the public, introduction by University Librarian Joan Ruelle.

BOOK CLUB SHOUT OUT

Wyndham Robertson Library Book Club! is a book club for students, a chance for you to pick one book a month to read for pleasure. I’m Mallory Metheny (’11); I started the book club simply to share my love of books with all of Hollins. Maryke Barber (librarian) and I brainstormed ideas...
ROCK THE STACKS (CONTINUED)

Mary Roach: I’ve spent the last few years out of college continuing to grow as a musician. It requires incessant reading, listening, and a never-ceasing hunger to continue to learn more. I am most inspired and influenced by Patty Griffin: to me, she is the complete package: an incredible songwriter, a phenomenal singer, and a damn strong woman.

I think music is a never-ending journey, and I’m thankful to be a part of it.

BOOK CLUB (CONTINUED)

[we brainstormed ideas...]; then came the famous event advertisement scheming, oh yes, I’m talking about table sitting! I took suggestions for what people would like to read, and it varied from Zombies to Classics. You can find out all about the book club at our facebook group: join and follow us!

The club voted, and The Secret Life Of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd is the first book we are reading this March. It’s a well written coming-of-age story that takes place in South Carolina in 1964. Lily is 14, and she’s forever thinking about her past, especially the loss of her mother. When she and her friend Rosaleen run away from home and get attached to Black Madonna Honey and the family that produces it (three middle-aged black sisters) their lives are changed forever. Read to find out what happens...

Our first meeting will be held Sunday April 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Hollins Room in the Library. Everyone is welcome to join us, and snacks will be provided.

A heads up: The Postman by David Brin is the book we are reading for May. Join us! A book club is about having fun, gaining an understanding of a book from various viewpoints, learning about the world through a story and characters, cultivating an appreciation of literature. You can discuss and debate and relax. Chill and make new friends. It’s all about loving to read.

Underlining and highlighting. Please don’t mark up a library book. Pretty please. It makes the book, well, ugly, and it distracts other readers.

Tape. If you find a page or binding damaged, please let us know when you return the book. Scotch tape and duct tape aren’t so great for books, either, and we have professional supplies to make repairs that last.

Together, we can save the books.....Thank you!

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD BOOKS

Q: What do the following have in common: paper clips, sticky notes, pens, highlighters, tape, food, and drinks?
A: They are not so good for library books! Our biggest problem [insert scary music here...]
dog-eared pages and paper clips.

Are you kidding? Nope. Dog-ears aren’t just a pain to unfold; they damage a book’s appearance, and they eventually cause the paper to break – bye-bye, text! Metal paper clips rust, and as with dog-ears, some paper may tear or break when a paper clip is removed. In addition, Post-it™ notes are very popular book marks, but unfortunately they leave a sticky glue which attracts dirt—glue and dirt will discolor and eventually damage the paper.

OK, what can I use to mark my place? A regular piece of paper or a bookmark works just fine. Free bookmarks are available at the library; as an added bonus they have useful information printed on them, such as how to find the bound periodicals!

Got anything else? Actually, we do. Food. You’ve seen this: you open a book, and find someone has used it as a coffee-cup coaster. (OK, we’ll admit it—we all like to eat or drink when we are reading.) Please: when you get the munchies, protect the books from crumbs, drinks, and pizza fingers.

BOOK MEETS DOG

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