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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

The Sweetest Sound, screening on December 4 at the library, is a witty, smart and insightful inquiry into our names. What does a name mean? If your name was different would you have a different personality, a different life? If you met others with your name, would they be like you?

Using his own name, award-winning documentary filmmaker Alan Berliner has made an extended meditation on the psychology and philosophy of names. His style is personal but the questions he asks are universal: to all of us, our names are integral to our identities – and our own names are "the sweetest sound." Join us for this fascinating film, introduced by assistant professor of Film, Amy Gerber-Stroh:



Sunday, December 4, 2:00 pm
Jackson Screening Room
Free and open to the public, with a free reception.

The Now at the Library documentary film series is sponsored by the Library, by Student Services and the Film Department; The Sweetest Sound is a collaboration with POV, the award-winning independent nonfiction film series on PBS (www.pbs.org/pov).

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- Extended Hours, New Study Space for Exams
- Wilson Databases Change to EBSCO.

E-BOOK BONANZA

On Wednesday, November 16, Hollins librarians and librarians from the Roanoke valley public libraries joined for a special edition of our popular bookmobile program. But instead of bringing traditional print books and movies to Moody, the menu was all digital: e-books and e-readers only.

E-books are portable, searchable, and even better: there's never a late fee! Wyndham Robertson Library has offered e-books since the early 2000s, when thousands of digital books from Netlibrary were added to the online catalog. Over the years their format has improved, with the addition of full-text search and easier print options. Today, the library's catalog contains over 30,000 e-books on academic topics. The books are accessed via EBSCO to read on a computer, or to download and read off-line on an e-reader, tablet computer or smart phone.



The public libraries of Roanoke City and County offer the Overdrive suite of digital books, designed primarily for recreational reading. [Read more on pg. 2](#)

WINNING THE UNDERGRAD RESEARCH AWARD

Last April, six Hollins students were honored for excellence in research projects completed for Hollins courses. Four received citations as finalists and two students received the \$250 prize, winning in the first-year/sophomore and junior/senior categories.

The 2012 award will once again recognize projects that showcase extensive and creative usage of the library's resources; the ability to synthesize those resources in completing the project; and growth in the student's research skills. Here's how you can apply:

[Read more on pg. 2](#)

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

EXAM WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

If you need a quiet place to study, do not despair: library hours will be extended until 2 a.m. starting Sunday, Dec. 4. Hungry? No problem: starting Reading Day we'll have free coffee and snacks in the evening hours. Need to de-stress? We've got that covered, too: our ever-popular stressbusters including play-doh, bubbles and silly games will also be available starting Reading Day.

December 4th – 8th: open until 2:00am
December 9th (Reading Day): open all night
December 10th – 12th : open until 2:00am

Check out the newest study space in the library, with a comfy couch in the corner of the first floor near the DVDs! And don't forget that on Reading Day, the third floor of the library becomes a quiet zone for those wishing to study in peace; groups are encouraged to use a study room or other space on the second and first floors.

Need some help? Our reference librarians are standing by to help you solve that knotty problem. You'll find us at the desk, by email: askref@hollins.edu, by IM: askwyndham or by phone: 540-362-7465.

Good luck with your exams!!!

The Library would like to thank Student Services for sponsoring the exam snacks, and Cultural & Community Services for lending us their play-doh!

WILSON/EBSCO DATABASE CHANGE

The Art Full Text Index, Art Index Retrospective, Biographies Plus and Reader's Guide Retrospective databases will soon change over to the familiar blue and green EBSCO search screen, instead of the yellow and blue H.W. Wilson design. The Wilson company has been acquired by EBSCO, and they are going to start to transition their databases to EBSCO software over the next two months. There will be no change to the content of these databases, only to their method of access. If you are using a "My Wilsonweb" account to save searches and articles, it will become inactive as of December 31, 2011. The same features are offered by EBSCO with their "My EBSCOHost" account", but unfortunately there is no automatic way to transfer your account. If you need help creating a My EBSCOHost account or recreating saved searches, contact our reference desk at 540-362-7465.

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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD CONTINUED

Students: remember that paper or presentation you were really proud of? Your sleuthing led to great sources, a new and original thesis, and an A – but that's not all there is. Submit it for the research award and you might win a great credit for your graduate school application, and a \$250 prize! Faculty: remember that student whose name you'd like to see acknowledged for the great work she's done? Recommend her for the research award to give her the opportunity for credit beyond the course grade.

Applying is easy: students fill out a brief application, professors a brief recommendation form; students then email the project, along with a 250-500 word essay. All current Hollins undergraduate students are eligible. Finalists and winners will be recognized at a reception in the library in April. Applications are due Feb.29, 2012 ; information and applications are at <http://libguides.hollins.edu/award>

E-BOOKS CONTINUED

The public library's services include downloadable audiobooks and e-books – all of them free to Hollins faculty, staff and students with an RVL library card. On Wednesday, RVL librarians provided quick and easy signups to Hollins students; if you missed the e-bookmobile you can sign up for a card at the Hollins Branch of the Roanoke County Libraries, at 6624 Peters Creek Rd., less than 2 miles from our campus.

How does it work? E-books accessed via a home computer can be used immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including Sony® Reader™, NOOK™, and most Apple and Android products. RVL's Overdrive is also compatible with Kindle. Books are automatically "returned" to the library.

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