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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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KANSAS VS. DARWIN

The documentary film "Kansas versus Darwin," showing at the library on January 13, is a chronicle of the 2005 hearings held by the Kansas State Board of Education. The hearings were held to examine the balance between creationism, evolution and intelligent design in the state's science standards. Religion, science, and the politics of education came head to head in one of the most closely watched and contentious trials on evolution since the Scopes Trial in 1925.



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OPEN LATE FOR FINALS

Night owls, don't despair! The library will be open until 2 a.m. starting on December 9, through December 17. On Reading Day we will be open 24 hours. Come to work, stay for the munchies: free coffee and tasty snacks will be available in the evening hours, as will a table of games, bubbles and other stress-busters.

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!

DEC. 9 - 13: UNTIL 2:00AM

**DEC. 14 (READING DAY):
OPEN ALL NIGHT**

DEC. 15 - 17: UNTIL 2:00AM

ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

If you've ever wondered what public libraries in Roanoke have to offer, now's your chance to find out. While the Wyndham Robertson Library and the Roanoke College Library supply academic materials, the public libraries have several features that can be very beneficial to students.

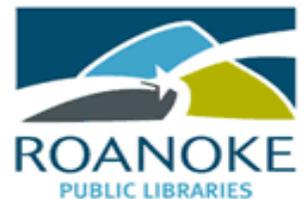
The Hollins Branch is conveniently located on Peter's Creek Road, only five minutes away from campus. They have audio books, an extensive children's literature section and a well stocked fantasy and young adult section. It is also possible to download audiobooks and eBooks to your computer and phone. You are allowed to download 3 at a time and may keep them for

7-14 days. This branch also has a wide selection of films, including most new releases. There is also an app available for mobile phones that allows

you to use library services directly from your phone. Visit <http://va.boopsie.com> to download this app. Free

computer and internet use is also available and printing only costs 10 cents a page.

Check out the website for the Hollins Branch of RPL: <http://tinyurl.com/cocsjuw>



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Director Jeff Tamblyn allows those on both sides of the debate to speak for themselves, with emotionally polarizing and occasionally very humorous results. Testimony is combined with direct interviews with school board members, educators, lawyers and spectators. As a result, the film has been both praised for its lack of bias, and criticized for presenting positions without analyzing them.

What is very clear is that challenges to the teaching of evolution will continue; several states have seen anti-evolution bills introduced since the Kansas hearings. This film is a fascinating record of one such attempt to re-define science for a generation of schoolchildren.

KANSAS VS. DARWIN *details*

Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m.

In Jackson Screening Room

Introduced by Prof. Ryan Huish

Reception to follow

This program is sponsored by the Library, by Student Activities and the Film Department.

ARTICLE UPDATE: GIFTS FUND BETTER VIEWING

Media Services' film viewing room upgrades, which were reported on in the last newsletter, were funded in large part by the Klaus Phillips Equipment Fund. The fund was established with gifts made in memory of Dr. Klaus Phillips, professor of film at Hollins from 1987 until his death in 2011. A plaque will be installed in the room recognizing the contributions of Phillips and the memorial fund.



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INFORMATION LITERACY IN VIRGINIA

This fall, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell proclaimed the month of October "Information Literacy Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

According to the Association of College and Research Libraries, information literacy is a skill set that includes finding, accessing, evaluating and using information. While not unique to the 21st century, in today's information-rich environment these skills are more important than ever. Just think: could you travel, without finding and accessing information about your destination first? Would you vote, without evaluating the information provided to you by a campaign commercial? The proclamation recognizes the need for Virginia's citizens to develop information literacy skills, stating that they are "a critical part of effective decision-making."

College students use information literacy skills every day. In the library we focus on teaching those techniques that will both help students finish their homework and also prepare them to be smarter, more successful information consumers in their careers and lives beyond Hollins. Students learn how knowledge is organized by those who produce, disseminate, and preserve it; we also partner with faculty to teach the principles of using information ethically and effectively. Information literacy keeps us all busy: in the 2011-12 school year, library staff taught 96 classes to 1,071 students.

Governor McDonnell's proclamation was the result of a campaign organized by the Library of Virginia, the official library and archives for the Commonwealth. The LVA has preserved the unique history and records of our state since 1823. It is also responsible for advancing and promoting libraries and archives state-wide to ensure that Virginians will have open and free access to information.

Read the full proclamation: <http://tinyurl.com/ccxn2c>

To learn more about information literacy, see the Association of College & Research Libraries website: <http://tinyurl.com/cecdy45>