Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. the Northwest Houston Academic Center will honor Women’s History Month with a look at the work of female author and filmmaker, Yasmin Shiraz. A “Sisterhood of Writers” is an opportunity to give recognition to new authors, filmmakers, and storytellers.

Yasmin Shiraz, winner of the American Library Association YALSA award, has written several fiction and non-fiction books for teens and adults. Her best seller Retaliation was a fictional account of girl bullying, her most recent endeavor “Can She be Saved?” is a real life accounting of girl on girl violence told in film.

The Northwest Center will be screening the award winning documentary by Yasmin Shiraz, “Can She Be Saved?” The film documents real girl fights throughout the US and shows how this recent phenomenon has become entrenched in American culture through songs, music videos and films. Can She Be Saved? features 8th grade girls from Syracuse, NY who’ve been labeled aggressive by their teachers and guidance counselors. “This film gives girls who fight the opportunity to speak up and talk about their anger and their propensity toward violence,” said Shiraz. Can She Be Saved? aims to elevate the voices of teen girls who fight and the reasons behind their violence as well as explain how girl violence impacts academic excellence, self esteem and a girl’s overall future.

http://www.yasminshiraz.net/ Yasmin is author of several books: Retaliation, The Blueprint for My Girls series, Exclusive, and Privacy.

Women’s History Month Program “Sisterhood of Writers”
Northwest Houston Academic Center
16000 Steubner Airline Road, Suite 130
Tuesday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m.

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Continuing Education and Institutional Relations Appointee

Dr. Jimmy L. Adams, Jr. has been appointed Assistant Vice President for Continuing Education and Institutional Relations. In his new role, Adams will be responsible for overseeing continuing education programs and lifelong learning activities. He will also direct the Office of Institutional Relations, which includes public relations, governmental affairs, equal opportunity and affirmative action and multicultural affairs.

One of his priorities will be to build partnerships both internally and externally. This task will allow him to find out the needs of the local community and workforce and then offer the appropriate programs.

“The continuing education office will support the university’s mission of teaching, research and service,” states Dr. Adams. “The goals of this program are to meet the demands for the community and university; to become a revenue generated entity; and ultimately be a national leader and first choice in continuing education and lifelong learning.”

Adam’s served in the Lone Star College system for 10 years in several capacities - Dean of Workforce Training and Community Development, Career Technology Division and a professor of both business and visual communication.

Prior to his post at Lone Star College, he owned and operated a small graphic design firm for nine years. He also worked in various capacities with several Houston companies including Smith International, McEvoy-Wills, Cameron Iron Work, and Cooper Industries.

For more information see Prairie View A&M Spotlights, February 5, 2010.

Cancer Survivors Share Stories—Hoda Kotb and Valerie Mendoza Milan

Northwest Campus Office Coordinator, Valerie Mendoza Milan was able to meet and share her cancer survivor story with Hoda Kotb, also a breast cancer survivor.

The Anderson Network at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center welcomed Hoda Kotb, co-anchor for the fourth hour of TODAY, a Dateline NBC correspondent and host of the weekly syndicated series "Your Total Health," as the keynote speaker for Anderson Network's 21st annual Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer conference Sept. 10-12.

Valerie’s story was highlighted in the first issue of FYI the Northwest Campus newsletter in 2009. The Anderson Network event took place as Valerie was celebrating her 7th year anniversary as a survivor.

Northwest Campus Office Coordinator, Valerie Mendoza Milan and television celebrity, Dateline NBC Correspondent Hoda Kotb
National Library Week Book Sale to Benefit Haiti Libraries

The John B. Coleman Library Distance Services and the Northwest Campus are seeking gently used books (no more than 5 years old and preferably educational material), DVDs and videos for a Book Sale during National Library Week on April 15, 2010.

The Haiti earthquake has touched everyone around the world. “Libraries and other cultural institutions are critical resources for the recovery of people around the world in the aftermath of a humanitarian crisis.”

Please note:
—All books donated will be used solely for the book sale
—No books will go into the John B. Coleman Library collection
—No books from the John B. Coleman Library will be sold

All proceeds will go to the American Library Association Haiti Relief Fund: http://www.ala.org/haiti

For more information or to donate books please contact the Distance Services Librarian at 713-790-7282 or email: ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu

Prairie View Launches its Quality Enhancement Plan—iREAD

Increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development (iREAD) is an all campus reading program of one or more selected works on a common theme in order to enrich the University’s commitment to a learner-centered environment.

The target population is faculty, staff and students. The objective—to infuse the entire campus with opportunities for intellectual growth through a common reading experience.

The expected outcome is that students who participate in the iREAD experience will demonstrate an increase in academic skills, academically-related habits and academic self concept. For more information go to: http://sacs.pantherconnect.com/pages/qep.html

BCALA Conference August 4-8, 2010

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association 7th Annual Conference, Culture Keeper VII will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on August 4-8, 2010.

Dr. Rosie Albritton, Director, Library Services, Dr. Donald Collins, Associate Professor College of Education, Dr. Nancy Greer Williams, Dean University of Arkansas, Debbie Jones, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian will present a panel discussing the challenges minority students face in doctoral programs.

The session entitled: Failing at Success is based on research of African American students and the high attrition rates in doctoral programs.

Elizabeth Brumfield will also present a session entitled: An Exploratory Study of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Technology.
Dr. Michael McFraizer and Mayor Frank Jackson represented Prairie View A&M University at the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Diamond and Ice Gala Fundraiser.

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1974 to serve the greater northwest area of Harris County, the area where the Northwest Campus is located. Visionary citizens chartered the Chamber and today it has grown to over 750 members serving an area of approximately 500,000 residents.

Over 150 students attend “Conversation with the Dean” sponsored by the Prairie View A&M University Northwest Academic Center and the College of Education. (Picture—Courtesy of Corliss Booker)
The Art and Science of Dance Movement Therapy
Editors: Sharon Chaiklin, Hilda Wengrower

The Art and Science of Dance/Movement Therapy offers both a broad understanding and an in-depth view of how and where dance therapy can be used to produce change. The chapters go beyond the basics that characterize much of the literature on dance/movement therapy, and each of the topics covered offers a theoretical perspective followed by case studies that emphasize the techniques used in the varied settings. Several different theoretical points of view are presented in the chapters, illuminating the different paths through which dance can be approached in therapy.

Working More Creatively With Groups
Author: Jarlath Benson

In Working More Creatively with Groups, Jarlath Benson presents the essential knowledge required to set up and work with a group. He looks at how to plan and lead a group successfully and how to intervene skillfully. As well as covering the different stages in the life of a group, the book emphasizes the various levels of group experience and gives suggestions for working imaginatively with them.

For additional information please consult the publisher at: http://www.taylorandfrancis.com/
The 18th Annual Waymon T. Webster Professional Growth Conference presented: The Essence of Self Love, Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Guest speaker—Dr. Julianne Malveaux, labor economist, noted author and commentator shared her unique perspective on the issue of “self-love.”


The National Alliance of Artists from HBCUs (NAAHBCU) is featuring 3 Prairie View artist, Dr. Clarence Tally, Sr., Tracey Moore and Ann Johnson. For more information visits http://naahbcu.org

Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield was a presenter at the National Association of African American Studies and Affiliate Conference in Baton Rouge, February 8-13, 2010. Her presentation was entitled: HBCU Libraries and Technology. Ms. Brumfield will moderate two sessions at the 14th Annual Off Campus Library Conference in Cleveland Ohio, April 28-30, 2010 entitled: Cloud Collaboration: Using Microsoft SharePoint as a Tool to Enhance Access Services and Untapped Potential: Seeking Library Donors among Alumni of Distance Learning Programs. Ms. Brumfield will also present her latest research on HBCU Libraries and Technology at the Black Caucus of the American Library Association 7th Annual Conference in Birmingham, Alabama on August 4-8, 2010.

Steve Shaw, Head of Reference and Instruction and Karl Henson, Electronic Services Librarian presented a roundtable discussion entitled Closing the Loop on Library Assessment: Lessons Learned, Ideas Shared at the 10th Annual Assessment Conference at Texas A&M University, February 22, 2010

Kimberly M. Gay, Reference and Instruction Librarian presented at the Harris County Public Library’s Northwest Branch Library on Saturday, February 20, 2010 as part of their Black History Month Presentations. Ms. Gay’s presentation was on African American Genealogy 101. Ms. Gay also was a co-presenter with Ola Riley, Medical Academy Librarian at the RAMP (Research Association of Minority Professors) 29th Annual Conference; on Friday, February 5, 2010 in Houston, Texas. The presentation was Pathways to Pathfinders: Academic Librarians and Researching Credible Health Data in the World Wide Web for Minorities.

The Whitlowe R. Green College of Education in conjunction with the Career Placement and Outreach Center at Prairie View A&M University will sponsor its 30th Annual Teacher Education Job Fair held at the Willie A. Tempton Sr. Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 9am-2pm

Hill Harper, son of two doctors, his father was a psychiatrist and his mother an anesthesiologist, received a Master in Public Administration and a JD in Law from Harvard. However, he is best known as an actor on the crime series CSI, New York. Harper is the author of three books, two are American Library Association award winners:

- “Letters to a Young Brother,” a inspirational and encouraging book of advice from Harper and other influential men including Barak Obama
- “Letters to a Young Sister: Define your Destiny,” this book features quotes from successful women and poses thought-provoking questions to readers.
- “The Conversation,” his most recent book.

For more information please contact the above campus departments.
Important Dates for Graduate Students

- **March 15 - 20, Monday – Saturday**
  - Spring Break
- **March 26, Friday**
  - Graduation Application Deadline for SUMMER 2010 AND FALL 2010
- **March 31, Wednesday**
  - Founders Day/Honors Convocation
- **April 5, Monday**
  - Withdrawal from Course(s) with academic record ("W") Ends
- **April 2-3, Friday-Saturday**
  - Good Friday/Easter (Student Holiday)
- **April 13, Tuesday**
  - Priority Registration Begins for Summer/Fall
- **May 4, Tuesday**
  - Course Review Day Last Class Day for Spring Semester
  - Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) for the Spring 2010 Semester
- **May 7 – 12, Friday-Wednesday**
  - Final Examination Period
- **May 12, Wednesday**
  - Final Grades due for Graduating Candidates
- **May 15, Saturday**
  - Commencement

ProQuest Webinar Training

ProQuest, one of the leading academic database suppliers provides online training for their subscribers. The John B. Coleman Library will provide the following webinars trainings at the NW Center Computer Lab:

- **Ancestry Library Edition**—Ancestry Library Edition makes family research easy for beginners while still providing in-depth tools for even the most advanced genealogists. One of the most important genealogical collections available today, Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) contains thousands of databases and billions of names. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas.
  
  **Date:** March 31, 2010 
  **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- **ProQuest Research Library**—Designed to cover the top 150 core academic subject reference areas; includes a core list of periodicals plus 15 supplemental subject-specific modules.
  
  **Date:** April 6, 2010 
  **Time:** 1:00-2:15 p.m.

- **ProQuest Central**—The prime resource for researchers with over 12,000 titles - over 9,000 in full-text - covering business and economics, health and medical, news and world affairs, technology, social sciences and more. Designed to be the single-most used database in the library and beyond, ProQuest Central provides access to over 600 full-text newspapers, nearly 30,000 full text dissertations and nearly 9,000 global business market reports.
  
  **Date:** April 14, 2010 
  **Time:** 12:00-1:00 p.m.

All Prairie View students and faculty are invited to attend. Please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield to register for these and future ProQuest webinars: 713-790-7282