Mrs. Jimmizine B. Taylor, Special Collections Librarian

She stood at the threshold of library knowledge for 62 years at Prairie View A&M University and on March 28, 2008 Jimmizine Beth Taylor, Special Collections Librarian departed this earth for her heavenly home. She was born on August 12, 1919 in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she grew up with an uncle and aunt, Robert and Lottie Beth. She was educated in the public schools of Little Rock and received her Bachelor’s degree in Social Science from Arkansas State in Pine Bluff. Her love of reading and for books led her to pursue and earn her Library Science degree from Atlanta University.

Jimmizine began her library career in 1946 when she boarded a train to Prairie View A. & M. College, a place she had never seen. She served in various capacities at the Library, serving her longest period as a reference librarian. At the time of her death, she was the Special Collections Librarian and former University Archivist.

Mrs. Taylor was a faithful member of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church and served on the Hostess Committee and the Episcopal Church Women. Many civic organizations benefited from her membership, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter; the Prairie View Athletic Club, the Texas Library Association, and the American Library Association. In 2000, she was recognized by her colleagues for 55 years of service to the library and to the university. At the university, Mrs. Taylor served on the Homecoming, Historical and the Naming of Buildings and other Entities Committees.

Mrs. Taylor, a “people person,” found her greatest reward in helping students fulfill their dreams of getting an education. Wherever you go in the educational arena and say that you are affiliated with Prairie View A&M University, someone will always ask, “Do you know Mrs. Taylor?” Jimmizine once said, “The people who come in your life always influence you.” She definitely influenced everyone she touched.

Her father, James E. Woolfolk, and Gertrude Blount, stepmother, mother, Georgia Woolfolk-Gatewood, sister, Rose Harrison, and brother, E. C. Woolfolk preceded her in death. She will be missed by her sister, Mrs. Larvelle E. Domino, Oakland, California; nieces, Diane Jones, Hercules, California and Carol Woolfolk, Los Angeles, California; nephews, Willie Harrison, Las Vegas, Nevada, Ronald Woolfolk (Jane), Chattanooga, Tennessee, Everett Woolfolk (Michelle), Martinez, California, Wayne Woolfolk (Yvonne), Suisun, California, Lamar Woolfolk (Pamela), Long Beach, California; cherished “son,” Stephen Thornton; and confidant Joyce Thornton. She will be lovingly remembered by a host of special friends, and her University and library.
Teamwork is essential to the success of any organization, and libraries are no exception. The publication of this second issue of our newsletter, Coleman Library Connection, represents one aspect of the commitment to teamwork and success here at the John B. Coleman Library.

Thanks again to the Library Publications Committee for their time and effort on this issue.

One of my favorite statements on teamwork, “Coming Together as a Team,” comes from the writings of John C. Maxwell, a well-known author of several publications on Leadership.

In his 2003 publication, Leadership: Promises for Every Day, he states the following: “As people who care about each other grow together and work toward a common goal, they get to know each other better. They begin to recognize and appreciate each player’s unique qualities. And that leads to the development of a team ‘fit.’

A good team fit requires an attitude of partnership. Every team member must respect the other players. They must desire to contribute to the team, and they must come to expect a contribution from every other person. Above all, they must learn to trust each other.

Trust makes it possible for people to rely on one another. It allows them to make up for each other’s weaknesses instead of trying to exploit them.

It enables one team member to say to the other, ‘You go ahead and do this task because you are better at it than I am,’ without shame or manipulation. Trust allows the people on the team to begin working as a single unit, to begin accomplishing the things that they together recognize as important (p.278)”

Through ‘teamwork’ the John B. Coleman Library will continue to implement its goals and objectives as reflected in its motto: “New Directions - Improving Library USE: Unity, Service, and Excellence!”

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Distance Library Services

With the increase in electronic journals, new communication software and digital information technology, students have library access anywhere and anytime. However, utilizing these services can be challenging, especially for remote and satellite campuses.

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, the John B. Coleman Library Distance Services Librarian is responsible for coordinating and implementing library resources and services for the distance learning community, including the satellite campuses in Northwest Houston and the Dallas campuses.

Regular research instruction sessions and periodic site visits to Dallas assist students and faculty by providing updates on the latest technology, databases and new print releases. Students feel supported and connected to Prairie View through the regular activities, special events and programs at the Northwest campus.

The Northwest Houston Academic Center (Northwest campus) is located on Stuebener Airline Road in Spring, Texas. Each semester more than 1000 students take graduate level education and counseling classes at the campus. Many students call the campus “the best keep secret,” because so many are unaware of the quality of the resources and the supportive environment.

The full time staff consists of three Prairie View A&M University employees: Ms. Brumfield, Valerie Mendoza Milan, Coordinator and Corliss Booker, Computer Technician. While much attention is often placed on the undergraduates at the main campus, it is important to remember that graduate students and satellite students also need to be encouraged and motivated.

We want to make sure that all students, on campus or off site, leave Prairie View with a satisfying and memorable experience.
The John B. Coleman Library held its annual National Library Worker’s Day Guest Speaker Series during National Library Week on April 15, 2008. The 2008 American Library Association’s National Library Week theme was Join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library.

The guest speaker was Dr. Charles Edward Tatum, Emeritus Professor at PVAMU and Emeritus Professor at Texas Southern University for the National Library Worker’s Day lecture.

The event was held in the Public Events Room 108 of the library. Tatum stressed the importance of what reading and learning meant to him. “I gained more knowledge about myself and the world around through books and being a productive students in my classes,” said Tatum.

Charles Edward Tatum was born in Center, TX. He was educated at Daniels High School, Prairie View A&M University, Indiana University, University of Oklahoma, San Diego State University, the University of Maryland (Far East Division), and Michigan State University.

Dr. Tatum’s academic work experiences include teaching in the U.S. and abroad, as well as public school and university administration. Tatum has taught Far Eastern History, the Geosciences, Church History, and Genealogy for more than 50 years and helped to educate more than 50,000 students. Tatum served as a Fulbright Scholar at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, and an Asian Studies Fellow at the University of Hawaii.

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The Special Collections/Archives Department received a generous donation from Dr. Charles E. Tatum; Emeritus Professor at PVAMU and Emeritus Professor at Texas Southern University. The collection consists of more than 600 different titles that range from 1940 to 2000. One of the oldest books is entitled The Biographical Sketch of Linton Stephens (late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia) that was published in 1877.

Most of the books in the collection focuses on African American culture. The subjects of the books encompass many aspects of African American customs, from the traditional Africa before slavery, to the evolution of music art and dance in the 21st century. The collection also offers a look into the psychological and socio-economic state of African Americans past present and future.

Dr. Tatum also included classic titles such as, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou; Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell; Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison and The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley, in his collection.

The Special Collections/Archives Department had on display for April and May selected books in honor of the new Dr. Charles E. Tatum Collection. The display cases were located in the main foyer on the first floor of the library and housed Tatum's most prominent book titled Shelby County.

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The John B. Coleman Library is pleased to announce that we have two important new databases for your research: SAGE Publications and Haworth Press. Both are available from our database A-Z page
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Haworth covers such areas as medicine and allied health, social work and human services, political science, education, gerontology and aging, marketing, gender studies, library and information science, management, and leadership among others. Like most of the databases featured by the library, Haworth offers email alerts and the ability to create personal search accounts.

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Eres Is Here!
Electronic Reserves System

ERes provides access to materials, including articles and multimedia 24/7 from any location, including the dorm room, office, home, or anywhere in the world. Our user satisfaction survey last spring clearly showed that although traffic in the library decreases at night, students are still using that time to study. A natural service that the library can do is to provide reserve readings at times even when the library is closed; ERes does just that.

How does this help you as a student? Reserve readings are now always available; you no longer need to wait for the item to be returned, no more time limits, and, best of all, there are no late fees!

For the faculty, the benefits are also as impressive: The library takes on the burden of copyright management, we upload the material for you (quality control), ERes complements, not replaces, WebCT and is fully compatible with video and audio files. Anything that can be put on the Internet can be put into ERes!

Christine Moore, the Music Librarian for the School of Music, has been posting audio clips for Music courses. Students may now listen to music assignments from any computer without the need to be in Hobart Taylor.

Simply fax the article on, and we will create the PDF copy and put it on the web in less than 24 hours; sometimes within an hour! Post your class notes, syllabus, last minute additions, password protected (federal fair use), and automatic generation of usage statistics.

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In Celebration of Women’s History Month 2008: “Women’s Art: Women’s Vision”, the John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University presented Ms. Lauren Kelley, M.E.A., Library Art Curator and Art History Adjunct Professor - PVAMU as the guest speaker on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Ms. Kelley’s speech topic was the “Power of the Female Voice in Visual Art”. From light to shades of black to textures and rhythm, Ms. Kelley’s presentation showcased the talent of female artists and how their talent should not be overlooked but celebrated. “Women artists have shown a can do spirit despite all the obstacles they endured to be respected and noticed in the art world,” said Kelley.

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Dr. James L. Conyers was the guest Lecturer for John B. Coleman Library’s 2008 Black History Month Program. Dr. Conyers is Director of the African American Studies Program and University Professor of African American Studies at the University of Houston. He is the author and editor of twenty one books; and currently serves on the editorial board of several publications.

Dr. Conyers is the founding editor of the new serial in the field of African American Studies titled Africana Studies: A Review of Social Science Research. Also, he is the founding senior editor of the new monograph series titled The African American Experience in the West.

For the 2008 Black History Month Program, Ms. Ashley Carmicle, sophomore, Chemistry Major presided over the program. Dr. Rosie Albritton, Director of Library Services gave the welcome to the audience. She mentioned how Black History week was started by Carter G. Woodson.

Ms. Kimberly M. Gay, reference and instruction librarian had the honor of introducing Dr. Conyers. Instead of reading his biography Ms. Gay did a short and brief overview of his books. At the end of the program, one of Dr. Booker’s students gave a thank you to Dr. Conyers.

As a part of his lecture, Dr. Conyers stated that the Harlem Renaissance was not ideal for Alabama, but it was correct for Harlem. He also talked about the literature and musicians of that period, such as Jeane Toomer, Langston Hughes, and Bessie Smith. The period of the Harlem Renaissance is usually considered from 1919 to the mid 1930’s. Dr. Conyers lecture, stressed the importance of being well rounded and educated. He stated, “We are accountable for advancement to the next generation of scholars and professionals.”

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The Special Collections/Archives Department is located on the fifth floor, Room 505. Hours of service are 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday, with special assistance by appointment.

Patrons should provide advanced notice (a minimum of two weeks written request) to the archivist to provide time for locating relevant materials.

This department holds a number of distinctive collections such as: RARE BOOKS, devoted primarily, although not entirely, to rare works by African-Americans; BLACK HERITAGE OF THE WEST, specializing in material about the African-Americans in the Southwest; BLACKS IN THE MILITARY, focusing on the contributions of African-Americans to U.S. military history; T.K. LAW-

LESS COLLECTION of materials by and about African-Americans; DELCO ARCHIVES of the political papers and memorabilia of former Texas State Senator Wilhelmina Delco; HYMAN COLLECTION of articles, manuscripts of Dr. Harold Hyman’s research interests (Reference and Information Services Dept. and fifth floor, Room 505).

The KING COLLECTION is comprised of scholarly materials from the personal collection of Dr. Robert D. King, Distinguished Professor of History, and Philanthropist, from the University of Texas, Austin.

The University Archives include official records of various campus offices, minutes of Board of Regents meetings, PVAMU publications, photographs of campus buildings and activities, annuals, catalogs, yearbooks, some PVAMU master’s theses, also dissertations. Additionally, some of the historic documents, records and artifacts of the Prairie View Interscholastic League are also housed in this area.

A number of rare, autographed, and/or fragile books are also housed in this area, for the sake of preservation.

The collections are housed in a closed-stack area; some of the holdings are listed in the library catalog. The staff will assist a patron with a request on a first-come-first serve basis. Materials may not be removed from the reading room, although they may be copied, with restrictions. ▲

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The information desk is located on the first floor, adjacent to the Library Directory, just before the elevators and facing the front entrance. The desk is directly in the view of patrons entering the building, as they walk through the security gate.

This desk is staffed by Librarians, Library Administrators, Library Assistants, Student Assistants and other Professional Staff on the Coleman Library Roster.

The purpose of the desk is to provide directional information and answers to brief factual information regarding the campus and the location of various departments and units.

This desk will not be responsible to “Ask a Librarian” telephone calls on a regular basis, except when a librarian is at that location and not at the Reference Desk.

Staff members serving at the desk also will be available to assist the Reference Desk staff in providing basic help in using the Online Public Access Catalog (Voyager) to locate books, journals, and other materials; and other features of the PC-workstations on the first floor for navigating the internet, including printing procedures, the PVAMU Website, the Library’s Home-Page and other online services.

Library users in need of assistance with interlibrary loan, study carrels, electronic reserves (E-Res), library fines, a-v equipment, videos, or other issues related to the circulation and returning of materials, will be referred to the Circulation Desk.

Students who are doing research and who need assistance in using the library will be referred to the reference staff for this assistance. This help or assistance is given by professional staff who has a knowledge of full text license data base collection which consist of ProQuest, EBSCOHost, Gale and Wilson, plus the use of other academic resources. ▲

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Chieko Sato, M.A.; M.L.S., Reference and Instruction Librarian. Sato is the library liaison to the Architecture Department College of Arts and Sciences. She received her Masters of Library Science and Archive Certificate from Emporia State University, and her Masters of Arts in East Asian Art History from the University of Kansas.

Lori Hill, B.A.; M.E. Part Time Night Library Assistant in the Circulation Department. Hill is an elementary school teacher with 15 years of teaching experience. She received her Bachelors of Science, Masters of Education and just recently, Principal Certification all from Prairie View A&M University.

Miguel Caesar, B.A.; M.A. Library Assistant 1 in the Circulation Department and Interlibrary Loan (Lending). He has an undergraduate and graduate degree from PVAMU: B.A. in Business Management and a M.A. in Community Development. Caesar is currently pursing his Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman’s University.

Susan Streety, B.A. and M.A. Part Time Night Library Assistant Circulation, Reference and Periodicals Departments. Streety has worked 20 years as a Community Supervision Office for Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. She received a B.A. and M.A. degrees from Texas Southern University.

Librarians in the News

Our librarians continue to be active members of the scholarly community. Dr. Rosie L. Albritton, Director of Library Services was selected to attend a national forum, “Preserving America’s Diverse Heritage,” January 31 – February 1, 2008, in Atlanta, GA. The forum was sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and organized in cooperation with Heritage Preservation.

Marion Williams, Library Development Coordinator was spotlighted by the Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on their web site for her “humble spirit and kind heart”

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian; Dr. Stephen Shaw, Head of Reference Services; and Karl Henson, Library Webmaster presented a workshop on “Using Library-E-resources to Enhance Student Learning” at the 4th Annual Texas A&M University, Teaching with Technology Conference, February 12-13, 2008.

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, presented a paper at the 13th Annual Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 23-26, 2008. The paper entitled: Using Online Tutorials to Reduce Uncertainty in Information Seeking Behavior also was published in the Journal of Library Administration and in the Conference Proceedings book published by Central Michigan University.

Ms. Brumfield also published an article in the Education Information Research Center Library Outreach to Juvenile Offenders in Intensive Supervision Programs-Community Centered House Arrest.

Lauren Kelley, Library Art Curator was a winner of the Altoids Award by The New Museum and Altoids, the Curiously Strong Mints®. She received a $25,000 cash prize of a total $100,000 awarded to three other artists. Along with the cash prize, the award recipients will take part in a joint exhibition organized by Massimiliano Gioni, director of Special Exhibitions at the New Museum, on view from June 25 through Oct. 12, 2008.

Prairie View A&M University’s Women’s History Month Committee 2008 selected Dr. Albritton, Director of Library Services, Jimmizine Taylor, Special Collections, and Helen Yeh, Associate Library Director for a special honor. Albritton, Yeh and Taylor were part of a list of 35 women who were recognized for their accomplishments in their profession and contributions to the PVAMU community.

Kimberly M. Gay, Reference and Instruction Librarian was selected to attend the HBCU (Mellon Grant) Information Literacy Institute’s Pre and Post Program. Both programs convened in Charlotte, North Carolina from Feb. 10-15, & October 10-12, 2008 at Johnson C. Smith University, James B. Duke Memorial Library and the Hilton.

Gay was selected to be a visiting seminar lecturer at University of Houston’s African American Studies Department. She conducted a seminar lecture on Africana Genealogy on April 10, 2008.


Gay attended and presented at the Texas Library Association’s Annual Conference in Dallas Texas April 15-18 Ms. Gay was the presider over a panel discussion workshop on Collection Development for Patrons of Color sponsored by the TLA Black Caucus Roundtable. Karl Henson and Yubao Li, Reference and Instruction Librarian also attended the TLA Dallas 2008 Conference.

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