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Introducing Newly Appointed Northwest Houston Center Executive Director Dr. Tyrone Tanner

Dr. Tyrone Tanner, a full professor in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education, was recently appointed Executive Director of the Northwest Houston Center campus.

Dr. Tanner brings a wealth of leadership experience and community partnerships to his new role. In addition to authoring numerous books and articles, Dr. Tanner has served as a middle and high school teacher, middle and high school principal, and central office administrator. His scholarship on culturally responsive teaching, parenting, and partnerships has made him highly sought after by school districts locally and nationally. At present, he is responsible for membership efforts for the Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender, Special Interest Group for the American Educational Research Association.

Dr. Tanner's research and community service are rooted in challenging deficit model thinking as a means to closing opportunity gaps in P-20 settings. He will leverage his skills, partnerships, and experiences to continue the commitment of Prairie View A&M University in making the NWHC the university of choice for both undergraduate and graduate students in the Northwest Houston area.



Dr. Tanner succeeds Dr. Munir Quddus, who is now focused on continuing to grow the College of Business.

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Welcome to NWHC

Dear Student,

Greetings from the faculty and staff of PVAMU Northwest Houston Center. We hope your fall semester has gotten off to a great start.



This campus was designed to provide you with nationally accredited graduate and continuing/executive education programs in a student friendly environment. To that end, we offer a number of resources (**see page 11**) that we hope will maximize your educational experience including full access to our library, computer center, and bank/teller. There are also areas for studying, reading, or just relaxing between classes. The bookstore is conveniently open during class hours. At the beginning of each semester, representatives from admissions, the registrar's office, and financial aid are also available here.

There are several new changes this year. First, we are always mindful of preserving the security of everyone on our campus, so one of our changes this fall is to have everyone sign-in. This new measure assists us with knowing who is in the building at all times. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Making sure you have your student identification as quickly as possible will hopefully mitigate delays.

Second, we want to remind students of the availability of the fitness center. Taking proper care of your body by getting adequate rest, nutrition, and exercise is key to maintaining your brain power. We encourage you to take advantage of the free access to the equipment and workout resources.

Finally, "Conversations with the Executive Director" will be scheduled each semester. These are opportunities created to give me a chance to hear from you directly with any questions, comments, or suggestions you have. The date for this semester is forthcoming.

Once again, welcome to PV-NWHC. If you have any questions or just want to say hello, please feel free to call or stop by the Executive Director's office.

Have a wonderful semester!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyrone Tanner
Executive Director, PVAMU Northwest Houston Center

Summer Bridge Math-Up Program @ NWHC

The NWHC hosted a University College Summer Bridge Program—MathUp.

The Prairie View A&M University MathUP summer bridge program gives incoming freshman students who are not eligible for college level math a jumpstart into their Math preparation for college success.

The goal is to help as many students as possible become college ready for math by the beginning of their first semester at Prairie View A&M University.

Entering freshman students receive personalized mathematics instruction from highly trained professionals to jump-start college mathematics preparation. Students receive a developmental education credit upon completion to reach college algebra sooner. This is designed for incoming freshmen who have not satisfied the TSI math requirement.





Dr. Bernadine Duncan

Director of Student Counseling Services
Former College of Education-NWHC Professor
Receives \$1.8 million In Grant Funding

Student Counseling Services, under the leadership of Dr. Duncan, recently received \$1.8 million in funding for two grants. The first award is a Title III grant of \$180,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$900,000. The primary goal is to enhance Student Counseling Services in order to receive IACS Accreditation for the center and improve the risk assessment program in order to better serve currently enrolled students at PVAMU.

The second award is a Victims Assistance: College Initiative Grant from the State of Texas for \$293,930 per year for three years totaling \$881,790. The primary goal of this grant is to advocate for victims of sexual and domestic violence as well as train and educate the campus community in recognizing and effectively assisting sexual violence victims. The grant will also assist in satisfying the requirements of the CampusSav Act, fund the infrastructure of the newly formed Women's Center and hire more staff to assist in the advocacy efforts of the Center for victims who utilize these services. Please contact 936-261-3564 for more information. Student Counseling Services is in the Division of Student Affairs at Prairie View A&M University.



Faculty/ Staff Giving Campaign

Tiffany Allen, Coordinator of Customer Service, is the Faculty/Staff Giving Coordinator at Northwest Houston Center .

"I give to PVAMU because I believe that my experiences as a student truly shaped the person I am today. I made lifelong friends and connections who remain a huge part of my life. I give back to make sure that current and future PVAMU students have the same opportunities I did. I am proud to be a part of the alumni community."

Fun Fact About Me: I am a former Little Miss Southwestern, 1990.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Celebrate Homecoming



Prairie View A&M University Homecoming celebration is October 22-28, 2017.

Highlights—Main Campus Only!

Sunday, Oct 22nd

Gospel Fest featuring Zacardi Cortez & Kierra Sheard

6:30-11:00 pm

Location: MSC Auditorium

Monday, Oct 23rd

Staff vs. Student Games

12:00 pm-7:00 pm

Location: Intramural Sports Fields

Tuesday, Oct 24th

S.P.I.T. Knowledge

6:30 pm

Location: MSC Auditorium

Wednesday, Oct 25th

Royal Coronation

7:00 pm

MSC Auditorium

Thursday, Oct 26th

Stage Breaker Step Show

8:00 pm

Location: Baby Dome

Friday, Oct 27th

Concert featuring H.E.R. & Money Bagg Yo

Location: Baby Dome

Saturday, Oct 28th

Homecoming Parade

9:00 am

Location: Memorial Student Center

PVAMU vs Bacone

2:00 pm

Location: Blackshear Field

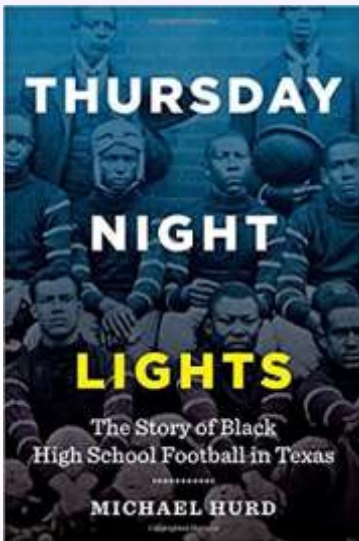


Can't make it to the main campus for Homecoming?

Join us at the Northwest Houston Center.

NWHC Guest Speaker Michael Hurd Tuesday, Oct 24th, 5:30 pm

At a time when "Friday Night Lights" shone only on white high school football games, African American teams across Texas burned up the gridiron on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The segregated high schools in the Prairie View Interscholastic League (the African American counterpart of the University Interscholastic League, which excluded black schools from membership until 1967) created an exciting brand of football that produced hundreds of outstanding players, many of whom became college All-Americans, All-Pros, and Pro Football Hall of Famers, including NFL greats such as, "Mean" Joe Green (Temple Dunbar), Otis Taylor (Houston Worthing), Dick "Night Train" Lane (Austin Anderson), Ken Houston (Lufkin Dunbar), and Bubba Smith (Beaumont Charlton-Pollard).



Thursday Night Lights tells the inspiring, largely unknown story of African American high school football in Texas. Drawing on interviews, newspaper stories, and memorabilia, Michael Hurd introduces the players, coaches, schools, and towns where African Americans built powerhouse football programs under the PVIL leadership. He covers fifty years (1920–1970) of high school football history, including championship seasons and legendary rivalries such as the annual Turkey Day Classic game between Houston schools Jack Yates and Phillis Wheatley, which drew standing-room-only crowds of up to 40,000, making it the largest prep sports event in postwar America. In telling this story, Hurd explains why the PVIL was necessary, traces its development, and shows how football offered a potent source of

pride and ambition in the black community, helping black kids succeed both athletically and educationally in a racist society.

NWHC "Spirit Dress"

or Pencil Skirt

Thursday, Oct 26th, 5:30 pm

Show off your team spirit by making a Spirit Dress, or make a classic pencil skirt to wear with your PVAMU T-shirt.

Supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary.



New Library Tech Workshops Storyboarding & Book Publishing



Storyboards are gaining acceptance outside films because of their powerful communication potential. Storyboards are great ways to visually present an idea, depict time and sequences of activities, remove language and cultural barriers, facilitate idea recognition, and enable audience feedback. Because pictures are often worth a thousand words, even simple pictures can convey action, relationships, emotion, and environmental details.

(<https://www.scribd.com/doc/19414103/Use-of-Storyboards-in-the-Classroom>)

Learn how to create storyboard presentations for business or school, or use them to create your own cartoon book.

Storyboarding
Monday, November 27, 2017
5:00 pm

Book Publishing
Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00 am

Have an idea for a book!

Learn how to write and publish your own book using free or low cost software and publishing tools.

Self-publishing has become a well respected way of getting your voice out to the public. Many literary agents frequently check self-publishing sites to locate the next great author, with many getting picked up for distribution. Library organizations and university presses are beginning to offer awards to self-published works. Self-publishing is not new. There are many works that people are familiar with that were self-published including, *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield, *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova and *50 Shades of Grey* by E.L. James. These titles started as self-published works and were eventually picked up by major publishers and later made into movies.

For more information or to register, please RSVP at 713-790-7282, ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu



October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer affects the lives of so many people close to us. Each year our Prairie View Family and Community pull together to support our cancer Warriors, Survivors, and Caregivers through programs, events, and Relay for Life.

For the month of October, we are proud to partner with **Dr. Michelle Deselle's Annual Cancer Awareness Performing Arts Gala.**

Please join us on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Don Clark Auditorium for the annual gala. The evening will include performances and recognition of our own heroic warriors.

If you are a Breast Cancer Warrior, Survivor, or Caretaker contact Ms. Gross and Dr. Michelle Deselle. **WE WANT TO HONOR YOU!**

Dr. Michelle Deselle at fmdeselle@pvamu.edu

Ms. Yolanda R. Gross at yrgross@pvamu.edu

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian at PVAMU's Northwest Houston Center, won the Black Caucus of the American Library Association's (BCALA) Distinguished Service to the Library Profession Award. The award was presented at the 10th National Conference of African American Librarians in Atlanta, Georgia on August 12.

According to the American Library Association website, the **Distinguished Service to the Library Profession Award** recognizes individuals who have made significant and extraordinary contributions in service to the library profession, such as introducing new concepts, providing exceptional leadership or setting unprecedented standards for participation in the profession. To learn more about BCALA, visit bcala.org.

Ms. Brumfield was also featured in ***American Libraries***, the magazine of the American Library Association. You can view the article at americanlibrariesmagazine.org.



Fraud and Forensic Accounting



Prairie View A&M University's College of Business hosted its first-ever Fraud and Forensic Accounting Workshop on July 31-August 1 at PVAMU's Northwest Houston Center. The workshop provided a comprehensive coverage of forensic accounting, a growing area of practice, in which the knowledge, skills, and abilities of advanced accounting were combined with investigative expertise and applied to legal problems.

More than 50 people attended the workshop, which was conducted by Dr. Larry Crumbley, an adjunct professor in PVAMU's Department of Accounting, Finance, and MIS. Dr. Crumbley is the author of more than 65 books and 370 articles. His latest book, *Forensic and Investigative Accounting: 7th Edition*, was published in 2015.

The workshop featured new fraud schemes, numerous examples and stories, and many forensic techniques and tools. The workshop also provided clear, step-by-step guidance on how to investigate and interview, detect and prevent various types of fraud, work with attorneys, and perform as an expert witness.

Professor Crumbley is a national expert. He has held many successful seminars at Louisiana State University, where he is also an emeritus professor. Certified public accountants, internal auditors, fraud examiners, forensic accountants, governmental accountants, attorneys, and other accounting/auditing professionals and educators attended the two-day workshop, some from other cities. The College of Business worked with the Office of Continuing Education to provide CEUs, continuing education units, needed annually to maintain certified public accountant licenses.

PrairieView A&M University Northwest Houston Center Resources

NWHC Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday: 9:00am to 9:00pm

Friday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Given the small staff, we diligently honor the hours of operation and therefore, we ask everyone to leave by the closing times listed above. However, for your convenience, during mid-term and final exams, our hours are extended by 30 minutes to 9:30pm.

Technology and Special Equipment

We pride ourselves on being a technology-oriented campus. Each classroom has a laptop with access to the internet and a projector. Many rooms have document readers. Three classrooms on our campus have TTVN technology for distance learning. If you have a special need, please alert Mr. Lacy (lsilacy@pvamu.edu) who handles all lab and TTVN classroom technology issues. We are also working to add a new teaching computer lab.

Proctoring Exams

Proctoring service by graduate assistants are available on a limited basis.

Admissions

If you know anyone interested in enrolling in one of our programs encourage them to contact our Office of Admissions at (936) 261-1000 for more information.

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available to eligible students with strong academic potential. For more information on scholarships and grants, contact Ms. Tiffany Allen (tgallen@pvamu.edu).

Fall Academic Calendar

Use this link to access important dates and deadlines for the fall semester: <http://www.pvamu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/fall-2017>

National Archives Month

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of African American Soldiers in World Wars

This year, Texas archives month commemorates the anniversary of America's entry into the First World War and recognizes the efforts of archivists, archival institutions and volunteers who collect, preserve and provide access to this rich documentary history through a growing number of online, digital collection. The John B. Coleman Library Special Collections/Archives Department, staffed by librarians Phyllis Earles and Lisa Stafford, maintains a collection of photographs, documents and memorabilia related to the experiences of Prairie View faculty, staff, and students who served in the military or performed duties related to the military effort.

"During World War I Prairie View proved herself 100% loyal to her state and nation by the manner in which she responded to the call. Over 500 of her sons saw active service in France, many of them never returning—having paid the supreme price. Many of her fair daughters also took an active part in helping to win the war. The government, during the war, established an army training camp at Prairie View for the better training of the African American soldier. After which, the government established a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) unit, which is still maintained under the direction of the War Department" (*The Prairie*, 1926, p. 24).



In 1917, Texans joined their fellow Americans in answering president Woodrow Wilson's call to arms in defense of liberty by boldly entering the fray of the war. Their experiences, service, courage and sacrifices - from the home front to the western trenches of France- were recorded in letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers and official records long after the armistice of November 11, 1918.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps was established at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College on December 15, 1918. It was supported and continues to be maintained by the federal government. Courses are outlined by the War Department and on completion of four years, one can by application, receive a commission in the Reserve Officers' Corps of the national army.

"This course in military training is compulsory to all

male students who are physically able. The government has placed several thousand dollars' worth of equipment at the disposal of this unit. It is under the jurisdiction of the Eight Corps Military Area, headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas from which at regular intervals, officers of the United States Army inspect. This organization instills within the youth the art of good citizenship and self-preservation, while it teaches the methods and science of soldiery, modern warfare, and tactics. These things are the general belief of the American public, which tend toward making typical Americans consist of chivalry, education, health, and love of country" (*The Prairie*, 1926, p. 160).



Fry Thomas Power Plant

The era of large-scale electric power distribution arguably began around 1895, when water flowing over Niagara Falls was diverted through a pair of high-speed turbines into generators capable of producing thousands of bolts of electricity. The war effort required high-pressure superheated steam boilers and trained personnel. Prairie View A&M University's Fry-Thomas Power Plant building was constructed in 1916 under the leadership of Isaiah M. Terrell, and served as a power supply for the campus and as a training site for engineers. This one-story fireproof brick structure was originally known as the Power and Ice Plant. It is currently the oldest existing building on the campus, with the main part of the building walls still standing. The building still serves as the university's main power plant. Located next to the university's iconic water tower, Fry-Thomas is on the National Register of Historic Places (Date Issued: June 3, 1999). Constructed 1916; Renovated 1983.



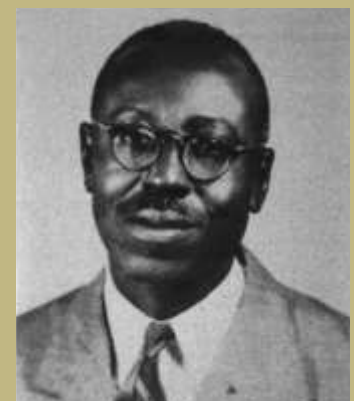
ISAIAH MILLIGAN (I.M.) TERRELL
January 3, 1859 – September 28, 1931

Isaiah M. Terrell served at Prairie View from 1915 – 1918, his period of administration crossed the years of World War I. As the 5th Principal of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College he was responsible for the construction of the power plant and the initial training of several engineers. Terrell also established the Agricultural Cooperative Extension Service, facilitated Prairie View's selection as the teacher training institution and erected the Household Arts Building and the Laundry.

Terrell achieved much in his short tenure at PV, however his construction of the power plant would later be named for two of the chief engineers, Francis Glenn Fry and Quincy Daniel Thomas.

FRANCIS GLENN FRY, SR (CHIEF)
April 18, 1900 - October 12, 1980

Mr. Fry served at Prairie View College after graduating from KSU as an instructor of Stationary Engineering/Physics/Math. Later, he assumed the position of Chief Engineer of the Power Plant and Utilities along with a host of related duties., including PV site NYA consultant during WWII; construction engineer and chief operator of the first college KPVS radio station. Standing today in front of the present Administration building, is the flag pole that he engineered and supervised the construction. Mr. Fry was selected as a member of the team of technicians from the PV base to participate in the Liberian Project to re-establish the Booker Washington Institute in West Africa..





QUINCY DANIEL THOMAS (Q.D.)
June 24, 1914 - June 18, 1996

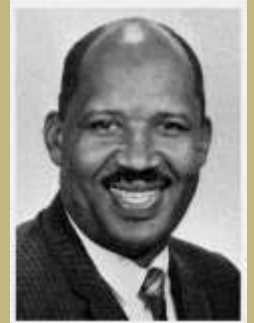
Quincy D. Thomas served as Assistant to Mr. F.G. Fry, and later became the Power Plant Chief Engineer. Born on June 24, 1914 just as World War I began, he would later go on to serve in World War II. He attended Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College and Columbia University. He began a career at Prairie View in 1936 and retired in 1979 (43 years). He was a founding member of the Hempstead Community Service Organization.

Several PV veterans served in World Wars, however, the Archives Department has documentation of only a few. Additional research is under way to identify and acknowledge those not listed in this article.

ALFRED NELSON POINDEXTER, JR. (DOC)
July 22, 1921—August 19, 2006

Born on July 22, 1921, in Kansas City, MO., Dr. Poindexter attended Kansas State Teachers College for two years, and in 1945 he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Kansas State University. He was the only African American in his class. He served in World War II.

Dr. Poindexter then began his career at Prairie View A&M University as an adjunct lecturer. In 1947, he became a professor in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences and university veterinarian, a position he held for 59 years until his retirement. During his time at PV, Dr. Poindexter taught classes on anatomy and physiology, diseases and sanitation, animal health, animal breeding and reproductive physiology. He also provided veterinary services to the community and counties in the area.



In 1947, Dr. Poindexter became one of the first two African American members of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. In 1992, he was selected by the Texas commissioner of agriculture as one of the four most outstanding African American agriculturists in the state. He also received the Humanitarian Award from Banneker Honors College and a Gold Card Membership in the American Veterinary Medical Association. In 1995, Dr. Poindexter established the \$300,000 A. N. Poindexter scholarship fund for students attending Prairie View A&M University.



ALVIN I. THOMAS
September 7, 1925–September 25, 2013

Born on September 7, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Thomas spent most of his career as an educator and administrator. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Afterward, he attended Kansas State College where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree. In 1957, he received his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Ohio State University.

In 1949 he became a faculty member at Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, later serving as Director of the School of Industrial Education and then Dean of the College of Industrial Education and Technology. On November 22, 1966, Dr. Thomas was named the third president of the college, now Prairie View A&M University. He left the presidency in May 1982 and was named Executive Vice President for Development and served as the Director of Facilities for the Prairie View College of Nursing in the Texas Medical Center.

During his tenure at Prairie View A&M University, he was instrumental in introducing the Yale residential college concept, created the 1970-1980 Master Plan, improved the curriculum and degree offerings, oversaw some \$50 Million in construction, and established the Centennial Endowment Fund, the university's first capital campaign.

Prairie View A&M University Cemetery is the final resting place of several Waller County/Prairie View, World War I veterans: Eslie Bailey, Edward Cuney, Luther Felder, David Walker, and Milo Wilson, Jr.

Article contributor: Lisa Stafford, Special Collections Librarian, John B. Coleman Library



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ROTC 1943-PRESENT

Prairie View A&M University has a long and proud tradition of military instruction dating back to 1943. Prairie View A&M is the only Historically Black College and University in the entire state of Texas that hosts an Army ROTC program.

Prairie View A&M University graduates proudly serve all over the world as Navy and Marine Corps Officers. The goal of the PV NROTC Unit is to develop midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty. Whether you are currently a midshipman serving in the Panther Battalion or a prospective student that is thinking of joining, you will receive your training from a combination of Navy and Marine Corps

active duty staff with over a century of professionalism, knowledge and experience.

From the early days of naval service, certain bedrock principles or core values have carried on to today. They consist of three basic principles.

Honor: "I will bear true faith and allegiance ..." Accordingly, we will: Conduct ourselves in the highest ethical manner in all relationships with peers, superiors and subordinates; Be honest and truthful in our dealings with each other, and with those outside the Navy; Be willing to make honest recommendations and accept those of junior personnel; Encourage new ideas and deliver the bad news, even when it is unpopular; Abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, taking responsibility for our actions and keeping our word; Fulfill or exceed our legal and ethical responsibilities in our public and personal lives twenty-four hours a day. Illegal or improper behavior or even the appearance of such behavior will not be tolerated. We are accountable for our professional and personal behavior. We will be mindful of the privilege to serve our fellow Americans.

Courage: "I will support and defend ..." Accordingly, we will have: courage to meet the demands of our profession and the mission when it is hazardous, demanding, or otherwise difficult; Make decisions in the best interest of the navy and the nation, without regard to personal consequences; Meet these challenges while adhering to a higher standard of personal conduct and decency; Be loyal to our nation, ensuring the resources entrusted to us are used in an honest, careful, and efficient way. Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, even in the face of personal or professional adversity.

Commitment: "I will obey the orders ..." Accordingly, we will: Demand respect up and down the chain of command; Care for the safety, professional, personal and spiritual well-being of our people; Show respect toward all people without regard to race, religion, or gender; Treat each individual with human dignity; Be committed to positive change and constant improvement; Exhibit the highest degree of moral character, technical excellence, quality and competence in what we have been trained to do. The day-to-day duty of every Navy man and woman is to work together as a team to improve the quality of our work, our people and ourselves.



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Protect your Digital Fingerprint

Internet service providers are now able to sell consumers information without asking permission to third parties- a measure signed into effect by President Trump on April 3, 2017. This information includes browsing history, location data and other highly sensitive content. This is a serious erosion of the public's rights to privacy. As Gary Price, editor of LJ InfoDocket states: "This troubling event is an opportunity for the library community to become a clearinghouse of awareness, education and knowledge about digital privacy to those we serve." Cyber security and privacy advocates offer some suggestions for libraries to consider in how best to protect their patron's digital privacy.

Strong password strategies: Most people use insecure passwords (weak-nonrandom and not unique). This makes for easy entry point for hackers. **Test how strong a password is at:** <https://password.kaspersky.com>.

Teach users how to create passwords from phrases such as "where river bends at the waters end" password created: wrb@we. Or even longer sentences but NOT common.

Whenever possible, use two-factor authentication. Two-factor authentication is a way to include something you have with something you know. For example, receiving a SMS or phone call with a secret code that you have to enter. Two-factor authentication may not be available for everything, but it should be used when available.

Change your passwords often, do not use obvious things like birthdays and children names and finally DO NOT store passwords in browsers. This is a convenience offered by most browsers, but it is also an easy way for hackers to gather our information. Use a password manger to store complicated unique passwords such as <https://www.dashlane.com>, <https://www.lastpass.com>.

Using HTTPS protocol: check webpages especially banks and shopping sites if they are using https or http. Without a HTTPS encryption, anyone can see what's going back and forth. Few libraries use HTTPS for their webpage, this means that ISP's can see what pages and what books a patron visited and looked up even when they access the catalog from home. HTTPS ensure confidentiality, authenticity and integrity.

Educate patrons about virtual private networks (VPNs): A VPN is a way to hide your online activity from your ISP. Some VPN services are: Private Internet Access (<https://www.privateinternetaccess.com>) or Riseup VPN (<https://www.riseup.net/en/vpn>).

Blocking tracking: Most libraries reset their computer terminals to protect patron privacy, but users can aid with this by clearing their tracking history and requesting not to be tracked. Have you ever noticed if you visited a shopping website, the next time you log on, there is an advertisement from the said website- this is called tracking. This setting can be easily cleared from the setting options within your browser. Browsing in private or incognito will also clear your history and cookies upon exit.

As librarians, we have a duty and an opportunity to keep our patrons informed and protected.

Article submitted by:
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John B. Coleman Library



William S. Hein & Co., Inc. released the newest HeinOnline collection, **Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law**.

This collection, developed under the direction of Paul Finkelman, Ariel F. Sallows Visiting Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law, has been in development

for more than three years,

with an investment by the Hein Company of tens of thousands of dollars. During the development of the collection, the Company's market research indicated that **Slavery in America and the World** would be a very successful and profitable collection once offered on a subscription basis. However, while the Hein Company is a for-profit corporation with fiscal responsibilities to its shareholders, its mission statement contains a number of core values, one of which is Corporate Citizenship. This means that, as a company, Hein resolves to make a positive difference in the community.

New—Slavery in America Collection



The crisis revolving around race relations in America and the recent events surrounding this crisis have made the Hein Company rethink the idea of financially profiting from the sale of a collection on slavery. As good corporate citizens, Hein realized that a unique opportunity existed to make a positive impact in our community, in our profession and very possibly in a wider arena. Therefore, the decision was made not to charge for this collection, but to provide **Slavery in America and the World** free to anyone with an interest in the subject: libraries, institutions, students, researchers, or any other entity within our global community. By doing this, the Hein Company will realize a different form of profit by potentially making a difference during this troubling time.

The Hein Company has always recognized the impact librarians have within their communities. Their social consciousness, their communication skills, their ability to interact in a positive fashion with young children, students of all ages, high school, college and graduate level faculty, business people, attorneys, judges and the public in general put them in a unique position to open lines of communication to address the issues Americans are faced with today. By providing complimentary access to **Slavery in America and the World**, a wide audience has an opportunity to be more informed about the history of slavery and the pain of racism. By using this collection, librarians can be in the forefront of a movement to help educate their communities and create an environment for open and positive dialogue, which could have a positive impact on our society and may go a long way in helping find solutions to the distressing issues confronting all of us.

ccAdvisor—New Peer-Reviews Database

Choice and The Charleston Company have collaborated to deliver a searchable, authoritative, peer-reviewed guide to scholarly academic databases, websites, and tools.

- 300+ searchable, in-depth reviews at launch, with 20+ new and updated reviews monthly
- Review scorecards with standardized scoring rubrics
- User-created comparison tables
- Responsive design: accessible from any device
- Every review written by a subject-area expert to the standards of The Charleston Advisor and Choice

ccAdvisor saves researchers countless hours by helping identify the most worthy sources. And because it is online and accessible from any internet-connected device anywhere on the internet, it brings a new level of discoverability to scholarly digital resources. See how the collaboration between The Charleston Company and Choice has created a powerful and necessary research tool.

The John B. Coleman Library is honored to be a part of the initial launch, with a published review on Springer ebooks submitted by Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield.

Fantastic Vacations

Staff Pick—Onam Harvest Festival

By Henry Koshi



Onam is the biggest and the most popular festival of the state of Kerala in the southern part of India. It is a harvest festival and is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm all over the state by people of all communities. Onam is celebrated in the beginning of the month of Chingam, the first month of Malayalam language calendar (Kollavarsham). This corresponds with the month of August-September according to Gregorian calendar.

The Carnival of Onam lasts from four to ten days. Popularity and presentation of the rich culture of the state during the carnival made Onam the National Festival of Kerala in 1961. Elaborate feasts, folk songs, elegant dances, energetic games, elephants, boats and flowers all are a part of the dynamic festival called Onam. The following is the story how this name “Onam” came into existence.

The story goes that during the reign of mighty King Mahabali Kerala witnessed its golden era. Everybody in the state was happy and the prosperous king was highly regarded by his subjects. Apart from all his virtues, Mahabali had one shortcoming. He was egoistic. This weakness in Mahabali's character was utilized by their gods to bring an end to his reign as they felt challenged by Mahabali's growing popularity. However, for all the good deeds done by Mahabali, his god granted him a boon that he could annually visit his people with whom he was



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so attached. Rich cultural heritage of Kerala comes out in its best form and spirit during the ten day long festival. It is indeed a treat to be a part of the grand carnival. People of Kerala make elaborate preparations to celebrate it in the best possible manner. The most impressive part of Onam celebration is the grand feast called Onasadya, prepared on Thiruvonam. It is a nine course meal consisting of 11 to 13 essential dishes. Onasadya is served on banana leaves and people sit on a mat laid on the floor to have the meal. Another enchanting feature of Onam is Vallamkali, the Snake Boat Race, held on the river Pampa. It is a colorful sight to watch the decorated boat oared by hundreds of boatmen amidst chanting of songs and cheering by spectators. It is this visit of Mahabali that is celebrated as Onam every year. People make all efforts to celebrate the festival in a grand way

to impress upon their dear king that they are happy and wish him well. There is also a tradition to play games, collectively called Onakalikal, on Onam. Men go in for rigorous sports like archery, martial arts and contact sports. Women indulge in cultural activities. They make intricately designed flower mats called Pookalam in the front courtyard of house to welcome King Mahabali. Two graceful dances are performed by women on Onam and folk performances to add to the zest of celebrations.



Summertime = Harvest time.

Ms. Kimberly M. Gay, Head of Reference and Information Services, Librarian II traveled home to East Texas August 2017 for a fun filled, agricultural and educational vacation which includes: Hay bailing, Catching Wild Feral Hogs, Canning and Pickling .

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