The John B. Coleman Library has a Virtual Tour at www.pvamu.edu/pages/5161.asp where you may view the various areas and services of the five floors of the Library. Navigating around the virtual library is very simple. Each screen has multiple links and a floor key which takes you to different parts of the Library.

Are you aware of the services available at the Library? There is a computer lab on the second floor with over a hundred computers as well as the Tutoring Center. On the fifth floor is the home of the Library’s Special Collections / Archives.

The Fourth Floor Exhibit Space is the Library art gallery which showcases local and national artistic talent, an art collection displays the large number of African works of art and the Wilhelmina R. Delco Exhibit.

There is the Jazzman’s cafe on the first floor as well as the first floor art gallery. Self-service scanning and faxing services are available for students. Across from the Circulation Desk is the Reference Desk. The Reference Desk assists you with your research needs. You may come in person, call (936) 261-1535 or by email – AskaLibrarian@pvamu.edu

All of the electronic resources are available 24/7 from your home, dorm room or office on or off campus. There are many services provided at the John B. Coleman Library than meets the eye. Patrons are always welcome to stop by or call to ask a question of the library’s many services.

By Karl Henson, Electric Services Librarian
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The secret of using your time effectively is to be sure that every action you take supports your goals and job requirements. However, this is usually easier said than done. Instead of checking things off a to-do-list, make sure each item on your list is tied to one of your main goals.

Follow these guidelines:

1. Review your goals regularly. Each week, review your goals and link them to your activities for the week. This will help you stay on target.

2. Prioritize your efforts. Ask yourself whether each activity takes you closer to your goals. Prioritize tasks that contribute to those objectives.

3. Set deadlines for all critical activities. Then, do what’s necessary to meet them. This will boost your self-esteem and establish your credibility.

4. Plan your day in advance. Each day, plan your schedule for tomorrow to support your goals. Remember to allow some flexibility to handle emergencies and leave room to respond to last minute changes.

5. Schedule creative or challenging activities for your peak hours. For example, if you are a morning person, schedule a negotiation at 8:00 a.m. and return your calls at 3:00 p.m.

6. Do less. Spend your time doing those things that only you can do. Use delegation to develop employees and help them grow so they can take on more responsibility.

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Prairie View A&M University’s John B. Coleman Library Saluted the 2010 Black History Month with speaker, Attorney Boykins. The theme of the 2010 Black History Month was The History of Black Economic Empowerment.

Attorney Genora Kendrick Boykins was the guest lecturer for John B. Coleman Library 2010 Black History Month Program in February. She spoke on Black Economics and her life accomplishments. Attorney Boykins is an Associate General Counsel for Reliant Energy Retail Services LLC. She is active in leadership roles in the Houston Community.

Attorney Boykins is President and Board Chair of Pyramid Community Development Corporation and Pyramid Residential Community Corporation which developed The Power Center and Corinthian Point, a 462 home residential subdivision, the largest residential development by a non-profit minority developer.

Attorney Boykins is co-owner of La Maison in Midtown Houston, an urban bed and breakfast which is currently under construction at 2800 Brazos Street. Boykins shared four major points with the audience: (1) Education is essential. Don’t limit your education to the classroom (2) Establish a standard of excellence (3) Have an entrepreneurial mindset (4) Empathy is the final key ingredient. Try to do something to improve the situation of others. At the start the program, Ms. Alicia Mable and Mr. Brandon Cooper, who were members of Dr. Clarissa Booker’s class, sung I Know I’ve been Changed.

Participating in the program was Ms. Alicia Mable, a senior, Interdisciplinary Studies / Special Education EC -12 major was the presider and did the introduction of the Speaker, Attorney Genora Kendrick Boykins. Dr. Rosie L Albritton, Director of Library gave the welcome, made presentations, and gave acknowledgements.

Ms. Kimberly M. Gay, Reference and Instruction Librarian gave the closing comments and announcements. At the closing, Ms. Alicia Mable and Mr. Brandon Cooper, led the audience in singing the National Black Anthem song Lift Every Voice and Sing.

During the entire month of February, Ebony Magazines from 1960 to the present were on display on first floor in the foyer showcases. These are a part of the collection in Archives. The Ebony magazines were donated by Dr. Jonel L. Brown from his father’s (Dr. J. L. Brown, former Director, Division of Education, 1969-1973 Prairie View A&M University) collection.

The library also sponsored a Scavenger Hunt. Dr. Lee McGriggs, Assistant Professor Political Science, had three of his classes participate in the learning experience. The answers to the questions were found in Archives Department of John B. Coleman Library. All of the students that participated were given beautiful certificates that they can include in their resume. The program was sponsored by the John B. Coleman Library Black History Month Committee.

By Marion Williams, Specialist Library Development mmwilliams@pvamu.edu
The John B. Coleman Library presented their Annual Women’s History Month Library Guest Lecture Series with Mrs. Jimmie L. Phillip Poindexter, Retired Professor of Social Work and Sociology at Prairie View A&M University on March 30. The program was held in the Public Events Room 108 and followed with a reception in room 109.

Poindexter discussed her new book, *Campus Children: wonderland in Pantherland*. The book is a historical account of some of the children who lived on the campus of Prairie View during the 30s, 40s and 50s. Poindexter explained how the children of Prairie View stayed engaged with everything on the campus and learned how to build friendships with each other.

From being involved in campus outings to classroom settings, the children of Prairie View stayed connected to the campus. “As a child of the Prairie View campus, I learned how to build comradeship that has lasted over 30 years now. I will always be connected to the campus, stated Poindexter.”

According to Poindexter’s biography, she was born on the campus of Prairie View College, in the old hospital. The hospital was located on the site of the Delco Building. She is the older of two daughters born to Rev. and Mrs. Lee C. Phillip. Her father was the first Dean of the Chapel at the university. She attended the Prairie View Training School, grades 1 to 12. The 2010 theme for Women’s History Month was “Writing Women Back into History”. Poindexter stated that the children of Prairie View now make up parts of the rich history of not only the university but the city as well. “As children, we played and enjoyed each other’s company and learned that we could be the best if we just put our minds to it, stated Poindexter.”

Poindexter graduated from Prairie View College in 1955 with a major in Sociology and a minor in Business Administration. She furthered her education and received a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University and began a career as a Medical Social Worker, in Texas and Maryland. Poindexter stated, “I was able to excel in my educational endeavors because everyone in the community helped to raise the campus children of Prairie View, Yes, it does take a village to raise a child.”

Poindexter returned to Prairie View A&M University in 1971, as the first professional social worker on the faculty of the undergraduate program in social work. She later received a Certificate in Gerontology from the University of North Texas in 1980. She introduced Gerontology courses to the social work program. Poindexter retired from Prairie View A&M University in 1998, after 28 years of service.

Poindexter is now the owner of Phillips Place Apartments, with her husband, who is a retired Pharmacist. They are the parents of two adult children and grandparents of four. They reside in Prairie View, Texas. Poindexter is active in community organizations which include: Life time member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., member of the Episcopal Church Women Organization, Lay Reader, St. Francis Episcopal Church, member of the local Prairie View Alumni Association, Life member of the National Prairie View Alumni Association and member of the Anne Preston chapter, Retired Teachers Association.

The 2010 Women’s History Month library program had Mr. Stoney A. Owens, Senior; Major, Interdisciplinary Studies as the preside. The introduction of the speaker was by Ms. Kaia Johnson, former student of Poindexter in the Social Work and Sociology Department and currently Library Assistant II, Periodicals Department. The library’s Special Events Committee sponsored the event.

By Kimberly Gay
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Photos by Phyllis Earles, University Archivist
The John B. Coleman Library held its annual National Library Worker’s Day Guest Speaker Series during National Library Week on April 13, 2010. The 2010 American Library Association’s National Library Week theme was Communities Thrive @ Your Library. The guest speaker for the National Library Worker’s Day lecture was Ms. Anika Sala, Manager, Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center and Bookstore in Houston Texas.

Ms. Anika Sala, Guest Speaker of the 2010 National Library Worker’s Day program and Manager of the Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center and Bookstore in Houston Texas.

Photo by Ms. Anika Sala

Sala was born and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, the Motor City, where it was a very powerful experience for her. Sala said, “The city was very conscious in both socially and politically aspects of people. The experiences I had growing up in Detroit, Michigan helped to shape my life into the person that I have become today.”

Librarians and libraries have been a very important part to Sala’s journey in life. For as far back as she can remember, she has always frequented the library. Sala said, “The librarians helped me begin the journey of reading about all types of subjects, people and places. Librarians and Libraries also helped me to realize to always be a part of something bigger in life that helps people move forward for prosperity and hope,” said, Sala.

Sala discussed how the students should always be engaged on how to make their surroundings better, and to always remain passionate about reading and learning.

Sala attended Wayne State University and majored in Business. In 1972, she joined the Shrine of the Black Madonna where she has been a member for more than 30 years. Sala moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1975 where she stayed for 10 years in the Shrines of the Black Madonna located in Atlanta.

She moved to Houston, Texas in 1988 and started working for the Houston’s Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center and Bookstore. “I feel honored to be working at this Fine Cultural Institution,” said Sala.

Sala also said, “I enjoy working at the Shrine because I am able to connect more with people of my heritage. I am able to help people connect with their culture and be enlightened by the rich knowledge of the African Diaspora.” Sala said, “I see people’s lives being touched as they look through the Shrine’s Culture Center and they leave with a better understanding of Africa and the African American culture than when they came in.”

Her work experience at the Shrine of the Black Madonna includes managing the Shrine’s Cultural Center and Bookstore. The Shrine has brought many people into Sala’s life.

From educators, historians, civil rights’ workers, editors, poets, librarians, comedians, and many more, Sala has gained a wealth of knowledge and information from all the people that she has met while working at the Shrine of the Black Madonna Culture Center and Bookstores. The event and reception was sponsored by the John B. Coleman Library Special Events Committee.

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The John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University joined libraries of all types across the nation, September 26 to October 3, 2009, in celebrating the American Library Association’s (ALA) annual recognition of Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read. The theme last year was: “Speak, Read, Know” Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year.

Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one’s opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them.

Some of the books that were challenged, restricted or banned due to sex, profanity and racism in 2008-2009 were: *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Lee Harper, *The Bluest Eyes* by Toni Morrison, *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by, Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens).

The library also had a weeklong amnesty for books with fines. Criteria for returning the book/s and to have the fines erased was if the book was overdue and the patron was not blocked the fines were waived. The amnesty did not include lost book/s and the overdue book/s must be returned in person to the Circulation Desk at the library in order for the fines to waived. The book/s fine forgiveness was for students, faculty, staff and community library card holders.

The library showcased Texas Library Association and the American Library Association magazines in the glass and free-standing display cases for National Library Week and displayed books to be checked out at the Circulation Department on the history of libraries and librarians. The library’s Assessment Committee passed out their annual Patron Satisfaction Help us Help you Survey. The Circulation Department had National Library Week give-a-ways when you checked out a book during the week that was one free gift per-person.

The library held special activities during the week that included: Check out a banned book and get a free "Speak, Read, Know" button and a bookmark; Patrons had the opportunity to write the name of banned book that they had read on the giant Banned Books Week banner located in the front lobby of the library; Patrons viewed displays of banned books in the front lobby display cases. For additional information on Banned Books Week please visit the American Library Association's Banned Books Week website [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).
The John B. Coleman Library's carpet project was during fall 2008 to fall 2009 semesters. The carpet had not been replaced since the library opened in 1988. The PVAMU Facilities Maintenance Department supervised the carpet remodeling. Three floors of public area space was re-carpeted and the 4th floor Exhibit Space had the floor re-finished as well. The floor for the staff in the Technical Services and Circulation Department areas was done in December 2009.

By Kimberly M. Gay, Reference and Instruction Librarian
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One of the most important and useful resources the John B. Coleman Library has to offer you is the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service.

Mrs. Ollie Mayberry, Library Assistant II, Interlibrary Loan with more than 26 years of service to the library is here to help you.

The ILL service orders books and journal articles from other libraries from the United States available to you. It is financially impossible to purchase everything you might need.

Libraries throughout the United States have created a program called Interlibrary Loan. The John B. Coleman Library has agreements with hundreds of libraries throughout the United States to share books and journal articles. How can I take advantage of this service?

From the Library home page http://www.pvamu.edu/Library click on Interlibrary Loan link. The first time you use the system, you will need to register.

Books - For books, search for a title and then click on Request from ILL. An ILiad screen should pop up (make sure your browser allows pop-ups), enter your ILiad id and password.

The ordering information will populate the ILiad form and all you have to do is click on Submit Request at the bottom of the screen. Journal Articles – Search one of the Libraries electronic databases such as EBSCOhost. If the article is not available from the database, there often is a link at the bottom of the citation “Request from ILL” click on this link and follow the online instructions like above.

By Karl Henson,

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The department has been quite busy since the last publication. Highlights from the department are as follows:

The John B. Coleman Library’s Special Collections/Archives Department was awarded an initial grant award of $59,936.00, on April 14, 2008, and an extended grant award of $7,300, on November 6, 2009, for a total grant award of $67,236.00, to improve the condition of our historical photograph collections, as requested in the grant proposal submitted by the library, March 17, 2009.

The grant project was an integral part of the HBCU Photograph Preservation Project, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in response to a proposal submitted by the Art Conservation Department of the University of Delaware and SOLINET (now LYRASIS) in partnership with the HBCU Library Alliance and the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA).

During the 30-month period the department was able to:

1. Surpass the initial rehousing goal of 5,000 photographic images by rehousing a total of 11,946 images.
2. Monitor environment conditions storage areas of the photographic collections via PEM dataloggers from IPI with quarterly reports, campus workshop and a comprehensive report from IPI’s Director Jim Reilly.
3. Staff training on preservation techniques and procedures; such as proper treatment, storage, handling, labeling, and organization by photographic material conducted by Rachel Wetzel of Photographic Conservator, CCAHA.
4. A Preservation Needs Assessment by Preservation Consultant Laura Hortz-Stanton and an assessment of the Tom Goodwin Photographic Collection by Rachel Wetzel both from (CCAHA) Conservation Center for the Art and Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia, PA.
5. Purchase of a museum quality file cabinet for oversized and fragile items.
6. Conservation treatments of selected fragile photographs by Rachel Wetzel.▲

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The department is revamping current policies and procedures to improve our services and generate needed supplemental funds for equipment and supplies. One recent example is the printed Fee Schedule, separating the permission to publish forms into two categories “Educational/Non-Profit and Commercial Uses”.

The department has received several requests for photographic images to be featured in new publications (monographs), as well as an exhibition and films related to the musical talents of former university musical groups. More updates are forthcoming once we receive permission to release details on these ventures that showcase our rich heritage at Prairie A&M University.▲

By Phyllis Earles,
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Prairie View hosted The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) March 22-24 as part of our reaccreditation process. Prairie View has been continuously fully re-accredited since 1959. This process is repeated every 10 years.

Continuous quality improvement is the hallmark of the current SACS process. One of the newest features is the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP): a "...carefully defined and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined topic or issue related to enhancing student learning."

The proposed QEP for Prairie View is iREAD: increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development, which will target students’ academic skills, habits and self-concepts. Substantial input National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), the Beginning Student Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE), the Measure of Academic Progress and Proficiency (MAPP), and other assessment measures from students, staff, faculty and alumni indicated an interest in mentoring, learning communities and increased opportunities for reading.

Starting in 2011, freshmen will join a learning community based in the UC, as well as the Principles of Effective Learning courses. As students progress to their sophomore year, academic colleges will take up the role of creating and sustaining learning communities based in their academic discipline.

Faculty and staff will also participate as academic coaches- joining and meeting with the Learning Communities to discuss the common themed reading. Technology (social media, course response systems (clickers), and electronic portfolios) will be used to augment and supplement the learning experience in exciting new ways, both inside and outside of the classroom.

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The Reference Department is located on the first floor of the John B. Coleman Library. Reference Librarians can offer assistance for any reference question: using print materials, electronic databases, Internet, online catalog, full-text journals, indexes, e-books, online encyclopedia, and so forth. Our assistance is provided at the desk, by e-mail, and phone.

The Reference area includes 22 computers for access to library resources. These computers are for research purposes. They are equipped with the Microsoft Word viewer only, suitable for printing a document without making changes. These computers do not have PowerPoint.

If you need to type your paper, or print out PowerPoint materials, please use the computer lab on the second floor room 210. In addition, each student is allotted 200 sides of paper (100 sheets per semester) on the first floor.

The Reference Department has provided a scanner for student use since 2009. The scanner has been very popular among students. We received requests for scanner use 78 times last month. The scanner is located in Room 126-D. Students must sign-in at the Reference Desk to use the scanner.

The student’s PVAMU ID card is required, and each user is allotted 30 minutes. Only one person is allowed to be in the scanning room. The library provides a fax service as well. If you want more details, please go to http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/5391.asp.

By Cheiko Sato, Reference and Instruction Librarian
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Please bring your USB drives to save files, in case if you do not want to use your first floor printing allotment.

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John B. Coleman Library New Hires

Cedric Ervin
Full-time night Circulation. Previously work in the Financial Aid Office as a Data Assistant. Library Assistant II (supervisor), who oversees the Circulation, Reference and Periodicals departments during the night shift. Ervin is working on his B.A. in Information Systems at Prairie View A&M University. Future plan is a M.L.S. from Texas Woman’s University with a concentration in library administration. ▲ Email: ceervin@pvamu.edu

Angie Eason
Serials and Government Documents Librarian. She received her Master’s in Library Science at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio in 2008 and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She was hired at Prairie View in March 2010 and is a recent transplant to Texas after moving from Ohio less than a year ago. ▲ Email: ameason@pvamu.edu

Barbra Canion
Part-time night Library Assistant I Reference Department. Barbara joins the library following a 20 year career in real estate. She also was an Adult Reference Library Associate at Baltimore County Public Library. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Pathology from Howard University and a Masters of Science in Public Relations from American University’s Kogod School of Business. ▲ Email: bcanion@pvamu.edu

The John B. Coleman Library is pleased to announce that a group of friends of Prairie View A&M University have formally organized as Friends of John B. Coleman Library. The mission of the Friends of the John B. Coleman Library is to contribute funds for acquisitions and special projects; to encourage and facilitate gifts; to promote awareness of the of the library’s resources and services; and to organize programs of literacy to support the library. The reasons to join the Friends of the John B. Coleman Library include:

As a member of the Friends, your support of the library will provide patrons expanded access to books and manuscripts, computers and software, online resources, and improve library spaces. Your contribution will help us build our digital initiative to knowledge, transform our physical spaces, and preserve our paper-based collections.

All gifts to the library are tax deductible as defined by law. All donors to any area of the Library are considered Friends of the Library, regardless of the designated purpose of their gift. Membership in the Friends of the John B. Coleman Library is extended on an annual basis for the period January 1 to December 31 to those persons contributing $25.00 or more. The eight Charter Members to the Friends of the John B. Coleman Library are:

- Mrs. Pauline P. Bonner
- Mrs. Linda Durham
- Dr. Frank T. Hawkins
- Mrs. Anna G. James
- Mrs. Ruby B. Miles
- Dr. Bessie Smith

Mrs. Marion M. Williams serves as the Library Liaison for the friends group. ▲

By Marion Williams, Specialist Library Development
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Government Documents

Have you checked out the John B. Coleman Library’s Government Documents? The library has a wide range of subjects that may be of interest to professors, including agriculture, environment, military, health, safety, education, and justice. Stop on by and feel free to browse the shelves. Any questions, comments, or suggestions for Government documents you’d like to see, please contact the Serials and Government Documents Librarian, Angie Eason at ameason@pvamu.edu.
Our librarians continue to be active members of the scholarly community.

**Dr. Rosie L. Albritton, Director of Library Services**

Recently appointed to the American Library Association (ALA) – Council Orientation Committee for a two-year term, 2010-2012, beginning at the end of the 2010 ALA Annual Conference. The charge to this Committee is to develop and carry out a mentoring and orientation program for new and continuing Councilors and to manage the Council suite or lounge at the Midwinter Meeting and at the Annual Conference.

Recently appointed to the Texas Library Association (TLA) – Nominating Committee for 2010-2011. The charge to this Committee is to select the best qualified candidates for officer positions in the association, who will represent different types of libraries, and from different geographic areas around the State.

Attended the American Library Association’s Midwinter conference in Boston, MA January 15-19, 2010 along with Helen Yeh, Associate Director, Juanita Walker, Assistant Director, and Dr. Stephen Shaw, Head of Reference and Information Services recently Librarians converged to meet and discuss cutting-edge library ideas.

Recently featured in the American Library Association (ALA) journal American Libraries. Dr. Rosie Albritton was re-elected to serve a third 3-year-term as a Councilor-at-Large, on the ALA Council. The election results are published in the June/July 2009 issue of "American Libraries. on page 12.

Presented a paper at the Juvenile Justice 6th Annual Research Symposium on April 16, 2010 entitled: Library Collaboration to Reduce Recidivism Among Youth Offenders. The presentation was based on an article Brumfield published entitled: Library Outreach to Juvenile Offenders in Intensive Supervision Probation Programs (Community Centered House Arrest). The article can be found in the ERIC (Educational Resource Information Center) database, ERIC no. ED502892.

Received the Certificate of Advanced Study in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences May 2010. Other certificates and trainings include: TAMU Summer Institute Training, Dallas, June 2010; the Copyright and Teach Act Training Workshop, San Antonio, October 2009; and the HBCU Library Alliance Scenario Planning Workshop, March 2009.

Moderated 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. Brumfield also served on the Conference Advisory Committee.

Presented the following papers at various conferences including: HBCU Libraries and Technology at the National Association of African American Studies and Affiliate Conference (February, 2010, Baton Rouge); Technology and the HBCU Librarian at the 16th National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium, (October 2009, Atlanta, Georgia); Culture and Distance Learning: Theories of Time and Space in Online Environments and Electronic Retrieval Systems, (March 2009, Prairie Texas).

**Ms. Jean “Elizabeth” Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian**

Published an article in the Journal of Library and Information Services in Distance Learning entitled: Applying the Critical Theory of Library Technology to Distance Library Services. June, 2010, v.4 no1/2 issue.

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 with Karl Henson, Electronic Services Librarian

Attended the 9th Annual Texas A&M University Assessment Conference in College Station February 22-24, 2010 with Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian. The conference’s theme, “Using Assessment to Drive Improvement,” highlighted the emphasis of evaluating student learning outcomes on the program level. The information learned will be of use as Prairie View continues to prepare for the re-accreditation visit from SACS in 2010.


**Mr. Karl E. Henson, Library Webmaster**

Conducted a seminar at Lone Star College at North Harris September 17th entitled “Assessment and the Academic Library.” with Steve Shaw, Head of Reference and Instruction. The seminar, presented to the Library Directors and other senior library staff of the eight campuses of the college system, focused on setting goals and objectives, departmental mission statements, overall library assessment best practices including data storage and documentation as well as an overview of the library requirement for SACS re-accreditation.

**Ms. Phyllis Earles, University Archivist**

Attended the Tuesday, March 17, 2009, "Scanning the Turf: The HBCU Library Alliance Digital Initiative" online class with Helen Yeh and Miguell Caesar, Library Assistant II– Technical Service. SOLINET. The free class was designed for institutions new to digitization or just beginning to form their initiative. The class focused on increasing participants’ understanding of the unique HBCU Library Alliance Digital Initiative project.

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Ms. Kimberly Gay, 
Reference and Instruction Librarian
Attended the Historically Black Colleges and University’s Information Literacy Buddy Program meeting on March 16, 2010 in Mississippi at Jackson State University.

Attended the 2010 Texas Library Association Conference in San Antonio April 14-17, 2010 with Karl Henson, Electronic Services Librarian.

Appointed to the Texas Library Association’s Lariat Adult Fiction Reading List Task Force committee. Her responsibilities will include but not limited to researching and evaluating adult fiction books for TLA’s reading list.

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 - How to begin researching your family’s past.

Co-presented 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. She co-presented with Riley, Ola, M.L.I.S. Medical Academy Librarian at PVAMU.

Keynote speaker for the University College Building Number 38 Lecture Series on September 22, 2009, held in the John B. Coleman Library. The theme of the lectures series was “The Path to Success: Life Skills 101. Are you Man Enough”.

Guest judge for the Houston Independent School Districts’ Middle Schools’ Name that Book Contest on Friday, May 8, 2009.

Co-Presented at a workshop on "Read and Celebrate African American Literature" at the 16th National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium in October 2009 in Atlanta Georgia.

Presented a workshop on “Global Librarian: Preparing Librarians to Stay Connected with the 21st Century Library Patron” at the Texas Library Association’s District 8 annual Fall Conference held Saturday October 17th at University of Houston at Sugar Land.

Presented at the PVAMU National Day of Writing Workshop on October 20, 2009, sponsored by the English Department and the Writing Center. The topic of the workshop was Got Media Information Writing Literacy?

Keynote speaker for the University College Building Number 38 Lecture Series on September 22, 2009, held in the John B. Coleman Library. The theme of the lectures series was “The Path to Success: Life Skills 101. Are you Man Enough”.

Nominated, awarded and accepted the distinct honor of being a member of The Montclair Who's Who in Collegiate Faculty™ 2010-2011 Edition.

Appointed Texas Library Association Black Caucus Councilor 2010-2013 and Scholarship Chair 2010-2013.

Invitation to join Beta Phi Mu International Library Science and Information Studies Honor Society appointment as an Executive Chapter Officer.

Ms. Lauren Kelley, 
Art Curator
Lauren Kelley, Art Curator Awarded a one-year “Fellowship” to study at the Studio Museum in Harlem (SMH).

Mr. Bob Grundy, 
Reference and Instruction Librarian

By Kimberly Gay
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Evidence of Faith: The art of Maya Imani Watson was presented on the 4th Floor Art Gallery Exhibit with an opening reception on February 3, 2010. Prairie View A&M University and the 4th Floor Art Gallery were pleased about hosting the work of Houston based artist Maya Imani Watson and her ambitious exhibition entitled Evidence of Faith. The artist created a series of paintings that are inspired by the understanding that faith is the evidence of things not seen.

All art programs and the exhibitions were made possible by the generous support of The Prairie View A&M University Student Fee Allocation Committee. Admission was free and open to the public for all showings and presentations.

Please call ext. 1523 or e-mail ldkelley@pvamu.edu for additional details on all exhibitions and programs.
Mrs. Eva Kirby, Library Assistant II Technical Services headed to retirement on May 28, 2010 with a library retirement party on that Friday. “I can now do all those things that I was planning to do someday”, said Kirby. Kirby retired from John B. Coleman Library after working just 10 years.

“Retiring is not the end of your life, it is really just the beginning of it”, said Kirby. The age of Kirby and her 10 years of service to Prairie View A&M University is what lead to her official retirement status. Kirby’s first job at the library was part-time library assistant in the Periodicals Department. She moved to the Technical Services Department in 2000.

Kirby stated that a good work philosophy is to always come to work on time and do the work to the best of your ability, plus respect others. Kirby said, “My favorite motto is do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Kirby has worked about 10 years in the Technical Services Department and found the job very interesting. “I enjoyed working in the department because I got a chance to see the collection of materials that the library was getting and I learned the process of how the materials get to the public”, said Kirby.

Kirby and her husband had a business in Houston, Texas for 26-years and their sons run the business now. Her husband has already retired and they live in Hempstead. “Retirement is when stop living at work and begin working at living.”

By Kimberly Gay, Reference and Instruction Librarian. kmgay@pvamu.edu

The Dr. Robert A. Henry Music Library was dedicated on April 18, 2010. The dedication ceremony was held in the Dr. H. Edison Anderson Recital Hall, which was dedicated at the same time. Dr. Henry was a professor in the Prairie View University’s Department of Art, Music and Theatre from 1967 to 1983.

Dr. Henry was the choral conductor and head of the department during those 16 years at PVAMU. The Dr. Henry Music Library which is located in the Hobart Thomas Taylor, Sr. Hall, has been organized as a library since the Fall of 1995.

Many of the materials in the library are cataloged in the John B. Coleman Library Catalog. The Dr. Henry Library, room 1F155 of Hobart Taylor Hall, has listening facilities for LPs, cassette tapes and CDs. The Music Librarian, Christine Moore, is always available to help with music related questions.

Everyone is welcome to visit the Dr. Robert A. Henry Music Library. During the academic semesters, hours are posted on the door or you can call before you come at (936) 261-3322. Please visit: www.pvamu.edu/pages/5940.asp.

By Christine Moore, Music Librarian chmoore@pvamu.edu

Fall 2010 LIBRARY WORKSHOPS
John B. Coleman Library
Public Events Room 108

September 2010
6th – 7-8pm, Research Basics
15th – 2-3pm,
Business Source Premier
24th – 10-11am, APA Style
28th – 3-4pm, WorldCat

October 2010
4th – 6-7pm, JSTOR
13th – 1-2pm,
Communication and Mass Media
18th – 11-noon, APA Style
29th – 4-5pm, Avery Index

November 2010
1st – 9-10am,
Business and Company Resource
10th – 2-3pm, Web of Science
19th – 2-3pm, WorldCat
24th – 9-10am, Research Basics
The John B. Coleman Library is pleased to announce: “The Barack Obama Special Collection,” in honor of the 44th President of the United States. The “Collection” now consists of about 40 titles that were released as a Selected Bibliography during the National Library Week Program, on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the John B. Coleman Library.

Other books and research materials “by or about” President Obama, the “First African-American President of the United States,” will be added to the “Collection” when published and received by the Library. One copy of each title will be held in the Special Collections/Archives Department of the Library for “special research projects, programs, and displays.” The titles are currently available for “in-house-use-only,” at the Reserve Desk in the Circulation Department, on the 1st Floor. Listed below some of the titles and call numbers of the books that are located at the Circulation Department:


Books are currently available for In-House-Use-Only at the Reserve Desk – Circulation Department. Information was compiled by Tiffany Worsham, Senior History Major 2009 and Kimberly M. Gay, Reference Librarian, Jan. 2009. The titles were updated and edited by Dr. Rosie L. Albritton, Director of Library Services, April 15, 2009. ▲

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