Library Hosts Chinese Directors

As part of the “Think Globally, Act Globally” U.S.–China Librarian Collaboration Project, Jacksonville State University was selected to host two library directors from China. Ms. Xiaowen Wang, Deputy Director from Liaoning Provincial Library, and Ms. Aiyun Wu, Deputy Director from Jilin Provincial Library, visited the Library on July 16, 2009. Discussions were set up between the Chinese directors and Serials/Acquisition Librarian Ms. Mary Bevis, Head of Technical Services Ms. Jodi Poe, and Dean of Library Services Mr. John-Bauer Graham. Librarians from both China and JSU shared their opinions on library issues, including library services, workflows, budgets, library systems and more.

After a library tour and question and answer sessions with selected librarians, the Chinese directors attended a luncheon with JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan, Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs Dr. Rebecca Turner, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joe Delap, and Dean of Library Services Dr. Jodi Poe. The Chinese directors expressed their appreciation for the hospitality and the opportunity to exchange ideas with their JSU counterparts.

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Frank Turner Hollon Speaks at JSU

Each fall the Friends of Houston Cole Library host an evening with an author—generally one who is from the South or who writes about the South. This year, the Friends were excited to host Alabama author Frank Turner Hollon on Monday, October 26, 2009. Mr. Hollon has previously spoken twice at JSU’s literary event, On the Brink, and he is a favorite of those who have heard him speak.

Mr. Hollon was born in Huntsville, Alabama and was raised in Slidell, Louisiana. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1985 and Tulane Law School in 1988. He wrote his first book, The Pains Of April, in the 1980s while in law school. Not intending that the novel would be read by anyone other than himself, the manuscript stayed in a box under his bed for more than a decade before it was published in 1999.

His novel, Life Is A Strange Place, is scheduled to be released as a major motion picture titled Barry Munday. (Barry Munday is the novel’s main character.) Mr. Hollon entertained the audience as he described the process of turning a book into a film. It is planned that the release of his most recent book, Austin and Emily, will coincide with the release of Barry Munday.

Other novels by Mr. Hollon include: The God File, A Thin Difference, The Point of Fracture, Blood and Circumstance, and The Wait. Mr. Hollon wrote Glitter Girl and the Crazy Cheese, a children’s book, with his children as a way to include them in his work. In addition, he has selections in the Blue Moon Cafe series, a collection of short stories from contemporary Southern writers.

Mr. Hollon lives in Baldwin County, Alabama where he practices law. His writing style is unique and at times a bit quirky, but he has the ability to make his readers feel the emotion of his characters. He is also, as a speaker, very entertaining!
Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, has several projects of interest on reserve. These items include:

- Departments That Work: Building and Sustaining Cultures of Excellence in Academic Programs by Jon F. Wergin
- Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement by Anne Colby
- Music and Math: The Resonance of Food by Nathaniel Smith
- skyrocket (VLCed) by Eliza Griswold

These items are available through the Library's reserve system. From the Library's homepage, click on the "Course Reserves" link in the left-hand navigation and then select Dr. Turner from the drop-down list of instructors. Some of these resources are available electronically through the Library's catalog. Those that are not can be accessed through the Library's reserve system.

The Library is pleased to announce that it has purchased the JSTOR Arts & Sciences Collections I, IV, and V. JSTOR, a digital archive of humanities, social sciences, and sciences scholarship, provides University faculty, staff, and students with access to approximately 350 titles in more than 20 disciplines.

JSTOR is a welcome addition to the Library's electronic journal holdings, all of which can be accessed through the Library catalog at http://library.jsu.edu or the Library's reserve system.

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