African-American
Read-in

By Sharon D. Brooks
Media Services Librarian
By Jennifer Neumyer
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The 25th National Anniversary of the African-American Read-in was celebrated on February 19th, 2014 at the Frederick Douglass Library from 8:00am until 11:00pm. The purpose of the Read-in was to have students select and read for one hour a book written by an African-American author.

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Nation’s Oldest African-American Community Found on Maryland’s Eastern Shore

By R Hardy Rudasill

The Tremé in New Orleans, Louisiana, has long been thought to be the oldest extant community of free African-Americans; however, newly found archeological evidence would indicate otherwise. The Hill, in Easton, Maryland, is now believed to be the oldest African-American community continuously inhabited by freedmen. Settled prior to 1770, The Hill boast artifacts indicative of its antiquity.

Dr. Dale Glenwood Green, chair of the Historic Preservation Program and professor of architecture in the School of Architecture and Planning at Morgan State University shared this information at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore during events celebrating Black

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Librarians Attend the 17th Annual Regional HBCU Summit on Retention

By Sharon D. Brooks
Media Services Librarian

The 17th Annual Regional HBCU Summit on Retention was held in Ocean City, MD March 13-15, 2014. Librarians Sharon Brooks, Renise Johnson and Marvella Rounds attended and presented at this summit. The presentation topic “Retention and Library Services: How One Library Faces The Challenge With the Introduction of E-Books” discussed the acquisition of over 15,000 e-books to the library collection, marketing strategies to increase e-book

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Awards Received for 15 Years of Service

Golinda Johnson
Karen Ames

L to R: Renise Johnson & Marvella Rounds, Reference Librarians, Sharon Brooks, Media Services Librarian

Thank you for your many years of service, and may there be many more.
Dr. Veronique Diriker: A Library is the Hub for all Research

Dr. Veronique Diriker, Director of Development

During a recent visit, an FDL staff member talked to Dr. Veronique Diriker, Director of Development, Division of Institutional Advancement about her views of the library. Below is an excerpt of the discussion:

**TELL US WHY THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS LIBRARY (FDL) IS YOUR BEST FRIEND.**

I have always been a friend of libraries. My first summer job as a high school student in France was working at a community library. I catalogued books and tapes and also worked at the check-out desk. It was a dream job for me. I had always loved books and what they represent. In high school and college, I never tired of doing research. When I was working on my Master's thesis in Paris in the early 80's, I went from library to library looking for documents and books. When I ran out of libraries, I ran out of research materials! Research is quite different today but a library is still the hub for all kinds of research, whether it is with online or hard copy materials. The Frederick Douglass Library is a wonderful place to do extensive online research and interlibrary loans. The special collections department is also a fantastic resource for students, researchers and historians. Additionally, I thoroughly enjoy going to special exhibits and attending guest speakers' presentations. Best of all are the librarians. They always know which way to point me as I seek data, information, and knowledge.

**WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE LIBRARY?**

I support the library because it is a place of knowledge – lifelong knowledge. The opportunities for libraries to anticipate and prepare for tomorrow's needs are exciting and fascinating. If our students and faculty are going to use the services of the library we need to provide them with up to date equipment, a wealth of information, and the latest data sources available.

**HOW HAS THE LIBRARY HELPED YOU DO YOUR JOB?**

When the library has special exhibits or hosts lectures, I invite friends of UMES and donors to those events. They are a fantastic way to engage our constituents with the life of the university.

**WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE LIBRARY SERVICES YOU USE?**

Exhibits and lectures; online databases.

**WHAT WILL THE LIBRARY LOOK LIKE IN THE NEAR AND DISTANT FUTURE?**

I suspect the library of the future will be a state of the art structure where visitors see exhibits of all kinds, hold conferences, and set up meetings in the many high-tech conference rooms made available to visitors. It will be a digital repository of knowledge. I think many campus art galleries will be housed in the campus libraries. The focus will be more on facilitating collaboration and sharing information between all of its users rather than focusing on each user individually.

**WHAT INFORMATION SEEKING/USING ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO TODAY'S STUDENTS?**

While information seeking is fun and exciting, it is not always as easy as it sounds. To do research well, you have to approach it methodically and strategically. That's where your faculty and library staff can help you. Once you figure this out, you will never cease to be amazed at the depth of knowledge that exists on any and all topics and how that knowledge can help you in your personal and professional life.

**WHAT'S THE BEST INFORMATION ADVICE YOU EVER GOT?**

“What was true yesterday might not be today. Never stop researching...”

**WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?**

Above all, I read. I am also passionate about the arts. I paint and draw. I switch between oil and water color with my paintings and ink and color pencils for my drawings. Additionally, I am an avid gardener and find peace in nature.
Celebrate National Library Week 2014 (April 13-19, 2014) with the theme: Lives change @ your library

by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the United States of America each April. This year's theme is Lives change @ your library. “The theme reminds us that libraries can help members of our community discover new and exciting worlds through collections, resources, services, programs, and more.”

To celebrate and promote that fact and the importance of libraries, the Frederick Douglass Library (FDL) faculty and staff prepared activities designed to show the positive impact on the lives of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) faculty, students, staff and the entire community. The week kicked off with:

- Dialogue with a Movie
- Showcase Your Organization/Culture
- Workshop for Senior Citizens
- Debate
- Library Trivia Scavenger Hunt
- Library Worker Day Luncheon

Tuesday, April 13, 2014 was a perfect opportunity to thank and highlight library staff for their hard work and achievements. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to employees for their dedicated and invaluable service.

To conclude, I want to express my special appreciation to the 2014 NLW Committee for the extraordinary contributions to successfully organize and coordinate the activities during the week. I appreciated your hard work. We can accomplish more activities and

Pomp and Circumstance: It’s not just a song

By Jennifer Neumyer

Debuting February 10 and running through May 9th on the second floor of the Douglass Library was Pomp and Circumstance: From the Orators to the Regalia. It is not just a song (a march to be exact). In this instance, it was an exhibit. It ran the gamut of our speakers of national prominence over the spring commencement series spanning 1948 through 2010, our alma mater, the history of academic degrees, our Mace and all the colorful regalia. It featured mostly images from the University Archives of the speakers during their visits, as well as brief historical biographies, we imparted to patrons a sense of why they were nationally prominent in their era. Also included are two spring commencement speakers near and dear to our hearts at UMES, past presidents Dr. John T. Williams and Dr. William P. Hytche. While the entire exhibit is a great example of teamwork between Fredz Enomanyi, Richard Rudasill and I, special acclaim belongs to Richard Rudasill for his innovative design of the commencement orator plaques.

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usage, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of e-books. Results of a survey from Fall 2013, Winter 2014 and Spring 2014 through classroom assignments and library patrons were presented and identified users and non-users of e-books. Engaging questions and comments from the presentation were well received by the audience. The entire summit was very invigorating and informational. The keynote speakers for the summit included Dr. Marybeth Gasman, Professor of Higher Education, graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, president of Dillard University in New Orleans and Dr. Shaun Harper, Executive Director, Center for the Study of Race & Equity in Education, the University of Pennsylvania. These individuals provided valuable strategies and ideas of what we can do now to help increase retention at our HBCUs.
Faces in the Library

Mrs. Michel A. Clark, Library Technician II

Michel A. Clark is a Library Tech II in the Media Services Department. She has worked in the library for more than two decades. She is active in community services with the VFW, American Legion and the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World. Mrs. Clark enjoys playing billiards and reading.

The UMES Black Collection

By Theresa Dadson
Coordinator of Acquisitions and Collection Development

During the 1995 academic year Jessie C. Smith and Morris B. Smith made a generous donation to UMES and they stipulated that the annual interest on the amount should be added to the Frederick Douglass Library budget for the purchase of books by and about African-Americans. Over the years, these funds enabled the Acquisitions Department to purchase titles which would otherwise not be purchased due to the high prices of these titles. Presently, the following titles have just been placed on order which will validate the statement above. Since these titles are on order, they cannot be cited in a particular format except to provide the authors, titles publication year and list prices in parenthesis.

- Giddings, J.G. Contemporary Afrocentric Scholarship: Towards a Cultural Philosophy. 2003. ($99.95)
- Rogers, William. Dorothy Maynor and the Harlem School of the Arts: The Diva and the Dream. 2011. ($99.95)

UMES Tidbits

By Karen Ames
Library Technician II

Do you know who I am?

An early jazz vibraphonist, a pianist, percussionist, bandleader and an actor, I composed more than 200 songs. I worked with Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Charlie Parker and Quincy Jones. Born April 20, 1908 in Louisville, Kentucky, but I spent my formative years in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1993, I was awarded the Honorary Doctorate from UMES. My known quote was:

Who am I?

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How To Find E-Books

To find the e-books, go the Library Homepage—scroll down the page, under “Resources” – click EBL: E Book Library- to begin Go, sign in with your University ID card and 14 digit barcode number. Available Search Options to use: Quick Search or Advanced Search.
Chirombo Joins FDL Staff

By Fredz Atem
Library Technician I

UMES's Frederick Douglass Library welcomes Fanuel Chirombo as the Cataloging and Reference Librarian. He joined the library in mid-January, 2014. He is responsible for processing library materials, fielding reference and research questions, and providing leadership in the library during evening hours.

Chirombo comes to UMES with a wealth of academic library experience, which spans more than two decades. His wide array of skills include the reclassification from Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) to Library of Congress classification system and the design of an effective online catalog that enhanced research capabilities of faculty and students at Midlands State University in Zimbabwe. He is also experienced in providing reference and research services to faculty and students. Fanuel believes in empowering students with research skills instead of providing them with answers. He is committed to developing research tools and courses that strengthen students’ research abilities.

Fanuel Chirombo, Cataloger/Reference Librarian

Fanuel is no stranger to the USMAI libraries. Most recently, he worked at the University of Maryland, Thurgood Marshall Law Library. His career progress includes a stint at other USMAI libraries such as the University of Maryland University College Information and Library Services; Earl S. Richardson Library at Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

He graduated with a Master of Library Science degree from University of Maryland College Park, and Master of Science in Management from University of Maryland University College. He also holds a bachelor’s in education from the University of Zimbabwe. Fanuel is married and has three

FDL Librarian Attends Leadership for
Women Conference

By Ann C. Reed
Reference Librarian II

Ann C. Reed, Reference Librarian II attended the Leadership for Women Conference at the Historical Society Auditorium in Easton, Maryland on March 7, 2014.

The Opening Keynote speaker was Sam Horn, whose “thought provoking message” was, “Intrigue: How to Connect with Anyone.” Other sessions that followed included Alice Lloyd from the Bartlett Pear Inn and Holly Foster from Chapel’s County Creamery who presented on the topic “Leadership Insights from Two Successful Entrepreneurs.” A Presentation and Communication Panel session was presented by Megan Miller of Megan Miller Communications, Filmmaker Cecile Dave, Laurie Jantz of OraSure Technologies, Inc. and Amy Steward of Steward Writing & Communications. “Presenting Yourself with Fashion” by Darcy Bernot and Lizzy Dee provided a relaxing interlude prior to the Closing Keynote session by Pam Rambo on “Letting Your Inner Humorist Out”.

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What every Student should know about Interlibrary Loan

- Interlibrary Loan books are from libraries outside the University System of Maryland. For books in the system see the Circulation Desk for Intercampus Loan.
- Interlibrary Loan materials do not check out for the entire semester.
- Do not remove any of the labels that have been placed on a book whether it is a sticker, book strap or paperwork attached with tape.
- Interlibrary loan materials have one renewal unless indicated otherwise. If you need a book for longer than the renewal period please place a new request.
- The Frederick Douglass Library ILL department does not charge fines for late or damaged materials; however you are subject to any fines or fees imposed by the lending library.
- Interlibrary Loan staff members are here to help you with your requests. They will not make the request for you.

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history month recently.

In a lecture titled “The Hill: Uncovered…. Lifting the Veil of Ignorance,” Dr. Green said archeological evidence of free African-American families living within Easton’s historic district is still being unearthed today. “The Hill’s population outnumbered the people held in involuntary servitude at the Wye Mill Plantation; a major eastern shore plantation only miles away from the dig-site,” said Green. “The findings prove that there was a thriving community of free African-Americans that predate even Tremé.”

Green is distinguished for his contributions in preservation education and for formalizing the second historic preservation program to be established at an HBCU in the U.S. He has been recognized as a champion of African-American history, applauded for his invaluable contribution to historic preservation in the state of Maryland, presented with the chairman’s award in appreciation for his outstanding commitment, dedication and service to the Maryland Commission on African-American Heritage and Culture. Also, he is a recipient of two Maryland preservation awards (the Education and Community Engagement Award and the Preservation Partnerships for Project Excellence Award).

We were fortunate enough to bring you this quality programming thanks to DelMarva Power and the efforts of our own Dr. Veronique Diriker, Director of Development, Division of Institutional Advancement.

For each hour completed, they would receive a raffle ticket for a chance at a prize. Authors prominently featured in the event were James McBride, Isabel Wilkerson and science fiction author Octavia Butler, the subject matter of a presentation given by Dr. Gregory Hampton of Howard University earlier in the day. Participation was at its highest ever this year, with 36 students taking part in the festivities, reading a total of 114 hours. To wrap-up the event, 50 donated prizes were awarded to raffle winning students. The grand prize was a $500 textbook scholarship provided by Dr. Anthony Jenkins, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

We thank Mr. Robert Bell of Pocomoke, Neebo Bookstore, UMES Athletics, Physical Plant, Office of Residence Life, Alumni Affairs, Campus Life, the Director of Marketing and External Relations, all other donors and FDL staffers. Special appreciation is extended to all student participants.

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Participant shows her prize to the camera

4 Ways to Ask Reference Questions:

1) In person at the FDLibrary Reference Desk on the 1st floor
2) By phone: 410-651-7937
3) By e-mail: refuser@umes.edu
   (Answered during Library’s regular open hours)
4) 24/7 Chat: www.askusnow.info

I am Lionel Leo Hampton!