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ALUMNI WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS
Alumni Homecoming Weekend: Photography, Southern Scholars, and Storytime in the library.

McKee Library was a very busy place over alumni homecoming weekend! The excitement kicked off with a Wednesday evening lecture by acclaimed photojournalist Billy Weeks. Weeks has received a number of awards, including an award of excellence for editorial photography in the 2006 Communication Arts Photography Annual and the 2011 Gordon Parks International Photography Award. Over 130 people gathered to listen as Weeks presented an engaging lecture about his work as a photographer and what goes into making a good photograph. His photography displays The Baseball Factory and Central America, which included his Gordon Parks award-winning photograph Young Mother, were available to be enjoyed throughout the fall semester.

The interest in photography continued on Friday morning with the official opening of the photography exhibition Southern Exposures. Professional photographer Garrett Nudd gave a touching presentation entitled The Search for 1,000 Words: Exploring Society's Love-Affair with Photography. Attendees to the lecture were able to tour the exhibition, which featured photographs taken by Southern students and alumni. These works also remained on display for the entire fall semester, giving our community time to thoroughly enjoy their beauty.

Friday afternoon found Southern Scholars students, faculty, and alumni gathered in the library to share a delicious meal and listen to Southern Scholars alumnus Zane Yi discuss the ways in which an honors education has shaped his life. Current scholars were able to participate in a question-and-answer forum with Yi and spend time connecting with each other and with Southern Scholars alumni and faculty. Sabbath afternoon the focus turned to the children visiting campus for the weekend. Nearly 80 people turned out to enjoy Story Hour for Kids of All Ages presented by master storytellers Bruce Hop...
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son, John Martin, and Katie McGrath. The stories covered a wide range of interests and topics, including Bible stories, miracle stories, character-building stories, and tales of growing up on a farm in Georgia.

The fun concluded on Sunday morning when the library joined many other campus departments for the Grand Event, designed to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the university. The library’s booth included materials from the Duane and Eunice Bietz collection of Mark Twain materials, the Nathan Greene painting In the Darkest Hour · Lincoln at Antietam, recently donated by Dan and Danny Houghton, and a technology corner where event attendees could play with the library’s Kindle, iPad, laptops, and even become friends with Melville Dewey, the library’s Facebook mascot.

Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2011 was an exciting time for the campus, and the library is pleased to have been able to be deeply involved in the weekend’s activities. See more Alumni Weekend photos on page 3

On the Shelf: by Clint Anderson

PAPER OR PLASTIC? PART 2

In part 1 of this article, Anderson explored the future of libraries in the face of our ever-evolving electronic era.

Kindle is the brand name of only one of the e-readers that are now available in the marketplace. Will these electronic gadgets supplant the library as a source for reading for pleasure and knowledge, or will they assist in broadening the scope of library use? I suppose only time will tell. But just what are the advantages and disadvantages of these electronic e-readers that are invading households and campuses across America?

Although I have chosen the Kindle as an example, I think the following advantages and disadvantages apply to all brands of e-readers.

There is something interesting and novel about the Kindle, and once you learn how to use it, it could prove handy and helpful at times, but whether or not it will ever replace the library has yet to be determined.

ADVANTAGES

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<td>E-readers are handy. You can hold them in your hand and take them with you wherever you go.</td>
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<td>You don’t need a library card to check out books.</td>
<td>You will be limited to the kinds and amount of books available on the e-reader.</td>
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<td>You won’t have to spend money for gas to go to the library.</td>
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<td>There will be no late or overdue fees.</td>
<td>There may be a fee for replacement parts and you would want to buy books to keep permanently on the e-reader.</td>
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<td>You can read from them in the dark or bright light quite easily.</td>
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<td>No more carrying an armful of books across campus, and no more being fearful that you might lose a library book.</td>
<td>You might drop or lose an e-reader, and it costs a great deal more than most books to replace.</td>
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<td>You can take notes on the e-reader without damaging the pages of a library book.</td>
<td>It might not be easy to locate notes on the e-reader at a moment’s notice, but, in time, you could get used to it.</td>
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McKee Library is a busy place. Many students continue to choose the library as their desired place for research, study, and even socialization, while others rely on our online resources. Many students enjoy a facilitated relationship with the library. They spend time in the library and maintain direct interaction with library staff, who help them with their assignments and projects. By attending instruction sessions and following up with a librarian, they are being equipped with the strategies and resources needed to excel.

Some students prefer an unfacilitated relationship with the library. They rely on online resources, but have only a limited one-on-one relationship with library staff members. They go straight to the databases or rely on research guides that provide a summary of the most important discipline-specific resources.

Regardless of a student’s preference, the library provides essential support for instruction and learning.

“Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.” (Proverbs 9:9, NIV)
New at the Library

BOOKS AND ART
Enjoy new displays and acquisitions at the library!

Lincoln by Greene

In the Darkest Hour: Lincoln at Antietam, a Nathan Greene print depicting Abraham Lincoln reading his Bible, was donated to the library last fall. Stop by the library director’s office and check it out!

Baby Bonds

A new collection of Civil War bonds and notes are currently on display on the first floor.

Books on Display

Our new book display features books from the library’s collection by subject matter and recommended picks by our staff. Check one out today!

Naturally Wonderful

Photographer Alan Orrison’s collection entitled Natural Wonder is currently showcased on the first floor of the library through April. Orrison is a Southern alum (’06) who recently graduated with a MFA degree in Photography from Savannah College of Art and Design.

Tea Time

Inspired by her daughter’s desire to have a tea party, Southern employee Brenda Flores-Lopez started collecting tea cups and saucers six years ago. Her collection boasts over 40 items, some of which are on display in the library through April.

Friends News

FRIENDS
Consider becoming a Friend of McKee Library. Visit the library website or email library.friends@southern.edu for more information.

Friends were busy last semester!

- They volunteered 16 hours a week to keep the Lincoln Library open for quiet study.
- Raised $119 for library projects during the fall Used Book Sale.
- Sponsored the framing of the library’s new Nathan Greene print (See story above).
- Collected hats, scarves, and gloves during their annual Giving Tree campaign, donating needed items to the Samaritan Center.

CAR DISPLAY WINNER!
During the Fall semester 2011, students were challenged to name all the model cars in a sizeable collection lent to us by retired Southern professor, John T. Duriechek, for display in McKee Library. The results are in and the winner is Joshua Farnsworth! Hats off to this nursing student for his in-depth research and considerable car knowledge!