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Events

Biloxi Public Library, Local History & Genealogy Department (Biloxi)

The Local History and Genealogy Department reopened its doors on October 5, 2011, in conjunction with the grand opening of the new Biloxi Public Library held September 30, 2011. In honor of these celebrations, the department is observing Archives Month by working on several critical preservation projects:

- o Sorting the collection into specific categories
- o Assigning places on the newly-installed compact storage units
- o Designing a location map for the new shelving units
- o Evaluating the contents of each category to determine the best method of preservation
- o Rehousing of many of the more delicate items, such as those in the image collection

The department also has on display a 1908-1909 original scrapbook of a sixth-grade class from Biloxi Schools.

For more information contact Jane Shambra, Local History & Genealogy Librarian at 228-435-4613.

Columbus-Lowndes Public Library (Columbus)

An exhibit titled "*Tennessee Williams: Columbus Native, American Master*" that follows the playwright's career spanning over 30 years through the use of posters and playbills. It utilizes the collection on Williams housed with the Billups-Garth Archives at the library. The exhibit runs through the months of September and October, 2011.

For additional information contact Mona K. Vance at 662-329-5304.

Delta State University Archives and Museum (Cleveland)

In a collaborative effort between the City of Cleveland's Martin & Sue King Railroad Heritage Museum and Delta State University's Archives & Museum, Alumni Foundation, and the Veteran's Atrium, "*Songs of the Patriot: An Exhibition of WWII Sheet Music*" will go on display October 1, 2011. Although vintage sheet music is the heart of the exhibition, additional objects on loan or from the collections of the Archives and the train museum will enhance the visitor's experience.

This nationally traveled exhibit is free and open to the public through November 30, 2011, in the Veteran's Atrium in Jobe Hall and the main gallery in the Capps Building. The exhibit at the Railroad Heritage Museum will run through November 12, 2011.

For more information contact the DSU Archives at 662-846-4780 or the Martin & Sue King Railroad Heritage Museum at 662-843-3377.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History or MDAH (Jackson)

o *The Freedom Rides: Journey for Change* exhibit will continue at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) William F. Winter Archives and History Building, 200 North Street, Jackson, through October 29, 2011. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

o On October 12, the public is invited to share their Civil Rights era memories as part of the *Speak Now* audio recording project before and after the HIL program, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The recordings will be added to the MDAH archival collection and made available to the public.

o The Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB) *Bookshelf for Archival Collections Care* will be presented to the Local History/Genealogical Collection fo the

Harrison County Library System in conjunction with the MDAH Board of Trustees meeting on the Gulf Coast in October.

The publications include titles related to archival collection management, care, and emergency response for both professional and public audiences and the selection is tailored to complement the recipient's existing collections.

MHRAB will also donate a collections care-related volume to the Hancock County Library System, the Long Beach Public Library, and the Jackson-George Regional Library System.

In 2012 MHRAB will continue to work in collaboration with others to promote repositories and their holdings at libraries, museums, archives, and historical societies around the state.

For more information about events at the MDAH call 601-576-6876 or visit <http://mdah.state.ms.us>.

Mississippi State University Libraries (Starkville)

o The Congressional and Political Research Center (CPRC) of the Mississippi State University (MSU) Libraries in conjunction with the Ulysses S. Grant Association will have a display of presidential materials found in the collections of the MSU Libraries including documents, photographs, artifacts and paintings representing the vast array of presidential materials found in the collections. The display will be housed in the CPRC reading room in the Mitchell Memorial Library on the first floor.

o The Mississippi State University Libraries, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government, and the Ulysses S. Grant Association welcome Mr. Alan Lowe, Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library to the Morris W. H. (Bill) Collins Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 2 p.m., in the John Grisham Room of the Mitchell Memorial Library. The event is open to the public.

For additional information contact Ryan P. Semmes at 662-325-9355.

University of Mississippi Department of Archives & Special Collections (Oxford)

o Showcasing an exhibit titled, *"We Shall Always March Ahead: Mississippi and the Civil Rights Movement"* which opens September 28, 2011 and will be on display through the end of September 2012.

o On October 13, 2011, at noon, Dr. David Sansing, emeritus professor of History, will speak on the University of Mississippi and the civil rights movement.

For more information contact Dr. Jennifer Ford at 662-915-7408.

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