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Message From the Dean

Many users of the Johnston Memorial Library view this facility as a “traditional library”. With a collection of over 277,350 monograph volumes and over 1,332 periodical titles, the library looks and acts very much as a 20th century library would. Floors are lined with ranges of books and journals that researchers retrieve and use. Librarians are available to assist users in finding information. However, in many ways, the Johnston Memorial Library is changing into the “Library of the Future”. The virtual library that JML is becoming is truly the wave of the future.

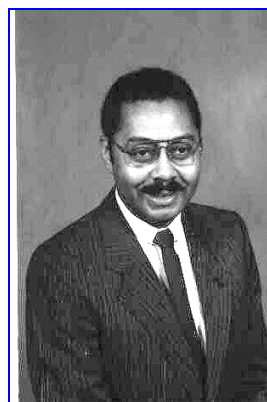
The virtual library offers access to information through electronic formats to users in-house and at remote sites. Virginia State University’s JML is one of the 39 state-assisted colleges and universities, 24 community and 2-year colleges and 28 independent colleges and universities formed to become a state-wide consortium, VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia), whose mission is to provide academic libraries in the Commonwealth of Virginia with enhanced access to numerous databases and Internet sites. Library users can access the VTLS

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Associate Librarian For Public Services Named



Michael Walker

We are pleased to welcome Michael Walker as Library Services’ Associate Librarian for Public Services. He joined the staff of Johnston Memorial Library on January 10. Michael is an alumnus of Virginia State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Alabama A & M University where he received his Masters of Library Science degree. Mr. Walker worked as an instructor of library usage for freshmen and transfer students and as a reference, government documents, and media librarian with the J.F. Drake Memorial LRC at Alabama A & M University (1978-1982); Head of Adult Services with the Petersburg Public Library (1982-1987); and as reference librarian and Head of Reference Services at the James Branch Cabell Library of Virginia Commonwealth University (1987-1999).

In his current role at Virginia State University, Michael will be responsible for coordinating the services of public service units in the library. His department responsibilities include circulation and reserves, interlibrary loans, government documents, instructional materials laboratory, and reference services. Michael brings to his position several experiences that we hope will benefit Library Services. We look forward to a long and successful association.

Online catalog (catalog to the VSU collections) to find materials on-site, to search other libraries' catalogs or to access databases that contain bibliographic citations for full text newspaper and journal articles on a plethora of topics. Some databases, in particular those found in FirstSearch, provide information on whether an item can be found in JML or another library around the world. In any event, this virtual library has linked researchers around the globe so that their work is now easier and less time-consuming.

Although the work of the researcher is less arduous with regard to identifying materials, the virtual library has made the volume of information available overwhelming to many. The faculty can access databases from their offices and students can use computing labs throughout the campus to access the Internet. JML, through the Office of Information Technology (OIT), offers remote access to library databases for faculty and graduate students via the Internet. With proper authorization, individuals can use their home computers to search for information or read full-text materials.

The traditional librarians realize the need for added assistance and are beginning to focus their work to assist users with finding resources in this virtual environment. Researchers can use library resources from the comfort of their home or office with coming into the library. The concept of the virtual library is fast becoming a reality at VSU.

The Electronic Resources Scene

The Johnston Memorial Library is a part of a statewide consortium that provides access to a number of electronic resources via the Web. Two of the resources, *Dow Jones Interactive* and *IDEAL: International Digital Electronic Access Library*, are featured below.

Dow Jones launched a Web-based service called *Dow Jones Interactive* that combines Dow Jones News/Retrieval, The Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition and several other services that contain reports, market research and financial data. Information from the *Dow Jones Interactive* can be incorporated into company's Intranet or formatted for any computing environment, including Windows, Macintosh and Lotus Notes. *Dow Jones* allows VSU clients to browse leading newspapers, magazines and newswires; search 6,000 newswires, newspapers, magazines and journals; search essential corporate, industry, government and news sites selected by the Dow Jones editors; find company, industry, country and market research; and retrieve histories on securities, dividends and exchange rates.

IDEAL, the online library featuring 175 full-text journals from Academic Press and other respected publishers, uses the Internet to expand and improve access to scientific journals. Through licensing agreements with consortia libraries, *IDEAL* brings journals directly to the desktops of researchers and scholars. Articles are displayed in Acrobat PDF (Portable Document Format) and tables of contents and abstracts are in HTML. The system includes a robust search engine for searching by various fields. *IDEAL* now contains over 50,000 articles with 2,000 more added each month.

If you need additional information or assistance in using these resources in the Johnston Memorial Library, please contact a librarian at the Reference Desk or call 524-5582.

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Associate Librarian for Technical Services Named



Gail McClenney

Elizabeth G. McClenney (Gail) joined Johnston Memorial Library on April 10 as Associate Librarian for Technical Services. Gail formerly held positions at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA as Head, Access Services (1997-1999) and as Bibliographic Systems Librarian (1991-1997). From 1989-1990, Gail held the position of LC Unit Head at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. She is an alumna of The College of William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Gail received her Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill. Gail's responsibilities here at Johnston Memorial Library will include acquisitions, cataloging, and serials.

RENOVATION UPDATE

SURVEY RESULTS

A survey was widely distributed during the fall semester seeking responses from faculty and students regarding the features they would like in the renovated library.

ARCHITECT SELECTION

During the last few months the Architect Selection Committee was engaged in the process of choosing an architect for the design of the renovated Johnston Memorial Library. From a wide list of architectural firms that responded to the bid solicitation, four firms were selected as finalists. In December the Architect Selection Committee visited libraries that represented the work of the four firms. While visiting the sites, we

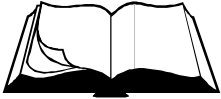
talked at length with library staff members who were involved with the renovation. We concluded this phase of the selection process feeling that we had a strong list of contenders. Interviews were conducted in January and a firm has been selected. Negotiations are underway. In our next newsletter we will post the name of the architectural firm that will design the library.

Public Services Division Announcements

Government Documents – Road Rage is a growing concern around the Commonwealth and the Government Document Librarian has prepared a display of government information available of the topic. Handouts discussing the issue are available. For quick and easy access to United States and Virginia Government information, visit the JML Web Page <http://www.vsu.edu/library/index.htm>.

Interlibrary Loan – request forms are available on the JML Web Page. From the library's web page, click on [Services and Policies](#), click on [Interlibrary Loan](#); click on [Interlibrary Loan Request Form](#) near the bottom of the page. Fill in all information. At the bottom of the page, click on [Submit Request to Interlibrary Loan](#).

Reference – new reference title include *Test in Microfiche*, a collection of certain unpublished tests as a service to educators and psychologists; *Literature and its Time: Prehistory – 2000*, profiles 300 notable literary works and the historical events that influenced them; *Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa: Archaeology, History, Languages, Culture and Environments* summarizes the current state of Africanist archaeology and is a benchmark helping to define and shape future opinion; and *Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs: an Illustrated Encyclopedia* profiles and highlights the most woody landscape plants adapted to the cooler environments of northern gardens.



Books in Review: *If I Can Cook/You Know God Can*

By Ntozake Shange

Acclaimed artist Ntozake Shange offers this delightfully eclectic tribute to black cuisine as a true food of life, one that reflects the tenacious spirit and powerful history of a people. With recipes that include everything from Cousin Eddie's Shark with Breadfruit to Collard Greens to Bring You Money, Shange instructs us in the nuances of a cuisine born on the slave ships of the Middle Passage, spiced by the jazz of Duke Ellington, and shared by all members of the African Diaspora. *If I Can Cook/You Know God Can* is as inventive as the dishes describe in it. Rich with personal memories and historical reflection, it is the story of the migration of a people, and the cuisine that marks their living legacy of taste.

New & Recommended: Books about Cooking

The Making of a Cook: the Art, Techniques, and Science of Good Cooking by Madeleine Kamman

Beans, Greens and Sweet Georgia Peaches by Damon Lee Fowler

The Whole Soy Cookbook by Patricia Greenberg

Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone by Deborah Madison

A Taste of the Gulf Coast by Jessie Tirsch

A American Century Cookbook by Jean Anderson

The Splendid Grain by Rebecca Wood

B. Smith's Entertaining and Cooking for Friends by Barbara Smith



Videos in Review: *Blue Eyed* (California Newsreel, 1995, 93 minutes)

Jan Elliott's widely known "blue eyed/brown eyed" exercise is the oldest and most celebrated anti-racism awareness program in the country. It began, as a simple classroom simulation for Elliott's all white Iowa 3rd grade class the day after Dr. Martin Luther Kings' assassination in 1968. Since then her dramatic technique has been featured on *Today*, *Donahue*, *Oprah*, *ABC News* and PBS's *Frontline*, and has helped put diversity training on the nation's educational and corporate agenda. Now *Blue Eyed* offers every American a chance to sit in on a full-length workshop with America's most dynamic trainer, Jane Elliott.

Unearthing the Slave Trade (Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 1993, 25 minutes)

On the eve of the American Revolution, New York City had the largest number of enslaved Africans of any colonial settlement outside of Charleston. Though this has seldom been acknowledged, African labor was essential in the building of New York. Today, archaeological excavation of sites on both sides of the Atlantic is bringing to light aspects of the slave trade long buried in the liberal minds of those north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

New & Recommended:

Ida B. Wells (History on Video, 1993, 27 minutes)

Our Inspiration: the Story of Maggie Lena Walker (WCVE-23, 1998, 60 minutes)

Roots: the Next Generation (Warners Home Video, 1978, 11 hours, 15 minutes)

Rome Art and Architecture (European Video Library, 1994, 80 minutes)

Mozart's Don Giovanni (Kultur, 1991, 177 minutes)

Government Document News

JML's federal document collection can be accessed through a database called DECKLIST. This database is located next to the Reference Desk. Most government documents can be checked out for three weeks.

New Government Documents:

Population Profile of the United States, September 1998
Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women
Grassroots Experiences with Government Programs and Disability Policy
The Fraunhofer Society: A Unique German Contract Research Organization Comes to America
U.S. Environmental Industry, Meeting the Challenge

Notice about Library Reserve Collection

Any faculty members who have materials placed on JML Reserve Collections are asked to please stop by or contact the Circulation department to review and/or updated your reserve materials.

Because of the copyright implications and the need to keep reserve collection to a manageable size, materials are removed from reserve after the end of each semester unless they are to be used in a course the semester immediately following. Faculty and staff may indicated on the reserve from that material is to remain on reserve for an immediately succeeding semester within the academic year, provided that the course is being offered that semester. Materials will remain on reserve for at least three weeks after the end of a semester to allow instructors time to submit a new request.

JML Reserve Guidelines are available in the library's home page.

JML Staff Updates

Michael Walker, Associate Librarian for Public Services, presented a paper, *Pay for Print: Implementing Fee-based Services*, to the Association of College and Research Libraries Conference in Detroit. In addition, Mr. Walker attended the American Library Association's Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia.

Myra Williams, Circulation Manager, attended a VTLS System Training Workshop in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Congratulations to James Holmes, Library Assistant, Serials, on receiving a Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Virginia State University.

JML's Summer Library Hours

May 17-21, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

May 22-23, closed

May 24-28, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

May 29-30, closed

May 31, 8:00 am to 5:00 PM

Beginning June 1, the hours will be as follows:

Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The Library will be closed for the 4th of July Holiday.



Taking in the Sites

Seeing the World

Youth Hostelling:

<http://www.hiayh.org>

Are you young and anxious to travel? Is your travel budget small? Youth Hostelling may be for you. Hostels are inexpensive (as low as \$20) places to stay offering basic accommodations for informal travelers around the world. This site provides everything you need to know about hostels and budget travel, including a worldwide hostel guide and passport information.

Internet Guide to Hostelling:

<http://www.hostels.com>

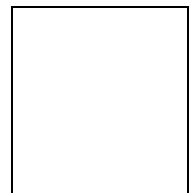
This site list information on hostelling for the young and the not so young.

U.S. State Department of Travel Information:

<http://travel.state.gov>

The U.S. State Department has extensive information on current and past travel advisories for those interested in traveling abroad. Each factsheet contains the addresses and phone numbers of American consulates, as well as passport, visa, and government information and crime data.

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