Florida A&M University Libraries has joined countless other libraries across the country in using the American Library Association’s READ poster campaign to promote literacy, recreational reading, and academic research. The READ poster series is based on the national campaign started by the American Library Association in 1985, featuring celebrities posing with their favorite books. ALA’s first poster featured actor and comedian Bill Cosby. FAMU Libraries designed and published its first set of READ posters featuring the top two university administrators with their favorite books, *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama, and *I’ve Know Rivers: Lives of Loss and Liberation* by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot.

Launched fall 2008 at the Faculty Pre-Planning Conference, Florida A&M University Libraries unveiled its first READ poster and matching bookmarks featuring Florida A&M University president James H. Ammons. The second poster featuring Provost & Vice-President Cynthia Hughes-Harris made its debut in spring 2009. Currently, the posters are displayed in the Reference Department on the second floor of Coleman Library, and in the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication Resources Center, 3rd floor, SJC Building. President Ammons and Provost Hughes-Harris were presented with copies of their READ posters.

Coordinated by university librarian for Journalism and Graphic Communication, Gloria T. Woody, the goals are to expand the READ poster series with other administrators, faculty, staff, and students posing with their favorite books; to promote literacy and the Florida A&M University Libraries; and to publish two posters per semester. The posters will be displayed throughout Coleman Library and occasionally the branch libraries. The photos were taken by university photographer, Keith Pope.

Stay tuned for the next FAMU celebrity READ poster.

---Gloria T. Woody---

**President James H. Ammons, with a favorite book, *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama**

**Provost Cynthia Hughes-Harris, with a favorite book, *I’ve Know Rivers* by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot**

---Mark Twain---
The Coleman Library Annex Art Project

Have you ever wondered where all of the framed wall art in Coleman Library comes from? How did the art get there? How is the art selected?

The Florida Art in State Buildings Program (FASBP) was established in 1979 by the Florida Legislature, administered by the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. The program’s goals are to create a state collection of art to be displayed in public state buildings. Since 1979, over one thousand works of art have been selected for display in Florida state buildings; more than sixty percent of the works displayed are created by Florida artists.

Florida A&M University submitted a proposal to the Florida Art in State Buildings Program (FASBP) to purchase art for Coleman Library. An open competition was held for art proposals, and six artists were selected by the Coleman Library Art Committee. The committee submitted their artist selections and budget to the FASBP. The selected artists were: Louis Delsarte, Fusion; Tyrone Geter, Dance Africa; Louise Kodis, Seasonal Adjustment; Jeff Whipple, Book Power; Cathy Fields, A Salmon’s Life; and Cesar Santalo, Rainbow Gay.

Louis Delsarte is a figurative artist whose works have exhibited throughout the U.S. and Europe. His painting on the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama was featured on a postage stamp in 2005. Tyrone Geter, painter and illustrator, works reflect on African American heritage. He has illustrated 10 children’s books. His works are in collections in Europe, Africa, Middle East, United States, and the Caribbean. Louise Kodis was featured in the Spokesman Review newspaper (Spokane, WA, April 27, 2006), and is a textile artist known for her textured banners that are made of translucent silk organza with several layers to acquire mixed colors. Kodis’ works are displayed throughout the country. Jeff Wipple, artist, writer, and filmmaker, has had seventy-five solo exhibitions of his paintings and sculptures throughout the United States, including a 300 foot long mural for the city of Tampa, Florida. Cathy Fields describes herself as a self-taught painter of public art, murals, illustrations, and studio work. She focuses on painting, using acrylics or oil pastels for studio work. On his website, collage artist Cesar Santalo states that “My portraits are comprised of collage materials such as magazines, newspaper pictures, personal photographs and cloth glued to wood, cardboard and paper.” Santalo’s artistic works have been published in magazines and periodicals. Additional artwork and information can be found on the artists’ personal web sites.

Jeanette Cox, university librarian, was appointed to coordinate the acquisition and installation of the artwork for the Coleman Library Annex. The art was installed by Chester Williams, FAMU Visual Arts Professor, of the College of Arts and Sciences.

FDRC

The Libraries’ Commons Group has launched its first project, The Samuel H. Coleman Library Gallery of Distinction, in the FAMU Digital Resources Center repository. The current digital display features outstanding librarians and library supporters, past and present, who have made significant contributions to Florida A&M University Libraries. There are small graphic images, brief biographical information, and a larger image of each person. The Libraries’ Commons Group worked diligently planning, testing, and implementing the photos and creating metadata to make this site available. The site was launched in November 2008.

To meet library users’ needs, the commons group is planning other digital projects, and welcomes suggestions. Please contact Mrs. Brenda Wright, Assistant Director for Collection Management, with digital suggestions at (850) 599-8675, or brenda.wright@famu.edu.

The FAMU Digital Resources Center can be viewed at http://purl.fcla.edu/fcla/famudig, or accessed via the online catalog at www.famu.edu/library.

University Libraries on Facebook

Two hundred and sixty-one fans and counting!!!

The Florida A&M University Libraries are now providing a closer connection to students on FACEBOOK, the popular social networking site. Students and friends can virtually connect to the libraries to keep breast of the latest library related news and events, get information about the libraries, and access quick links to the Website, online catalog, subject guides, library hours, and chat with a librarian.

Become a fan of Facebook and connect to FAMU Libraries to keep up with library happenings. Anyone with a Facebook account can link to FAMU Libraries by searching “Florida A&M University Libraries” and clicking on the “become a fan” link. To join Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and register for your free page.

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---Susan Liang---
A Memorable Day in the life of Samuel H. Coleman Memorial Library

The buzz of excitement was in the air as library staff prepared for the Florida A&M University visit of the wives of the presidential and vice presidential candidates of the United States by way of Samuel H. Coleman Memorial Library! It started on Friday, September 26, 2008 as Assistant Director of Public Services, Joyce Johnson, and staff prepared Coleman Library for the historic presidential campaign visit of Mrs. Michelle Obama and Mrs. Jill Biden. Exhibits from the Black Archives Research Center and Museum were displayed throughout the welcome area of the library by Elizabeth Dawson, Archivist/Curator. On Saturday, September 27, Mrs. Obama and Mrs. Biden rallied the crowd from the front entrance of Coleman Library with the message of CHANGE and the importance of voter registration.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Jeopardy Showdown

The library team: Jeneice Smith, Architecture Librarian; Anatole Cloud, Senior Clerk; James Heinis, Computer Support Specialist; and LaTrika Quinn, Program Assistant, geared up for the challenge, and came back victorious with a score of 600 points out of 1000.

The team attributes its victory to excellent notes and feedback provided by Emmett Denny, university librarian, Ruth M. Swan, Associate Director of Libraries, and Lauren B. Sapp, Director of Libraries. The victory prize was a group lunch with President James. H. Ammons.

The library highlights

The waiting crowd gathered in front of library under the watchful eyes of the Secret Service

Security check of Coleman Library

Michelle Obama delivers message of CHANGE and voter registration

Michelle Obama exits platform into crowd

Exhibits on display from the Black Archives & Research Center and Museum

President and Mrs. James H. Ammons in Coleman Library

Jill Biden (left) and Michelle Obama (right) at the Information Commons Desk

QEP Jeopardy Showdown teams on the Set: left to right—Students, Provost’s Office, University Libraries, and Office of Communications

It was High Noon on the Set on March 3, 2009. Flags were flapping in the air and the day arose with a chill. All was silent; it was time for the Quality Enhancement Plan Jeopardy Showdown. From the silence came a form affecting the manner of Alex Trebek, popular television game show host. This was not a gunfight but a game of QEP Jeopardy! Four teams came to play: students with iPhones at their sides, the Provost’s Office, Office of Communications, and the team with the “know-how” from University Libraries. The QEP Showdown provided an opportunity for administrators, faculty, staff, and students to showcase their knowledge about FAMU QEP goals, themes, and intended impact. The QEP is a critical component of Florida A&M University Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation.

University Libraries team: left to right seated-LaTrika Quinn, Jeneice Smith; standing-James Heinis, Anatole Cloud

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Periodicals Librarian Retires
Phyllis Broomfield, Periodicals Librarian, retired on December 31, 2008, after 22 years of service to Florida A&M University Libraries. She is a native of Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Broomfield joined the FAMU library staff in February 1986. She served the University Libraries in many capacities, including serials cataloger in Technical Services, and as head of the Periodicals Department in Public and Information Services.

Prior to her career at Florida A&M University, she was a grade school teacher and Media Specialist for six years in Orlando, Florida, and a Library Technical Assistant, Instructor, and Assistant Librarian for eight years for the Florida State University Educator’s Information Services (FEIS).

She received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Library Science from Florida A&M University. She also received the Master of Science in Library Science, and the Specialist Degree in Library and Information Studies, both from Florida State University. Her professional memberships included South Eastern Library Association, North Florida Library Association, and FAMU Friends of the Libraries.

The University Libraries Hospitality Committee hosted a retirement banquet in Mrs. Broomfield’s honor at the Ramada Inn Conference Center. She was joined by family, friends, and colleagues for the occasion. A retirement plaque was presented by Director of Libraries, Lauren B. Sapp. Mrs. Broomfield is wished continuous joy in her retirement.

—Jeneice Smith—

Photo by Gloria Woody

Systems Librarian M. Jean Adams Retires and Returns
M. Jean Williams-Adams retired from the position of Systems Librarian on September 30, 2008, after 26 years of service to Florida A&M University. During her tenure, Mrs. Adams served in a number of positions at Florida A&M University including data entry operator, staff assistant, program assistant, computer support specialist, office manager, and Systems Librarian.

A native of Greenwood, Florida, she migrated to Tallahassee and began her employment at Florida A&M University in 1982. While employed, she pursued the goal of a college education. Mrs. Adams earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Office Administration from FAMU in 1998, and a Master of Science Degree in Library and Information Studies in 2001 from Florida State University. These accomplishments promoted her to the rank of Systems Librarian.

During the six weeks of retirement, Jean Adams enjoyed the relaxation and leisure life of a “retiree” and then she opted to return to the position of Systems Librarian for the University Libraries once again. She emphasized that, “the joy of being employed where you feel wanted and needed,” played a significant role in her return to work. To Jean Adams, we say congratulations on your retirement and welcome back!

—Jeneice Smith—

Photos by Gloria Woody

Left to right: Jean Adams receives retirement plaque from Director of Libraries, Dr. Lauren B. Sapp

Library Worker SPOTLIGHT...

Jabari Jackson

Jabari Jackson has worked part-time in Coleman Library’s African American collection since May 2007, and is thankful for having the opportunity to work there for the time being.

Jackson, a native of Madison, Florida, has been a sports writer for the FAMUAN since spring 2008. He is a junior broadcast journalism major who covers sports ranging from basketball to tennis, and considers football and baseball as his more knowledgeable areas.

Growing up in a small community fed his love for athletics, if that meant playing or simply writing an article about sporting events. Balance between academics and athletics were instilled by his parents at a young age, and those same values still stick with him to this day.

With seven articles and two columns under his belt, he is looking forward to a promising career in the media after his graduation.

—Cornelia Taylor—

Conference / Workshops

Ophelia Chapman, Instructor Librarian, Reference Department, E-Books Summit Preconference: The Past is Not the Future, Florida State University, March 25, 2009.

Brenda Wright, Assistant Director, Collection Management, and Elaine McCready, Instructor Librarian, Cataloging Department, Collection Development/ Resource Sharing Conference, Florida State University Alumni Center, March 26, 2009.


New Employees
James Heins and Jesse Riosco joined the Systems Department team as Computer Support Specialists.

Keith Fagg joined the University Libraries staff in August 2008 as a Senior Library Technical Assistant (OPS) in Special Collections. In May 2009, he was hired as Instructor Librarian for the Periodicals Department.

—Juanita Brown—

Librarian Attends Leadership Institute
Ernestine Holmes, university librarian and acquisitions department head, was chosen to participate in 2008 -2009 Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute. The leadership development model prepares those who work in libraries of all types to provide high-quality services, serve in leadership roles at local, state, and national levels, and increase their skills, energy, and motivation.

The Institute was held at the Alachua County Public Library in Gainesville, Florida. Class sessions were held once-a-month, November through July, after which participants receive awards of certificates upon completion of the Institutes’ criteria. Ms. Holmes received the Certificate of Accomplishment on July 30, 2009.

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