

# Among Friends of Jackson Library

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Mary Jarrell  
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## Friends of the Library Programs Set

The forty-second year of the Friends of the Library promises to be an eventful one. In addition to the annual dinner in March, the Friends organization will sponsor several programs this fall in collaboration with other organizations at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. All members of the Friends of the Library are invited, and admission is free.

The Friends of the Library, the UNCG Bookstore and the MFA Creative Writing Program are pleased to announce that **Mary Jarrell** will read from her new book, Remembering Randall : a memoir of poet, critic, and teacher Randall Jarrell at program to be held on Monday November 15. The reading will be held in Jarrell Lecture Hall, at 3:30 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow in the Special Collections Division of Jackson Library, located on the 2nd Floor of the Main Building. In addition to being a published author and the widow of Professor Jarrell, Mary is also a Life member of the Friends of the Library. We are delighted to have her speak to us. Fred Chappell will be with us to introduce Mary.

*Among Friends* is a new publication of Jackson Library designed to communicate with the Friends of the Library about programs, events, resources and services. With it, we hope to keep you informed about new developments, staff accomplishments and other news. Please send any comments, suggestions or story ideas to Special Projects Librarian Barry Miller, who can be reached by email at [barry\\_miller@uncg.edu](mailto:barry_miller@uncg.edu) or by phone at 334-3741.

Friends of the Library memberships run from January 1 to December 31.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held October 13-15 in the Main Lobby of Jackson Library. Prices will be \$2 on the first day, \$1 the second day, and \$.50 on the third day. Please come out, pick up some bargain books and help us raise money to support the collections and services of Jackson Library. Friends of the Library members who wish to donate books or help in setting up the sale should call Barry Miller at 334-3741. Drop boxes for book donations may be found at the front entrance to the Library.

Last year, the faculty of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro collectively published sixty-four books. To recognize these and other past and future book authors on the faculty, the UNCG Bookstore and the Friends of the Library are initiating a series of receptions to honor the authors. The receptions will offer members of the university community and the general public a chance to meet and talk with these authors, and to purchase and have copies of the books signed. The first two of these receptions have been scheduled. The first will honor recent book authors from the Sociology Department. It will be held October 6 at 4 p.m. in the Special Collections Division of Jackson Library, located on the second floor. The second reception, to be held November 30 at the same time and place, will honor book authors from the English Department.

## Lee Smith to Speak at Friends of the Library Annual Dinner



Lee Smith

Novelist Lee Smith has been confirmed as the featured speaker at the Friends of the Library annual dinner on March 22, 2000 in Cone Ballroom. Smith is the author of numerous books,

including The Day the Dogbushes Bloomed, Oral History, Saving Grace and News of the Spirit. She has won a number of awards, including the Lila Wallace Readers Digest Award, the Robert Penn Warren Prize for Fiction, and an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She recently retired from the faculty at N.C. State University.

Smith's work and that of her fellow alumna of Hollins College was recently explored in Nancy C. Parrish's book, Lee Smith, Annie Dillard, and the Hollins Group : a genesis of writers, published by LSU Press in 1998.

Lee Smith's speaking voice is unmistakable. Some time ago I tuned in to CBS Sunday Morning and knew immediately, without looking, that I was hearing Lee Smith—and I had only heard her speak twice before. As you would expect, she has a Southern accent, but why is it so memorable? Again as you might expect, most of her themes and characters are Southern; when she read from her novel The Devil's Dream at the UNCG Alumni House, the audience roared with laughter as she described her attempt to explain the term "double wide" to her New York editor.

So her literary voice is no less Southern—and no less memorable—than her speaking voice. Whether she is writing in the voice of a child or an old woman, an evangelical Christian or a stripper, the words and the tone ring true. In her most recent short story collection, News of the Spirit, she speaks in all these voices and more, with never a missed beat or an uncertain note. In fact, in all of her writing, it is her characters' voices, not their settings or their actions, that have remained with me. Surely it's no accident that one of her most praised novels is called Oral History. If you haven't read Lee Smith, start with the stories. (Her other collections are Cakewalk and Me and My Baby View the Eclipse; the title alone of the last one made me love it.) Then move on to novels like Family Linen and Saving Grace. Then come to hear her speak at the Friends of the Library meeting. I promise, you won't forget any of her voices.

—Gaylor Callahan, Interlibrary Loan Department

## Elsewhere at UNCG

Fred Chappell will read from his new novel, Look Back All the Green Valley, at the Alumni House November 9.

James McBride, author of The Color of Water, will be here October 28 at 4 p.m. in Cone Ballroom for a discussion of his book. The Color of Water is the "campus read" this fall and will be read by all English 101 students before McBride's visit.



Fred Chappell

Playwright Emily Mann will be here for a discussion of her play "Greensboro: A Requiem," prior to the opening of the play at Taylor Theatre on November 3. Jackson Library News

## Jackson Library News

The Friends of the Library is now on the web at <http://library.uncg.edu/depts/admin/fol.html>.

At the site, members will find information about the organization, its history, membership categories, officers and ways to be involved in promoting Jackson Library.

For ongoing news about Jackson Library, see the newly designed web page at <http://library.uncg.edu>. From this site, one can also access the catalog and other resources such as the quick information links created by the Reference Department, the new and featured books page maintained by the Acquisition Department, the Library Columns newsletter and other information. Many of the article and journal databases are limited by license agreements to persons with a current UNCG ID, but some features are available to the general public.

The Music Division of Jackson Library moved into the new Music Building at the beginning of the Fall semester. For the first time, books, journals, scores, reference materials and music listening materials are all in one place.

The Library completed moving approximately 85,000 books to offsite storage during the summer. The move of these lesser-used materials frees space in Jackson Library for new materials. Even so, space is tight. The move has given us room for 4-5 years additional growth in the stacks.

The Women Veterans Historical Project continues to grow. There are now over eighty oral history interviews in the collection documenting the female experience in World War II. An article on the Project is scheduled to appear in an upcoming issue of UNCG magazine.

The Reference Department has revised and updated its Department pages, due primarily to the efforts of **Laura Hayworth**,

**Mary Katherine Amos** and **Heidi Schachtschneider**. The Department also revised the Virtual Reference Desk and renamed it "Quick Information Links." This service links library users to selected sites on the Internet in a variety of subject fields. The page is available on the "Shortcuts to Most-Often Used Resources" section of the Library home page or at <http://library.uncg.edu/depts/ref/qil.htm>.

The Acquisition Department has also revised its pages, found at: <http://library.uncg.edu/depts/acq/index.html>. The changes reflect a new organizational structure combining the acquisition of monographs and serials under the direction of Head Acquisition Librarian **Rick Anderson**.

Special Collections Librarian **Bill Finley** published an article entitled "A Noble Tradition: Creative Writing at UNCG" in the Summer 1999 issue of North Carolina Libraries.

**John Overly** received the Library Service Award given "to recognize and reward members of the SPA Library staff who provide outstanding leadership and service in furthering the accomplishment of the mission of the Library."



John Overly

Reference Librarian **Amy McKee** was part of an international group of librarians, publishers and subscription company representatives that developed a suite of generic standard licenses for electronic journals. These agreements are expected to ease licensing of electronic resources for off-site access, which is important for distance education initiatives at UNCG.

**Mary Jane Conger**, Assistant Catalog Librarian, has been named the Outstanding Congregational Librarian by the national Church and Synagogue Library Association.



Mary Jane Conger

Reference Librarian **Mark Schumacher** gave a paper, "Girls Series Books: a View of Times Past" at the annual conference of the Popular Culture Association in San Diego, CA in April. The paper described and discussed the 1900-item collection of these materials housed in the Special Collections and Rare Books Division of the Library.

At the American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans (June 26, 1999), **Gerald Holmes** of the Reference Department presented the Poster Session, "GRANTS TREASURE HUNT: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT!" The poster session highlighted the services of the Jackson Library and the Office of Research at The University of

North Carolina at Greensboro in providing resources to grants-seeking students, faculty and staff. Databases covered include Grants Select Web, Community of Science, SPIN (Sponsored Information Network), the Grant Advisor and CRIS (Community Resource Information System).

Electronic Information Resources Librarian **Tim Bucknall** and Networked Information Services Librarian **John Felts** will each speak at the LITA (Library and Information Technology Association) meeting in November.

**John Felts** published two reviews published in Electronic Resources Review, and has been accepted to speak at Ninth Annual Off-Campus Library Services Conference next year.

Reference Department Head **Kathy Crowe** has been elected to the LAMS Board (Library Administration and Management Section) of the North Carolina Library Association for a two year period beginning in September.

Acquisition Librarian **Rick Anderson** published a paper entitled "Library Service Fees: What Was the Question, Again?" in Library Collections, Acquisitions and Technical Services 23 no. 2 (Summer) 1999.

**April Wreath**, Systems Librarian, and **Terry Brandsma**, Information Technology Librarian, have been invited to speak at the UNC CAUSE 99 Conference, Raleigh, NC, October 13-15, 1999. "Creating an Electronic Reserves System that Works for You and Your Library" will be jointly presented with Jill Ellern, Systems Librarian, Western Carolina University.

**Robert James**, Head of the Circulation Department and co-chair of the Library's Preservation Committee, attended the workshop "Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery: Surviving the Big One" at UNC Wilmington on August 2nd. The workshop addressed the nature of hurricanes and the tornadoes they may spawn; library disaster plans; storm-proofing institutions; proactive measures to take before, during and after the storm; and available disaster assistance resources. Dr. Michael Trinkley, director of the Chicora Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Columbia, South Carolina specializing in preservation consulting and training for museum, library, archive, and historic site personnel, conducted the workshop which was sponsored by the SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network) Preservation Field Services and the North Carolina Preservation Consortium.

## Friends of the Library Membership Categories

Individual		Corporate	
Member	\$25	Corporate Friend	\$100
Associate	\$50	Corporate Tower	\$500
Patron	\$100		
Benefactor	\$250		

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## Upcoming Events

October 6 **Faculty Book Authors Reception** featuring authors from the Sociology Department, hosted by the UNCG Book Store and Friends of the Library  
Special Collections Division, Jackson Library 2nd Floor, 4 p.m.

October 13-15 **Friends of the Library Book Sale** – Jackson Library 1st floor

October 19 **Friends of the Library Board Meeting** Special Collections Division, Jackson Library 2nd Floor, 7:30 p.m.

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March 22 **Friends of the Library Annual Dinner** with Lee Smith

**Friends of the Library are invited to all of these events.**