**Friends of the Library**

You are cordially invited to become a Friend of the Houston Cole Library.

The purpose of the Friends is to promote an appreciation of the Library as the center of academic life at Jacksonville State University and to provide enrichment for the Library’s resources.

The privileges of membership in the Friends include:

- An opportunity to participate in the enhancement of the Library
- A card entitling you to check out books
- An opportunity to enjoy programs and activities of the Friends

Stop by the circulation desk and ask for details!

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**Graham receives award**

Professor John-Bauer Graham, Dean of Library Services, was recently selected as one of Auburn University’s 2013 Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients. Auburn selects ten recipients each year based upon their significant achievements in their professional lives and/or for their distinguished community service.

Dean Graham received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Auburn University. He holds a Master of Arts in History from JSU and a Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama.

**Library offers extended hours during finals**

The Houston Cole Library is pleased to announce that it will again offer extended hours during final exams. Beginning Sunday, December 1st through Thursday, December 5th, the Library will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m., providing a quiet and comfortable place to study. Library services, including circulation and reference, will be open regular hours, 7:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. The Library also offers a group study room on the 4th floor. Students wishing to reserve the group study room should contact the circulation desk at (256) 782-5758.
The “Ask Us” Button

In the spring of 2012, the Library introduced LibGuides (libguides@jsu.edu), a subject-specific gateway to all of your Library resources. LibGuides made it easier to search the Library’s resources by subject. This year the Houston Cole Library presents “Ask Us.” It is a chat feature that allows students and faculty to contact reference librarians and staff online. From the Library homepage, as well as through individual LibGuides pages, you can “Ask Us” questions. The service is available during normal reference hours, seven days a week. To access the service, simply click on the button located on the right of every Library web page, and then click “Chat!” For more information, visit us at the Library homepage or at http://libguides.jsu.edu and come have a chat.

Library welcomes new secretary, public services assistant

Alisha Henson is the new Secretary to the Dean of Library Services, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Lynn Varcak at the end of July 2013. Alisha has been working at JSU for more than six years. She came to the Library after having worked as a clerical assistant III in the Physical Plant. She says that her time at the Library has been an “amazing blessing.” She is seeing more of the academic side of the University, and she is really enjoying the interaction with students. Alisha is married with two children.

Tere King is the new Public Services Assistant at the Circulation Desk. She fills the position left by Susan Wiggins, who moved to a different position. Tere is a “western girl” from western Oklahoma, almost into Texas. She is married to Greg King, who is from Anniston. They met at Yellowstone National Park and were married in 1997. Tere likes critters, such as horses, dogs, cats, and chickens, and she absolutely loves the great outdoors. She has found the Library to be a very pleasant place to work with a great environment. She states, “you can’t go wrong with books.” Working at the Library has been a new, enjoyable experience for Tere. She enjoys meeting people and loves the view from the 12th floor.

Musical Learning

The Library’s very own audiovisual technician, Michael Walker, is making melodies. Michael recently launched a business called Musical Learning Tools (MuLT). MuLT essentially takes the approved Common Core Curriculum being taught in K-12 classrooms and adds catchy music and lyrics to it. The purpose is to make learning fun and to help students retain the information; there is bountiful scholarly research that supports a strong positive correlation between music and learning. MuLT has been featured on ABC 33/40’s talk of Alabama and WEAC TV 24’s East Alabama Today.

MuLT’s freshman project is a CD called Multiply. Multiply teaches kids multiplication facts 0-12 in a fun and exciting way by intertwining hip hop, Latin, Caribbean, and other popular musical flavors. Multiply can be ordered online at www.musicallearning-tools.com or from digital outlets such as iTunes and Spotify, to name a few (Search under Musical Learning Tools.). The digital outlets also offer four Multiply bonus tracks. Multiply was written and produced by Michael. Michael remarked, “I am truly grateful that educators, parents, and students have embraced Multiply. Students can and should have fun while they learn.”

Publications, presentations, awards...

The faculty at Houston Cole Library have had a fruitful few months of publishing and presenting. Here are a few of their most recent accomplishments…


Promotion and Tenure

Carley Knight, Associate Professor (Fall 2013)
Charlcie Vann, Associate Professor (Fall 2013)

Promotion

John-Bauer Graham, Professor (Fall 2013)
Jodi Poe, Professor (Fall 2013)

2013 Faculty Research Awards

John-Bauer Graham, Bethany Latham, Harry Nuttall, Laurie Charnigo, Jodi Poe, Kim Stevens, Yingji Tang

Service Pins

Bethany Latham, 10 Years
Kim Stevens, 15 Years