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JSU librarians present



Carley Suther Knight, Kimberly Weatherford Stevens & Harry Nuttall at the Alabama Library Association Conference.

Librarians were in attendance and presenting on a variety of topics at this year's Alabama Library Association Conference, held in Hunstville in April. Harry Nuttall, 7th Floor Literature Reference Librarian, discussed the *Customization of Web-Scale Discovery Tools (WSDTs) in Alabama Academic Libraries*. His presentation was an

exploration into the new Discovery search tool that JSU as well as the University of Alabama use to help make students' and faculty's research a little easier. Jodi Poe, Head of Technical Services, and Kim Stevens, Head Cataloger, presented *RDA: One Year Later*, a look into the new rules and regulations of cataloging for all libraries. They were joined by presenters from Samford and Auburn. Ms. Poe made a second presentation: *Technoforum: Discovery Tools -- EBSCO Discovery Service Implementation and Management*, which delved into the startup and planning of Discovery **continued on pg. 3**

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Local author Beth Duke presents at Spring Friends of the Library event



Photo courtesy of Beth Duke



"There are diamonds in the red clay of northeast Alabama. Delaney is one of them."

So begins the reader's introduction to Delaney Robinson, the two-year-old with a serious attachment to her great-grandmother, who is the subject of *Delaney's People*, the first of two novels by local author Beth Duke.

Duke was the featured speaker at Jacksonville State University's Friends of the Houston Cole Library annual Spring author event on Thursday, March 6.

In addition to *Delaney's People*, Duke has written several prize-winning short stories. Her work has been featured in *Pearl: A Literary Magazine*, *Longleaf Style* magazine and included in the British anthology *The Possibility of Bears*.

Don't Shoot Your Mule, the highly anticipated sequel to *Delaney's People*, takes readers on a turbulent, surprise-filled journey from Depression Era rural Alabama through 2011's devastating tornadoes and their impact on Delaney's family and friends. Family ties, love, loss, betrayal and a characteristic dead mule combine in a perfect book for devotees of Southern literature. The book follows a diverse collection of characters and one group's healing and recovery culminates in Bama Rising, the benefit concert by Alabama, at Birmingham's BJCC. Alabama Grammy-winning songwriter, lead singer of Alabama (and JSU trustee) Randy Owen has since become a great admirer of Duke's writing, commenting:

"Beth Duke's works are as real as grits and gravy in The South, and her usage of her Southern English has the taste of Mama's biscuits."

Kimberly Brock, author of *The River Witch* and 2013 Georgia Author of the Year, has commented about Duke's first book:

"Every scene, every character in this wonderfully colorful depiction of Dixie evokes both the vulnerable and gritty parts of a people and region. Beth Duke's *Delaney's People* weaves together strands of the past and present as seamless as pearls, treating her readers to a collection chock full of loving detail, big-hearted humor and tender insight."

Sherry Kughn, frequent contributor to *The Anniston Star* and a columnist for the *Jacksonville News*, had the occasion to do a feature piece on the Saks family "pet," Radar the Mule, owned by a cousin of the author, which Duke photographed for the book cover of her second book. Author and educator Sherry Kughn also organizes the Calhoun County Writers Group, to which Beth Duke spoke last fall, just after her stunning short story was published in *Longleaf Style*. The aspiring writers were very engaged by Duke's initiative to self-publish through Amazon's CreateSpace. She gave some practical advice about mastering the mechanics of publishing through the author-controlled service and included information about these experiences in her presentation at JSU.

An Anniston native, Beth Dial Duke lived on the Gulf Coast of Florida for many years. She now resides in Delta with her family — husband Jay and children Jason and Savannah — and eleven loyal chickens, two lovable dogs and a randomly affectionate cat. She speaks admirably of her grandmother's hardscrabble life as a resident of Mill Village in Jacksonville. Duke's inspiration to turn to writing after a successful career in marketing pays great tribute to the rich heritage of those in earlier generations. Duke's blog, Delta Delta Delta, currently contains information on her two titles plus her impressive photo-shoot of the Parker Memorial Baptist Church, posted last fall after its restoration was completed.

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at the Houston Cole Library. Carley Knight, 6th Floor Fine Arts Reference Librarian, explained her interest in using subject headings as a way to teach students how to do research. Her presentation was entitled: *Using Subject Searches in Discovery to Help Students with Scaffolding in Problem-Based Learning Research*, and she presented alongside a fellow Reference Librarian from the University of South Alabama.

2014 FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

Houston Cole Library was well-represented at the annual Faculty Research Awards program on May 6, 2014. Librarians receiving Faculty Research Awards included John-Bauer Graham, Carley Knight, Bethany Latham, Jodi Poe, Kimberly Stevens, Yingqi Tang, Charlcie Pettway Vann, and Hanrong Wang.

Ms. Wang was also recognized as a Wuhan Scholar.

Ms. Mary Bevis received her 30 year service pin.



Library Instruction



Have you ever wondered what the Library had to offer, but were too afraid to ask? Maybe you didn't think you had time. Well, you might be pleasantly surprised by what you find. Have you heard about Discovery? It's the Library's most recent cool thing. The best way to describe Discovery would be to think of it as a Google or Bing, but for Library resources. It offers access to books and full-text journal articles — something that Google would be happy to charge you to read. Discovery is located on our homepage. Check it out and see what you find. You might also be curious about how to help your students do real research, but it seems so complicated, right? Well, there is another cool thing that the Library has — it's called LibGuides. LibGuides are subject guides created by librarians to help make research easier. There is one for every subject, and some of them are even course-specific. These are fantastic little introductions to the great big world of research. See what your students can find when you schedule an instruction session with a Reference Librarian.

Extended Circulation Periods

The Library is pleased to report that students now have more time to use the resources they've checked out — circulation privileges have been extended for certain classes of library patrons. The check-out period for undergraduates has been extended from 14 days to 28 days (4 weeks). Graduate students' check-out period has likewise been extended, from 28 to 60 days. The check-out period for materials found in the Library's Audio-Visual Department has been changed from 3 to 7 days for graduate students. For more information, please see the Library's policy manual, which can be accessed online through the Library website.