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NEW ART ON PARK OPENING
BY RACHEL MCGEE

The upcoming February exhibit features the works of Chamindika Wan- duragala. Her collection is based on what the author Audre Lorde referred to as “biomythography.” This series of work explores the intertwining of personal experience and myth. The characters inhabit a space between dream and reality. Click here to learn more about Wanduragala’s collection.

Join us for the opening on February 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library.

IMPROVED INTERFACE FOR PSYCHOLOGY DATABASES
BY JANE LITTLEFIELD

PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES moved to the EBSCO platform in January. February will also usher in a more user-friendly interface for all ProQuest databases. See our news blog for detailed information and tutorials. Contact us with questions!

SMU AUTHOR COLLECTION
BY REBECCA GANZEL

That mysterious person sitting next to you in class just might be a published author! Find out for sure by browsing through the library’s SMU Author Collection. You can do this online via our MnPALS catalog or (this month, anyway) take a look at the special display by our library’s front door. New items are still being cataloged, so we recommend several visits.

For this new library collection, we’re actively seeking books (and DVDs, and CDs) by students, alumni, faculty, and staff. When they’re not on display or checked out, they’re on the regular library shelf with other items on similar subjects. Of course we don’t have favorites among the current SMU authors; we’re objective librarians. But if we did, we’d be sure to tell you about The Alphabliss of Miss, a richly illustrated children’s picture book by 2002 Human Development graduate Angel Morgan Abell and many others.

VHS PLAYER
BY CARRIE KEILLOR

If you need to watch a VHS tape, but you have not owned a VCR since the Clinton administration, fear not. The Library recently acquired a TV/VCR viewing station. This rare museum artifact is located in the Special Collections room across the hall from the Library. We also have headphones available for checkout. Happy viewing!

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SPOTLIGHT: Eratosthenes

Born in what is now Libya way back in 276 B.C., Eratosthenes was a chief librarian of the fabulous library in Alexandria. Not content simply to oversee the center of all ancient knowledge, Eratosthenes went on to virtually invent the discipline of geography. And in the spare time that he still managed to find, he established a reputation as a poet, athlete, astronomer, and music theorist. Then – because why not? – he developed an algorithm for finding prime numbers. Let’s face it – Eratosthenes was one librarian who could not be stopped.

AWFUL LIBRARY BOOKS
BY CARRIE KEILLOR

Feeling nostalgic? The Awful Library Books blog features books that have been rightfully weeded from libraries for being outdated, outlandish, or outright offensive. Click here to learn more about becoming a hippie (1967), using pocket calculators (1979), or finding buried treasure (1986).