

GELMAN NEWS

Africana Women Exhibit at Sumner School

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

The *Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium* exhibit, which originated at The Gelman Library Special Collections Department, will be showing at the Charles Sumner School Museum from January 24, 2001 – June 21, 2001. The museum season opening reception was on Wednesday, January 24; 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Sumner School Museum. See **Attachment A** for more information about the exhibits.

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Pre-Tax Transportation Benefits

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

See **Attachment B** for information regarding the Pre-tax Transportation Benefits which will be effective March 1, 2001.

New RT Schedule

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

The Gelman Library Newsletter, *Renaissance Times*, will be published on alternating Mondays, beginning this week. This adjusted schedule will benefit readers, contributors and the administrative editorial team as follows:

1. Readers will receive more substantial issues, and, hopefully, look forward to and “savor” each publication rather than overlook a too-frequently published newsletter.
2. Contributors will benefit from additional time to compile and refine their material.
3. The editor and “publishers” will conserve effort while more frequently producing “compelling” RT issues.

4. We will increase our use of the Library web site, GroupWise, and GLEN – the Library will be “Greener” as a result (Saving paper and energy.)

In addition to periodic GroupWise announcements,

- The Library meetings and events listing will be kept with the room reservation charts in room 201.
- Library Human Resources information, such as vacancy announcements and Andrea’s schedule, will be posted on the Gelman Library Human Resources Office door as well as at the main desk in room 201.

The editorial and production team looks forward to additional RT contributions from Library staff. We hope that this adjusted schedule affords you the easily manageable opportunity to submit your reviews, updates, attachments and features. Please send your submissions, ideas, inquiries, and concerns by GroupWise to “Renaissance Times.”

Faculty Authors Signing Reception

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

Please see **Attachment C** for information about the February 9 Faculty Authors Signing Reception. Don’t miss this one!

RT Editorial Announcement

by **Andrea Stewart**
Administration

After editing the RT for the past 15 years, I am pleased to hand over the editor’s red pen to Erica Aungst. Please give her the same encouragement you have shown me.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment D** for Gelman’s Vacancy Listings.

CONFERENCES

Midwinter 2001 Report

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

See **Attachment E** for Caroline Long’s report on her Midwinter 2001 Conference attendance.



BOOK QUOTE

“The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man nothing else that he builds ever lasts, monuments fall; nations perish; civilization grow old and die out; new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again and yet live on. Still young, still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts, of the hearts of men centuries dead.”

~ Clarence Day ~

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Exhibit - *Africana Women of the Dawn of the New Millennium*

1/24/01 Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Charles Sumner School Museum - Farragut North Metro Station – 1201 17th St.,

Through Washington, DC 20036

06/21/01 (202) 442-6060

THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

January 28, 1960	Zora Neale Hurston , African-American writer, dies in Fort Pierce, Florida.
January 29, 1845	Edgar Allan Poe's " <i>The Raven</i> " first appears in the <i>New York Evening Mirror</i> .
January 30, 1815	U.S. Library of Congress is re-established after its destruction during the War of 1812.
January 30, 1994	Pierre Boulle , author of <i>The Bridge Over the River Kwai</i> and <i>Planet of the Apes</i> dies in Paris at the age of 81.
January 31, 1985	Francis Reginald Scott , a member of the Montreal group of poets of the 1920, dies in the city.
February 1, 1814	Lord Byron's <i>The Corsair</i> , sells 10,000 copies on the day of publication.
February 2, 1870	Mark Twain marries Olivia Langdon in Elmira, New York.
February 2, 1970	Philosopher Bertrand Russell dies in Penryndraeth Merioneth at age 97.
February 3, 1931	The Arkansas state legislature passes a motion to pray for the soul of H. L. Mencken after Mencken calls the state of Arkansas " <i>the apex of moronia</i> ."

ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 29, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources By Appointment
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001	Human Resources By Appointment
Friday, Feb. 2, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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