

# Murrell Memorial Library Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

- *January 15th*  
Warren Ripley  
7-9 pm Eckilson-Mabee  
Theatre
- *January 22nd*  
Wine & Cheese Tasting
- *January 29th*  
Poet's Coffeehouse
- *February 5th*  
Tribute to African American  
Baseball  
7-9 pm Eckilson-Mabee  
Theatre

## For Your Reading Pleasure

**Come by and "Check Out"  
these new books.**

*The History of Africa*  
by Kevin Shillington

*Why is it Always About You?*  
*The Seven Deadly Sins of  
Narcissism*  
Sandy Hotchkiss

*American Born Chinese*  
by Gene Luen Yang

*Romance of the Rose*  
by Fances Horgan

## For Your Viewing Pleasure New DVDs!

*Mr. Kansas City The Life of  
Buck O'Neil*

*Mr. Brooks*

*Fracture*

## Calling All Writers, and Future Writers

Have you ever considered writing a book? The odds are that you have. According to a survey by the Penkins group, over 80% of Americans have considered writing a book. Most of us, at some point in our lives, have come up with a great idea for a book. Maybe it was just an interesting twist, a cool storyline, or a great character that exists only in your mind. Or, maybe you have already written your book. If this is the case, the easy work is all behind you and now the real difficulty begins. Getting it published.

For every book that is in print, there are a dozen that fall short of publishing. Even J.K. Rowling was passed up by publishers when she approached them with her first Harry Potter novel. This shows that even a brilliant story, enchanting characters, and literary

genius does not guarantee success. So what will make you successful? Come to the Mabee Theater on January 15th at 7pm and find out. Mystery writer and Missouri native Warren Ripley will be here to discuss and share tips on how to get published. So, if you are one of the 80% who feel the urge to share your creativity with the world, this is your next step in making that happen.

If you're interested in reading something written by Mr. Ripley, stop by the library and check out one of these titles.

*Dreamsicle*

*Electric Country Roulette*

*Springer's Gambit*

## You Rest, We Work

Your friendly library staff would like to welcome back all our students from the holiday break. We hope that you all got some much needed rest and are ready to hit the books, figuratively of course. Congrats to our Dec. graduates and a special good luck to Emmanuel Robinson and Marko Rakie!

While you were all busy playing, we were hard at work here in the library. Visit the upstairs collection to see how pretty and orderly we have made it for you. Search for your faves in the Quest catalog to see a cool new feature; now you can view the book cover before you ever actually see

the book! You can also read the table of contents and excerpts from the book. We have also purchased tons of new books and the 3rd installment of the Academic E-book collection. Search and read thousands of e-books from anywhere using our catalog!

## Field of Our Dreams: Tribute to African American Baseball

On February 5th, Murrell Library is honoring African American Baseball with several events scheduled throughout the day. We are privileged to have two writers and historians visit our campus and share their love and knowledge of baseball. Peter Gorton, a historian of the great black pitcher John Donaldson, will be guest lecturing in Tiffany Bergman's American History class and will be holding a presentation in the library at 2pm. Donaldson, a Negro League player and native of nearby Glasgow, Missouri, was all but forgotten when Gorton and other historians began digging into his life and career a few years ago. Gorton has published articles on Donaldson's career and heads a

research effort to locate box scores and newspaper articles on all of Donaldson's games. His group, the Donaldson Network, can be found online at <http://johndonaldson.bravehost.com/>. Among Gorton's many fascinating finds is 38 seconds of hand cranked film showing Donaldson at work. Gorton also authored a chapter about Donaldson in the award winning book, *Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota*.

Internationally known writer and historian Phil Dixon will be appearing at 7pm in the Eckilson-Mabee Theater to present his lecture, "The African-American in Baseball Past, Baseball Present

and Baseball's Future." Dixon has authored praised books on the history of baseball and has won numerous awards for his writing and his excellence in baseball research. Come by the library to check out his award winning book *The Negro Baseball Leagues, a Photographic History, 1863-1955*.

After Dixon's speech and clips shown from the film "There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace", a reception will be held in the Coffee by the Book Room in Murrell Library. Here both speakers will have a chance to answer your questions or talk about your favorite baseball moments. Food and refreshments will also be served, ballpark style.

### Libby the Librarian



Libby,  
I suggest that there be more public displays of affection in the library. It's cold everywhere else.

Where can all the touchy people go?  
Hutch

Hutch,  
What is it with people wanting to be

naughty in the library? This is a place of solitude, silence, and study. NOT SEXY PARTIES!  
-Libby

Libby,  
I want to attend the wine and cheese tasting, but I have nothing to wear to such an elegant event. Do you have any suggestions.

Rags

Rags,

I don't know what you should wear, but I know what I plan to wear. A tan button up blouse, with a gold brooch pinned at the neck with a dark teal mid length skirt with some great payless red pumps. Maybe, that is a bit too risqué. Okay, a full length skirt with black loafers. I wouldn't

want to give any students the wrong impression. Some people just can't hold their non-alcoholic wine.  
-Libby

Want to write Libby?

Just leave a note in the suggestion box found near the information desk.

### Wine, Cheese and Culture

January 22nd, wine and cheese lovers will meet in the Coffee by the Book Room to enjoy.... wine and cheese! Don't worry, we don't card. The wine is, of course, non-alcoholic, but don't let that stop you from having a great time. Our coffee room will be transformed into an elegant wine tasting room to test the sophistication of your palate. Several

delicious wines will be selected for your tasting pleasure. You will be asked to rate each wine on its color, clarity, aroma etc. A wine connoisseur will be present to discuss each selection and judge. International cheeses, olives, bread and fruit will also be served for your enjoyment.

