"Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry" Exhibit

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An exhibition and program series presented by Booth Library
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Cameron Craig, meteorologist and professor in the Department of Geology/Geography — and 2011 EIU professor laureate — presented his keynote presentation, Stinging Dust & Forgotten Lives: The Dust Bowl to a standing room-only crowd in the library’s West Reading Room on Jan. 21.

Schedule of Upcoming Dust Bowl Events

Feb. 16, 4:30 p.m. Recapturing the Experiences of Women in the Dust Bowl: The Life and Writings of Caroline Henderson, by Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, assistant professor of history.
Witters Conference Room 4400

Feb. 17, 4 p.m. The Politics of Drought in ’The Grapes of Wrath,’ by Robin Murray, professor of English.
Witters Conference Room 4400

Feb. 18, 4 p.m. Film screening of The Grapes of Wrath, featuring the work of cinematographer Gregg Toland of Charleston, presented by Kit Morice, curator of education, Tarble Arts Center.
Tarble Arts Center Atrium

Feb. 22, 4:30 p.m. Dust Bowl Lessons: Soil Conservation Then and Now, by R.J. Alier, Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District.
Witters Conference Room 4400

Participants Sought for Fall Semester Exhibit on Civil Rights Movement

For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights, a national traveling exhibit, will be on display at Booth Library beginning in September 2016. The exhibit examines the role that visual culture played in shaping and transforming the struggle for racial equality in America from the late 1940s to the mid-1970s. Through a compelling assortment of photographs, television clips, art posters and historic artifacts, For All the World to See traces how images and media disseminated to the American public transformed the modern civil rights movement and jolted Americans, both black and white, out of a state of denial or complacency. Scholars from all disciplines and community members interested in participating or proposing a program related to this topic are asked to contact Ellen Corrigan at ekcorrigan@eiu.edu or 581-8456 by March 31.

"Free Angela Davis" pin, circa 1971. Collection of Civil Rights Archive/CADVC-UMBC, Baltimore, Maryland.
Spotlight on Government Information: The Flint Drinking Water Crisis

Deborah Fennema, Booth Library’s Government Documents specialist, has selected some government documents, news reports and websites related to the Flint, Michigan, drinking water crisis. This is an example of the kind of timely, useful information that is available at Booth Library thanks to our longtime designation as a Federal Depository Library and an Illinois Depository Library. In addition to our regular collections, we collect, catalog, and provide access to documents produced by the various agencies and offices of our federal and state governments. Regular features on selected topics related to these documents can be found on the library’s GovNews blog by selecting the “All News” link under “Resources and News” on the library homepage (at library.eiu.edu), and then selecting GovNews on the right-hand side of the screen.

Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

Eastern Illinois University students who have used Booth Library and archival resources to enhance their research are encouraged to enter the library’s “Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity” program. The program is open to all Eastern Illinois University students. Faculty members are encouraged to promote the awards program and inspire students to participate. The student entry may be a written work, art piece, exhibit, musical work, documentary, performance or another format. If campus finances allow, cash prizes of up to $300 will be awarded, in addition to certificates of recognition. The 2016 guidelines, application and form can be found on Booth Library’s website at http://library.eiu.edu/awardsforexcellence/. For more information, call 581-6061. Entries should be delivered to the Administration Office, Room 4700, Booth Library, no later than March 25. Recipients will be selected by April 8, and the winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 11-15. Works submitted for competition must have been completed within the last 12 months. These awards are not intended to duplicate or replace any other standing campus awards. Selected entries will become a part of Booth Library’s Student Research and Creativity Collection.
Award-Winning Children’s Author Kicks Off 2016 Story Time Programs


Gilchrist was one of the writers featured in the 2016 Lions in Winter literary festival, which was held Jan. 29-30 on the EIU campus. Gilchrist gave a craft talk, Creating Compelling Children’s Books, at that event. Her artwork is the focus of an exhibit titled Dreams, which can be seen at the Tarble Arts Center through Feb. 28th.

Gilchrist has illustrated more than 70 books for children, including the Coretta Scott King Award Book Nathaniel Talking, the Coretta Scott King Honor Book Night on Neighborhood Street, and Me & Neesie, all written by Eloise Greenfield. She wrote and co-illustrated My America with Ashley Bryan, which was named a Parents’ Choice Recommended Award winner.

An inductee into the International Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent, Gilchrist received a bachelor’s degree in art education from EIU in 1973 and was named a distinguished alumna in 1992. She received an MFA in writing for children from Vermont College and a doctoral degree in English from Madison University. She is a member of the Eastern Board of Trustees.

Additional story times at Booth Library are planned from 10 to 11 a.m. on Feb. 20, 27; March 5; and April 2. Programs are free and will feature stories, crafts and activities. Children ages 3 to 7 are invited to attend and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Dean Lanham Meets With Chelsea Clinton

Allen Lanham, dean of library services, had the opportunity to meet with Chelsea Clinton at the American Library Association’s Midwinter Meeting in Boston on Jan. 11. Clinton spoke about and signed her new book, It’s Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going! The signed book is now a part of the library’s special collections and unsigned copies are available for checkout in a variety of formats.
**Who Would Play an Electric Guitar in a Library?**

We invite you to do just that, if you are so inclined! Booth Library now offers two Dean Vendetta hardtail electric guitars for use inside the library’s music rehearsal rooms. We also have two Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos for our patrons to play. The keyboards and guitars are connected to a computer, allowing users to record a rehearsal session for review or make a multi-track recording. In addition to the instruments, advanced amplifier emulator software is available for guitars. Players can choose from 64 amplifiers, 77 cabinets and 113 effects.

Patrons are also welcome to bring their own guitar. Any guitar equipped with a standard quarter-inch input jack can be connected to the computer and used with headphones in a rehearsal room.

The library’s sheet music and CD collection is located on the fourth floor. Sheet music, instructional music books and CDs can be checked out, or patrons can try them out in a rehearsal room before they check them out for home use.

Those interested in starting to play guitar or piano are welcome to come in to the library to try out either instrument. We have dozens of books on learning to play (guitar and piano) for the beginner and for advanced musicians. Additionally, we offer an electric guitar, headphone amplifier, and tuner for check out. The loan period is four weeks.

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**Celebrating African-American History Month**

Booth Library is celebrating African-American History Month with a selection of books on display in the 3000 level hallway. Here we list a handful of the selected titles — many more can be found in our display and in our circulating collections.

- **Emmett Till: The Murder That Shocked the World and Propelled the Civil Rights Movement** by Devery S. Anderson. HV6465.M7 A63 2015
- **Fear Of a Hip-hop Planet: America’s New Dilemma** by D. Marvin Jones. E185.86 .J647 2013
- **Joe, the Slave Who Became an Alamo Legend** by Ron Jackson. F390.J64 J33 2015
- **Later Novels by James Baldwin, 1924-1987.** PS3552.A45 A6 2015x
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A selection of recently received Sports and Recreation books can be found on a new display located in the 3000 level south hallway. A full listing is also available on the library’s RefNews blog. And don’t forget to check out our online databases Physical Education Index and SPORTDiscus for peer reviewed journal articles on sports-related topics!