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The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

Cormier Papers Coming to the Greenwood Library

The Greenwood Library will be the recipient of two significant collections from the Cormier family in 2010. Longwood President, Patricia P. Cormier, is donating her papers related to her 14-year tenure at the university, and Dr. Raymond J. Cormier is donating his extensive personal library and scholarship in comparative medieval literature.

It is an honor for the library to preserve the achievements and legacy of the Cormiers, whose involvement and contributions to the academic, cultural and social life of Longwood have been a team venture from the beginning. Further information about these independent collections is covered in the newsletter.

Longwood President to Donate Papers to Greenwood Library

Dr. Patricia P. Cormier, Longwood President since 1996, will leave her papers to the Greenwood Library when she retires in June 2010. The Patricia P. Cormier papers will be comprised of materials related to all aspects of her career at Longwood University including correspondence, records that relate to specific projects, minutes of meetings (including the Executive Council and the Board of Visitors), and historically significant reports and publications. These papers will become a part of the Greenwood Library's archival collection.

Since becoming Longwood President in 1996, Dr. Cormier has taken Longwood through a remarkable transformation, and each step in the transformation is reflected in her papers. Among

her accomplishments at Longwood are the rebuilding of the Rotunda and Ruffner Hall after the fire of 2001, Longwood's evolution to university status in 2002, the capital campaign in 2002 that resulted in over \$33 million in contributions, the move to NCAA Division I status in 2002, the opening of Brock Commons in 2004, the reopening of the Rotunda in 2005, and the opening of the Chichester Science Center in 2006 and its dedication in 2007. These papers will also provide information about the evolution of Longwood's extensive building projects during her presidency.

Dr. Cormier's leadership in state and national organizations will also be documented in her papers. She is currently chair of the LEAD VIRGINIA Board.



President Patricia Cormier and Dr. Raymond Cormier will donate papers, books, and scholarly materials to Greenwood Library.

She was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Philpott Commission and the Information Technology Investment Board. She has served as chair of the Executive Committee of the Renaissance Group, the NCAA Division II Presidents' Council, the Council of Fellows of the American Council on Education (ACE), and the Board of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. She was a Commissioner on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and has been active in the Virginia ACE Network, inspiring other women leaders over the years.

While serving as President at Longwood, Dr. Cormier has continued her involvement in academic health centers, an extension of her contributions to
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Dr. Raymond Cormier to Give His Personal Library to Longwood

Dr. Raymond J. Cormier, a well known scholar in comparative medieval literature and “First Gent” of Longwood’s President, Patricia Cormier, will leave his extensive personal library to the Greenwood Library. Dr. Cormier spoke earlier this year with Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Library, about giving his books and other scholarly materials to the library after the publication of his current

book, which is in progress, and the President’s retirement in June 2010. The Greenwood Library is delighted to accept this generous offer.

The collection reflects the varied interests of a true Renaissance man who has devoted his professional life to studying the medieval period. Works about Arthurian romance, Irish mythology, anthropology, folklore,

Romanesque architecture, and women’s studies sit alongside translation theory, medieval farce, Chrétien de Troyes, and the classics of Homer, Ovid and Virgil. The collection includes copies of all of Dr. Cormier’s publications, including over 100 journal articles, many of which offer unique research about translations and adaptations of medieval works through the ages. A sampling of Dr. Cormier’s English-language book and article titles provides a sense of the breadth of his research:

The Empire Re-Scripted or When Is a Translator Not a Traitor?
The Metaphorical Window in Truffaut’s *Small Change*
Wild Margins, Tame Text: Inventing the Vernacular in the Gutters of Virgil’s *Aeneid*
Language and Culture Immersion: A Winning Enterprise
One Heart, One Mind: The Rebirth of Virgil’s Hero in Medieval French Romance
The Maddening Rain: A Comparison of the Irish and Provençal Versions
The Present State of Studies on the Roman d’Éneas

The Greenwood Library looks forward to being able to offer this rich collection to the Longwood community and medieval scholars worldwide.

Dr. Cormier has published widely in medieval literature, with particular emphasis on French, Latin and Celtic languages. Since 1960, he has taught at Stanford, Harvard, Tufts, Virginia, and Temple universities as well as several colleges. As visiting professor in Longwood’s English and Modern Languages Department, he teaches French, world literature, and medieval Celtic literature.

We are pleased to be able to add his personal library to the Janet D. Greenwood Library’s Special Collections and Archives Department. It will be an invaluable treasure trove for scholars everywhere.

“Flying” in the Virtual Book Club

In the fall of 2008, the Longwood Alumni Association and the Friends of the Greenwood Library announced its launch of the Longwood Book Club Blog, known as the Longwood BookLink. The article appeared in the Spring 2009 issue (Volume 3, Issue 1) of the Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library Newsletter.

Longwood BookLink continued with a second book discussion, moderated by Longwood Professor Emeritus of English Michael Lund. He chose novelist Eric Kraft’s *Flying*, a comic adventure that follows the travels of Peter Leroy, who, at age 16, builds his own airplane and flies from Long Island to New Mexico. The discussion was segmented into three installments based on the three volumes that comprise the novel: *Taking Off*, *On the Wing*, and *Flying Home*. Introductory remarks appeared on Longwood BookLink in mid-April.

There were added features to this book discussion which incorporated technology. A supplemental site, which complemented the discussion, included a recorded invitation to the book discussion and information about novelist Eric Kraft and moderator Dr. Michael Lund. The site can be found at: <http://libguides.longwood.edu/lubookclub>.

Another first for the Longwood Book Club was the participation by the novelist, Eric Kraft, the 1998 Winner of Longwood’s John Dos Passos Prize for Literature, who followed the discussion, answered questions, and offered his own comments as the book was discussed.

Guidelines for participation and how the Longwood Book Club blog works are located at:

<http://www.longwoodlink.com/blog/LUBookClub>.



Dr. Michael Lund moderated the second Virtual Book Club.

Longwood President to Donate Papers to Greenwood Library (cont.)

dental health education early in her academic career. She serves on the Faculty Development Committee of the University of Virginia Medical School and on the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Board, an innovative program to support women in leadership positions that she helped launch at Drexel University.

One of the more impressive collections that the library will receive is the compilation of approximately 1,000 speeches and lectures given by Dr. Cormier since 1996, both as President of Longwood and as a leader in higher education. It will include, for example, the

President to President's lecture that she delivered at the annual meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the keynote address at the American Council of Education's Senior Leadership Seminar. This extensive collection of her speaking engagements will provide a timeline and documentation of Longwood's many accomplishments during the Cormier years.

The Greenwood Library looks forward to receiving and preserving these papers that will provide future generations with a look back at this momentous era in Longwood's history, the period when Dr. Patricia P. Cormier was Longwood's president.

Mark Your Calendars for 2009 Friends Group Event!

This should prove to be another very exciting year for the Friends Group. I am pleased to report that our membership continues to grow.

I hope our next event planned for the fall will draw yet more Friends to the library. Our guest is the award winning author, Martin Clark. Clark will speak at the Friends of the Library event on Friday, November 13, 2009.

Judge Clark is a circuit court judge in Patrick and Henry county and Martinsville, VA,. He has written three books entitled *Plain Heathen Mischief*, *The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living*, and *The Legal Limit..* *The Legal Limit* spent 30 straight weeks on Amazon's legal thriller list and was named 2008 Book of the Year for both the Washington Post Book World and Bookmarks Magazine. *Plain Heathen Mischief* was chosen as a selection for the Quality Paperback Book Club and appeared on both Amazon's and Barnes and Nobles' Top 100 Books List.



I am eagerly anticipating this event and hope to see you soon at the Greenwood Library!

Wendell Barbour
Dean of the Library

An Evening With Bestselling Novelist David Baldacci

On April 3, 2009, the Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library hosted its spring event, which featured an evening with bestselling novelist David Baldacci. Baldacci spoke with guests during the social hour, provided a presentation to a crowd of almost 200 people, and then concluded the evening with a book signing.

During his presentation, Baldacci addressed a captive audience as he discussed his many experiences related to becoming a successful writer. He reinforced the fact that he is a fantastic storyteller by sharing some amusing stories related to his career as a novelist.

The author also spoke about his work in promoting literacy through the "Wish You Well" Foundation and by partnering with Feeding America in "Feeding Body & Mind." At the close of his presentation, the audience rewarded Baldacci with enthusiastic applause.

Longwood's Barnes & Noble provided two of Baldacci's newest novels, *Divine Justice* and *The Whole Truth*, for the book signing that followed the presentation. This memorable evening was enjoyed by all of the library's guests. The presentation may be viewed at <http://www.longwood.edu/library/friends/baldacci.htm>.



David Baldacci spoke to a captive audience of fans and book lovers who enjoyed every story and experience he shared during the evening.



During the social hour, Baldacci enjoyed chatting with guests. Featured in this photo is David Baldacci talking with (left to right) Dr. William Dorrell, President Patricia Cormier, and Virginia Kinman.

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- And all of the above

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- And all of the above

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- Ten (10) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- Membership in the Longwood University President's Circle

- Recognition on a donor honor roll located in the Library
- And all of the above

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- Lunch with your favorite librarian
- And all of the above

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The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library at Longwood University is governed by a steering committee composed of librarians, faculty, staff, students, and community members. For more information about the Friends of the Greenwood Library, please visit the Friends website at www.longwood.edu/library/friends or contact Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Library, at 434.395.2083.

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