Participants Explore Trust in Government

The Library of Virginia, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond and Leadership Metro Richmond cosponsored “A Dialogue on Trust in Government” on the morning of February 4 at the Library of Virginia. Kenneth P. Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and Joanne B. Ciulla, professor of leadership studies at the Jepson School, led the discussion. The dialogue touched on the decline of trust among members of society in general, and between citizens and government in particular. The speakers emphasized that democracy as a system of government depends on a degree of trust. Among the reasons for the decline in trust that were brought forward were television and the expansion of media coverage, events such as the Vietnam War, Watergate and Enron and a fraying of communities. Ruscio cited a fraying of communities.

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Robert Putnam’s book, Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community, and Alexis de Tocqueville’s Democracy in America, as books that illustrate how our society and democracy have evolved. Ciulla, a philosopher and specialist in leadership and ethics, argued that the increased amount of time people spend working affects their ability to join and participate in communal activities. She touched on the role of honesty in promoting trust and stated that today’s climate of information availability allows people to know more than ever about a leader’s private life.

The audience of nearly 90 individuals included members of the public, representatives of Fairfax Leadership, the Jepson Center, the Library of Virginia and Leadership Metro Richmond.

Mary Beth McIntire to Direct Foundation

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce that Mary Beth McIntire joined the Library as executive director of the Library of Virginia Foundation on January 10. McIntire will direct all aspects of the Foundation including development, implementation and oversight of the Foundation’s fund development plan and the Library Shop.

McIntire came to the Library from United Way Services in Richmond where she has served for the last four years as assistant vice president. Prior to that she served as director of development for Aylett Country Day School. She holds an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University and a BA from James Madison University. She is a member of the Virginia Association of Fund Raising Executives.

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Join the Library For A Revolutionary Trip To Paris

The Library of Virginia Foundation is offering a special "revolutionary" travel experience to Paris in the fall of 2003. During a memorable week in the French capital, from November 1 through 9 travelers will explore the places where Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Supreme Court Justice John Marshall lived, worked and exchanged ideas with their Parisian counterparts and fellow supporters of the revolutionary cause.

The Hôtel Regina will serve as the base for the stay in Paris with excursions to Palais Royal, meeting place of fashionable 18th-century Paris, and the magnificent chateau and gardens of Versailles.

Highlights of the trip will include lunch at Le Procope, Paris’ oldest café, dinner in a private home with French descendants of the American Revolution and an excursion to Nîmes to see the Maison Carrée, the model used by Jefferson in designing Virginia’s Capitol. The tour also allows ample free time for exploring Paris.

Art historian Alice Jouve, co-author with her husband, Daniel, of Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A., will join the tour. A longtime Parisian and former Bostonian, she earned her M.A. from the Middlebury Graduate School of French in France and is a former faculty member of the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities co-sponsors this trip for those with an interest in Jefferson, the American Revolution and the shared heritage of France and the United States. To place a reservation or learn more about the Thomas Jefferson & The Founding Fathers in Paris trip, please contact Academic Arrangements Abroad at 212-514-8921 or trips@arrangementsabroad.com.
March To May Events at the Library of Virginia

Running From March 6 through March 31
2003 Virginia Women in History

Place: Lobby Free EVENT

This poster exhibition from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy features more than 100 archival photographs in a narrative that explores a number of themes among the women. Among the topics considered are migration patterns and the establishment of a black Virginia culture; family, community, and religious life; the contributions of blacks to society through skilled and professional work; and their social and educational achievements and struggles.

Thursday, March 23, 2003
The War Hits Home: The Civil War in Eastern Virginia

Time: Noon Place: Conference Rooms FREE EVENT

Dr. Brian Steely, professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Virginia at Wise, will speak on how the presence of the Confederate and Union armies affected the community, and religious life; the contributions of blacks to society through skilled and professional work; and their social and educational achievements and struggles.

Tuesday, March 26, 2003
Gamma Society International Honor These Eight Individuals

Place: Exhibition Hall FREE EVENT

Gamma Society International honor these eight individuals, including his imprisonment at Belle Isle and last home and burial place near Brookneal, Virginia. The Library of Virginia holds the world's most extensive collection of material related to the disputed legacy of Lincoln. Reservations are required.

Thursday, March 27, 2003
A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America

Time: Noon Place: Conference Rooms FREE EVENT

A book signing will follow the talk. A Wilderness So Immense: Thomas Jefferson, the Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America covers the planning, construction and history of Virginia's Washington Monument in Capitol Square in downtown Richmond.

Wednesday, March 26, 2003
Virginia’s Public Libraries: Boxes, Bruce, and Bill Gates

Place: Conference Rooms FREE EVENT

Dr. Edward Smith has taught history at American University since 1969 and has been a steward of the Commonwealth's documentaries and printed heritage since 1823. The Governor Henry Lectures are open to public at no charge.
ARCHIVES COLLECTIONS INCREASE

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2003, the Library of Virginia Archives collected 147 cubic feet of materials, 199 megabytes of disk space, and 6 maps, and 11 compact discs. A representative selection of new collections follows:

Bible Records


Vellines Family. Isle of Wight and Prince George counties, Virginia, 1789-1904. Bible printed in 1890. Includes Bible records (5 leaves) and genealogical notes (13 leaves). Gift of Charles Herbert Vellines.

Business Records
Miller and Jarvis (Goochland County, Va.). Ledger, 1866-1870. Details the accounts of Miller and Jarvis, a general store located in Sandy Hook, Gloucester County, Virginia. The ledger contains cash accounts noting merchandise and other services purchased by the store. Purchased. Shackleford, William C. Ledgers, 1867-1917, detailing the accounts of William C. Shackleford (b. 1835), a farmer and physician residing in Albemarle County, Virginia. In these four ledgers are employ- ees and farm laborer accounts, farm expense accounts, bank accounts and patient accounts including the records of many African American patients seen by Shackleford. Lent for microfilming by A. C. Shackleford.

Church Records

C. Langhorne. PHOTOCOPYING RESTRICTED


Organization Records


Emory and Henry College Hospital (Washington, Va.). The registries of wounded at Emory and Henry College Hospital (Washington, Va.) provide a wide range of the soldier, regiment, company, rank, date admitted, date sent to camps, date died, date fur- loughed and date transferred. Lent for microfilming by Emory and Henry College.

Kossuth of Honor, Richmond Order. Supreme Lodge No. 265. Minute book, 1878-1887, of the Knights of Honor, Richmond Order. Supreme Lodge No. 265, containing lists of dues paying members, lists of officers, lists of members present at meet- ings, minutes of meetings, records of members, requests and other orders, petitions and resolutions as amended and voted on by the fraternal organization. Purchased.

Personal Papers
Bennett, A. L. Report to the school board of Alleghany County Public schools in Covington, Virginia, 1939-1940, by A. L. Bennett, school superintendent. Includes statistics on attendance, race ... see Collections, pg. 7

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The database allows for the keyword searching of entire finding aids across insti- tutions. This function is important consider- ing that many personal and family papers have been spread among several of Virginia’s archival institutions. A search for the Jerdone family, for example, reveals collections at the College of William & Mary as well as at the Library of Virginia.

Institutions and libraries participating in the Virginia Heritage Project are: College of William and Mary, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, George Mason University, James Madison University, Library of Virginia, Medical College of Virginia, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia Law Library, University of Virginia Special Collections, Virginia Center for Digital History, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Historical Society, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Washington and Lee University Law School, Washington and Lee University Leyburn Library and Wytheville Community College.

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PETS HELP PROMOTE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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stickers and envelopes stropped the program and helped libraries promote reading. In addition to these two programs, the Library of Virginia launched two programs that use teens as resources through the “I’m Making a Difference” teen volunteer program. Approximately 400 libraries used teen volunteers in a variety of roles throughout the summer and rewarded them with a t-shirt imprinted with the “I’m Making a Difference” slogan and a graphic image of a large “e.” Several hundred hours of teen volunteer work were recorded by public libraries, and teens were able to learn job skills and make a difference in their communities.

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The Library of Virginia Foundation is a participating organization and will receive a percentage of dollars based on the number of points contributed by our supporters. We hope you will choose the Library of Virginia as the recipient of your certificate so that we can give more solid financial assistance to the Library’s mission and programs. You may bring your Golden Gift certificate to the front desk in the Library’s lobby or send it to Melinda Skinner, Library of Virginia Foundation, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-8000.

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Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Those wishing to join the audience at the Museum at (804) 649-1861. Free parking is available at the Library of Virginia’s parking garage at 9th and Franklin streets. The lectures are $5 to the public and free to Museum members and Library of Virginia donors.

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The Smithfield Library employed Buddy, a black Labrador reading buddy, who listened to children read during the summer. Buddy is trained and certified by Therapy Dogs International, and was a small step in reaching this goal. The site can be reached directly by using the following links: http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vlpw/.

**Books and Pets: Our Friends for Life** was the theme of the Virginia statewide summer reading program for 2002—and more than 150 libraries across the state worked to involve parents, including the Online Archive of California, the Texas Archival Resources Online and the Online Archives of New Mexico. When EAD was created, its developers envisioned a database of archival finding aids from special collections and archives from around the world. The Virginia Heritage Project is a small step in reaching this goal. The site can be reached directly by using the following links: http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vlpw/.

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Other summer programs promoted and libraries promote reading.

In addition to these two programs, the Library of Virginia also introduced the “Teen Reading Program. Approximately 40 libraries used teen volunteers in a variety of roles throughout the summer and rewarded them with a t-shirt imprinted with the “I’m Making a Difference” slogan and a graphic image of a large “eye.” Several hundred hours of teen volunteer work were recorded by public libraries, and teens were able to learn job skills and make a difference in their communities.

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March To May Events at the Library of Virginia

Running From March 6 through March 31, 2003 Virginia Women in History Time: Noon Place: Lecture Hall FREE EVENT

This poster exhibition from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy features more than 100 archival photographs in a narrative that explores a number of themes and topics among the topics considered are migration patterns and the establishment of a black Virginia culture; family, community, and religion; the contributions of blacks to society through skilled and professional work; and their social and educational developments and struggles.

Thursday, March 27, 2003

The War Hits Home: The Civil War in Eastern Virginia Time: Noon Place: Lecture Hall FREE EVENT

Dr. Brian Steel Wills, professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Virginia, will speak on how the presence of the Confederate and Union armies affected the people of eastern Virginia. A native of southwestern Virginia, the Piedmont blues music.

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

The Real Emancipation? A Discussion of Lincoln’s proclamation. Dr. William C. Harris, professor of history at North Carolina State University and author of With Charity For All, Lincoln and the Restitution of the Union argues that the effects of the Proclamation were real and Lincoln’s motives were genuine.

Dr. Thomas E. Buckley, professor of American Religious History at George Washington University, presents "Aeological Theological Union at Berkeley, will deliver the third annual Governor Henry Lecture on Governor Patrick Henry and the church-state issues of his day. The Library of Virginia co-sponsors the lecture. A Meet & Greet will be held at the Library of Virginia on April 7, 2003.

Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo, professor of economics at Loyola College in Maryland and author of The Real Lincoln, builds on the growing literature that casts doubts on the motivations and effects of Lincoln’s proclamation. Dr. William C. Harris, professor of history at North Carolina State University and author of With Charity For All, Lincoln and the Restitution of the Union will counter that the effects of the Proclamation were real. The Library of Virginia co-sponsors this program with the Museum of the Confederacy.

Monday, March 3, 2003

Domestic Stories: A Project at Mammoth House Time: Noon Place: Conference Rooms FREE EVENT

Elizabeth O’Leary, guest curator of the domestic life project at Mammoth House, will discuss this exciting project that continues to examine the interplay between employment and identity during this time of rapidly changing domestic technology. O’Leary’s book From Married to Working Women: Working Women and the Gilded Age will be published in May.

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ancestors of the Confederacy: Southern JUSTICE on Trial Time: Noon Place: Reception Rooms FREE EVENT

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Thursday, March 27, 2003

A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Legacies and the Destiny of America Time: Noon Place: Conference Rooms FREE EVENT

Chris Biggins will discuss her latest book, a compelling exploration of the struggles and exploitation of the Appalachian forest told through narratives from people whose lives are connected to the forest. A book signing will follow the talk.

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation presents a reading of "Aeological Theological Union at Berkeley, will deliver the third annual Governor Henry Lecture on Governor Patrick Henry and the church-state issues of his day. The Library of Virginia co-sponsors the lecture. A Meet & Greet will be held at the Library of Virginia on April 7, 2003.

The book is based, involved a white woman murdered with an ax, a black man milked and three black women. A book signing will follow the talk.

Running Through Saturday, March 22, 2003

Virginia’s Roots Music: Creating and Conserv ing the Virginia String-Style of Popular Song and Dance Time: Noon Place: Exhibition Hall FREE EVENT

This free exhibition highlights the most important musical traditions of Virginia ranging from the junkie-style gypsy quartets of Tidewater Virginia, the string-band music of southwestern Virginia and the Piedmont blues music.

Running Through March 1, 2003

Running Through March 21, 2003

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Participants Explore Trust in Government

The Library of Virginia, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond and Leadership Metro Richmond cosponsored “A Dialogue on Trust in Government” on the morning of February 4 at the Library of Virginia. Kenneth P. Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and Joanne B. Ciulla, professor of leadership studies at the Jepson School, led the discussion.

The dialogue touched on the decline of trust among members of society in general, and between citizens and government in particular. The speakers emphasized that democracy as a system of government depends on a degree of trust. Among the reasons for the decline in trust that were brought forward were television and the expansion of media coverage, events such as the Vietnam War, Watergate and Enron and a fracturing of communities. Ruscio cited Robert Putnam’s book, Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community, and Alexis de Tocqueville’s Democracy in America, as books that illustrate how our society and democracy have evolved.

Ciulla, a philosopher and specialist in leadership and ethics, argued that the increased amount of time people spend working affects their ability to join and participate in communal activities. She touched on the role of honesty in promoting trust and stated that today’s climate of information availability allows people to know more than ever about a leader’s private life.

The audience of nearly 90 individuals included members of the public, representatives of Fairfax Leadership, the Jepson Center, the Library of Virginia and Leadership Metro Richmond.

The Library of Virginia Foundation is offering a special revolutionary “travel” experience to Paris in the fall of 2003. During a memorable week in the French capital, from November 1 through 9 travelers will explore the places where Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Supreme Court Justice John Marshall lived, worked and exchanged ideas with their Parisian counterparts and fellow supporters of the revolutionary cause.

The Hôtel Regina will serve as the base for the stay in Paris with excursions to Palais Royal, meeting place of fashionable 18th-century Paris, and the magnificent chateau and gardens of Versailles. The tour also allows ample free time for exploring Paris.

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A graduate of Gonzaga University, Father Buckley took his doctorate in history from the University of California—Santa Barbara and his doctorate in theology from the Weston School of Theology. He is the author of Church and State in Revolutionary Virginia, 1776-1787.

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