Governor Tapes PSA

NIGERIAN JOURNALIST TOURS LVA
Ndidi Ursula Okafor, Senate correspondent for Champion Newspapers, Ltd. in Abuja, Nigeria, and Mary Clark, government documents librarian, discuss public access to government information during a tour of the Library of Virginia. Okafor was in Richmond at the Richmond Times-Dispatch as a visiting fellow with Freedom House, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes the expansion of democracy and freedom around the world. Freedom House places visiting journalists in newspapers and television stations around the United States. Launched in 1990, Freedom House’s Visiting Fellows Program is a professional training program for emerging leaders in developing democracies. Visiting fellows with a background in journalism are introduced to the organizational techniques and equipment used in managing and printing print and electronic news in the United States. Okafor toured the Library of Virginia primarily to learn how the Library makes information available to citizens.
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FROM THE REFERENCE DESK OF THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

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That Cornell University, in collaboration with the University of Michigan, has placed on the web Making of America—a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction. This site provides access to 77 monograph volumes and more than 100,000 journal articles with 19th century imprints. Making of America is accessible at:<http://cdi.library.cornell.edu/maa>.

Did you know that the full text of The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (1861-1865) and the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion (1861-1865) are available online? Full text search and downloading makes this site a treasure for Civil War researchers.

The Bureau of Census has decreased the print publications that it will issue on Census 2000. All information from the census is, however, accessible online from the Census Bureau Web site at:<http://www.census.gov> and the American FactFinder Web site at <http://factfinder.census.gov> specifically built for the dissemination of Census 2000.

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Center For the Book Moves to VFHPP

The Virginia Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress, has relocated from the Library of Virginia in Richmond to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy in Charlottesville.

Last budget cuts at the Library of Virginia resulted in the loss of staffing for the Center. The Library of Virginia lost 23 full-time staff and 17 part-time staff in October 2002.

The move will allow the Center to increase its outreach through grant programs of the Virginia Foundation such as the Festival of the Book and the Mothered/Fathered family literacy program. Nancy Simon, an independent board of directors, wrote that the board, the central located of Charlottesville and the comprehensive missions of the groups as making the partnership with the Center natural.

“I am energized by the exciting possibilities ahead of us,” she said at the June 13 news conference announcing the move.

The Virginia Center for the Book was founded in 1987 in Roanoke and moved to the Library of Virginia shortly afterwards. It has hosted numerous book programs; produced interactive exhibits in collaboration with Virginia authors; developed a 20th-century literary lexicon of Virginia authors; launched All Virginia Reads with William Styron’s Stilp’s Choice; sponsored the Virginia Authors Room at the Library of Virginia and co-sponsored with the Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia the annual Library of Virginia literary awards.

Archives Week—Onal History Project at Monticello, Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Assistant Director for Historical Collections at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the University of Virginia and immediate past president of the Virginia Library Association. Warren Wheelan will host this year’s Celebration. Winners will receive a monetary prize and the Library’s signature award, a specially designed crystal book. Tickets for the Celebration are $25.00.

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J. Douglas Smith received his doctorate in American History from the University of Virginia in 1998. Since then, he has held a National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation fellowship to teach at Calech and Occidental College, where he is currently a visiting assistant professor.

Gregory Orr was born in Albany, New York, and has taught at the University of Virginia since 1987. He is the former editor of the Virginia Quarterly Review and professor of English at the University of Virginia. He is the author of seven earlier books of poetry and four books of literary criticism.

Ellen Bryant Voigt was born in Danville, grew up on a farm in Chatham, and lives in Lexington, Virginia. She attended the University of Iowa. Bryant is the founder of the MFA Writing Program at Goddard College and since 1981 has taught in its relocated incarnation at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. She is the author of six collections of poetry, including *Shadow of Heaven*, which also is a finalist for the National Book Award, and *Airy*, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Charles Wright is the author of 14 collections of poetry and two works of non-fiction. Among his many honors are the National Book Award, the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize, the Richard Wilbur Poetry Prize, and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Since 1983 he has been a professor of English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He won the Library of Virginia Literary Award for Fiction in 1998.

Louis D. Rubin, Jr. is the recipient of the Library of Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award. Rubin has taught and influenced a generation of Virginia writers. Born in South Carolina, he is an acclaimed literary critic and novelist, and is considered one of the most influential figures in contemporary Southern literature. He is the founder and president of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. From 1957 until 1967 he taught at Hollins College and from 1969 to 1989 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A 1946 graduate of the University of Richmond, Rubin received the Distinguished Virginian Award in 1972 and in 1974 was awarded a Litt.D from the University of Richmond.

The author or editor of more than 50 books, Rubin’s latest book, *Finding My Father’s People: A Family of Southern Jews*, is a loving tribute and candid portrait of his paternal grandparents.

Judges for this year’s finalists included seven veterans from last year. Peggi Baggett, of Richmond, is the executive director of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Steven Barza writes poetry and short stories and directs the creative writing program at the University of Richmond. A retired journalist and author, Will Molineux, of Williamsburg, is also a former member of the Virginia Center for the Book board. Dorothy Marie Rice, an educator in the Richmond City public schools, is a poet and co-author of the *Seventeenth Child*. Don Selby, of Charlottesville, is co-editor of Poetry Daily (at <www.poems.com>). John E. Ulmschneider, of Richmond, is the executive director of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Steven Wheelan will host this year’s Celebration. Winners will receive a monetary prize and the Undergraduate Railroad, Abolitionism, and Slavery in Virginia

Governor Mark R. Warner announced his support of the statewide summer reading program WOLF’N’ Down Books at Your Library with remarks to 80 young people who signed up to participate in the program at Blackwell Community Center. The children, aged 6 to 12 years, are part of the Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation’s Great Summer Escape program.

“Taking part in the WOLF’N’ Down Books summer reading program gives young people a head start on the next school year by helping them maintain their reading skills,” Governor Warner said. “I intend to spend much of the summer promoting this program, which provides young people with free, fun activities related to reading. Better readers make for better students and more success in school.”

This marks the 23rd year that the Library of Virginia has sponsored a statewide summer reading program in the state’s public libraries. More than 300,000 children and young people are expected to participate in this summer’s reading program.

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Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Marbury v. Madison

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The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a historic reenactment of a debate between President Thomas Jefferson and Chief Justice John Marshall on the basic principle of the supremacy of law. Professor R. Kent Newmyer, author of John Marshall and the Heroic Age of the Supreme Court, will speak on “Marbury v. Madison: John Marshall and the American Judicial System.” Justice Donald W. Luttig, Third Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals, will close with a talk on “John Marshall: The Character of the Man.”

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Map Gift Enriches Library’s Collection

The Library of Virginia has again been the recipient of a group of early and valuable maps and atlases from Alan M. Voorhees, chairman of the board of Summit Enterprises, Inc., of Virginia, and member of the Washington Map Society. In 1998, the Library received 16 maps, including a second edition (1755) of the John Mitchell map of North America and the rare 1770 John Henry map of Virginia. Now we add 34 more very early and influential maps and 8 atlases and books, ranging in dates from the 1493 woodcut world map in The Nuremberg Chronicle to the first atlas map to name the 13 colonies; Herman Moll’s lovely atlas The World Described (ca. 1736) which includes the “Beaver Map,” Jacob Mann’s Die Unbeschriebene Welt (1673) laden with maps, views, and illuminations of the New World, and Claudius Ptolemaeus Alexandrinus Geographiae (1554), edited by Michael Servetus who was martyred by the Church in 1553.

Voorhees and his wife, Nathalie, received the 2000 Philanthropy Award from the Library of Virginia Foundation, and the South Reading Room, where the maps are stored and featured, bears the name of his wife, Nathalie P. Voorhees. He was a primary supporter of Virginia’s Map from Four Centuries of Settlement, Growth, and Development, published by the Library in 2000, and supported the Library’s Records Management program by providing equipment that permits the electronic transfer of current land records directly to microfilm. Voorhees also was instrumental in setting up the present cooperative Civil War Maps Project with the Library’s Records Management program by providing equipment that permits the electronic transfer of current land records directly to microfilm. These items will join the Library’s other maps which number about 60,000, including about 5,000 which more than 5,000 belong to the core historical collection.

The maps and atlases include the first edition of Lewis Evans’ A general Map of the Middle British Colonies, in America (1755), probably the most important colonial map, compiled with first-hand information and published in Philadelphia, Thoedoe de Bry’s America Sive Novus Orbis Rescripto Europarum Inferior Globis Terrarum Pars (1596), the first map to show the White-Lebomyne geography of America with a more correct position for Virginia, John Speed’s America with three known maps in the unknowne world; the first atlas map to show California as an island, bordered by the Pacific Ocean on the east, and the Atlantic on the west.

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Ndidi Ursula Okafir, Senate correspondent for Champion Newspapers, Ltd. in Abuja, Nigeria, and Mary Clark, government documents librarian, discuss public access to government information during a tour of the Library of Virginia. Okafir was in Richmond at the Richmond Times-Dispatch as a visiting fellow with Freedom House, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes the expansion of democracy and freedom around the world. Freedom House places visiting journalists in newspapers and television stations around the United States. Launched in 1990, Freedom House’s Visiting Fellows Program is a professional training program for emerging leaders in developing democracies. Visiting fellows with a background in journalism are introduced to the organizational techniques and equipment used in managing and editing print and electronic news in the United States. Okafir toured the Library of Virginia primarily to learn how the Library makes information available to citizens.