Nine Books Are Finalists for the 7th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards

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The Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia Foundation are pleased to announce the finalists for the 7th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from 125 books nominated for the awards. Winners of the prestigious awards will be announced at a gala celebration on October 16, 2004, at the Library of Virginia.

The finalists for the best work of fiction by a Virginia author are:

Richard Bausch
The Stories of Richard Bausch
HarperCollins Publisher

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Docket Books, 1815–1952.

Chancery Causes, 1831–1913.

Index to Deeds, 1782–1931.

Kemp’s Konversations, Radio Scholarship Quiz, Sideviews on the Performing Arts.

Gary Sanding, site manager for the colonial Capitol for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, present over volumes in the Library of Virginia’s collections from the colonial period.

Barksdale Donates Collections to the Library

The Library of Virginia is delighted to be working with the Barksdale Theatre to preserve the archival collections of the 51-year-old regional theater located in Richmond, Virginia. Phil Whiteway, director at the Barksdale, delivered boxes of programs, business records, photos, and correspondence to the Library of Virginia. The material, much of which had been stored under the seating area at the Barksdale, will be preserved, described, and made available to Library patrons.

The Barksdale also has informed its patrons that the collection is at the Library of Virginia, and is encouraging further donations of Barksdale materials to be submitted to the Library.

The Barksdale Theatre, greater Richmond’s first professional performing arts organization, was founded in 1953 in historic Hanover Tavern, and evolved into the nation’s first dinner theatre. Over the years Barksdale has presented productions of plays by Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Eugene O’Neill, George Bernard Shaw, Noel Coward, Thornton Wilder, William Inge, and Edward Albee.

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Three Join Library Board
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Through a contractual agreement with the Preservation Service Centers of OCLC, these one-of-a-kind collections now are being microfilmed using techniques that will preserve legibility and access to the microfilm and collections. The Library and Preservation Service Centers have signed a three-year contract that will increase the amount of work that can be filmed both at Preservation Services’ Bethelhem, Pa., location and at a new lab at the Library of Virginia. The presence of a lab at the Library of Virginia will allow work to be done on collections that could not be shipped to Pennsylvania. The onsite camera operator at the Library will work solely on Library collections. All camera equipment, servicing and parts and maintenance will be provided by OCLC, whose mission is to preserve and provide greater access to the unique material. The Library of Virginia has long been committed to providing access to historic collections and information about Virginia.

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The Library of Virginia and OCLC’s Preservation Service Centers embarked on this public-private partnership on July 1. The new endeavor is the result of planning that the Library has maximized its limited resources on preserving and protecting its unique archival collections. OCLC already had a contract to microfilm some libraries in Virginia newspapers and manuscripts. The Library approached OCLC to see if the company was interested in developing a partnership. With 20 years of experience in preparing and microfilming primary source material, OCLC will be an effective partner. The Library through the work of a staff team has prioritized its mission to re-organize the collections in need of reformattting and preservation, especially after budget reductions in October 2002 resulted in the disbanding of the Library’s in-house microfilming unit. The collaborative effort with OCLC will allow these rare, brittle, and one-of-a-kind collections to be preserved. OCLC’s Preservation Service Centers hope to use this public-private partnership as a model for additional efforts.

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*Virginia Is For Lovers* exhibit travels across Virginia

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County Records


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Pitman Family. Notes. Information on the descendants of Nicolas Pitman (1727–1798) of Frederic and Shenandoo counties, Virginia, including information on lines which settled in Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockbridge, and Shenandooh counties, Virginia; and Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and West Virginia. Gift of Elizabeth Crawford SouEngle, Winchester.

Personal Papers


Ezell, William R. Memorandum book, 1855–1856 and 1867–1868, of William R. Ezell (1837–1917) of Brunswick County, Virginia. Contains notes on the weather for January 1856, medical remedy receipts, cleaning solution recipes, a list of letters written to family members and a brief statement of their content, expenditure accounts for 1868, a list of items to be purchased, a list of patients and their condition or symptom, and accounts paid and past due. Purchased.

Lyons Family. Papers, 1772–1886, of the Lyons family of Hanover County and Richmond, Virginia. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1820–1880, and consists of letters to James Lyons (1801–1862) and his son James Henry Lyons (1853–1867). James Lyons was a member of the House of Representatives for the Confederate States of America. Among the notable correspondents are Jefferson Davis (1808–1889), Varina Davis (1826–1906), Richmond Alonzo Brock Collection.

Sound Recordings

WRVP. World Sound Recordings, 1929–1995, including news broadcasts, political speeches, programs of a local and regional interest such as Around Bishop’s Cracker Barrel, Capitol Square, Calling All Cooks, Kemp’s Conversations, Radio Scholarship Quiz, Sideviews on the News, and Quiz of Two Cities, and musical programs, such as the Corn Job Pipe Club: Old Dominion Barn Dance, The Sunshine Hour, and The Silver Star Quartet, and WRVA anniversary programs. These sound recordings are now available for use on CD. Each CD has been cataloged individually.

State Records


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