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Hancock and Miller Selected as 2011 Anne and Ryland Brown Teacher Research Fellows

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The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the third annual Anne and Ryland Brown Teacher Research Fellows for 2011.

Nicole Hancock teaches U.S. history and English at J. E. J. Moore Middle School in Prince George, Virginia. She is a graduate of the College of William & Mary, and has a master's degree in history from Virginia State University. Hancock employs a cross-curricular approach, combining history and English curricula in her classroom. She also uses primary sources to help students delve deeply into the content.

Sally Miller is a fourth-grade teacher at William F. Fox Elementary School in Richmond, Virginia. Miller and her students read a book by John Stokes and then nominated him as a 2011 African American Trailblazer at the Library of Virginia. She has a degree in early education from Auburn University. Miller is also an R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence finalist, was selected for the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute, and serves on the Virginia Historical Society Education Board.

"We are so pleased to work with both of these exemplary educators this summer," said Tameka Hobbs, program and education manager at the Library of Virginia. "They are both dedicated to creating rich and meaningful learning experiences for students by using primary sources. We continue to receive applications from amazing teachers all over the commonwealth and these two educators really stood out to the selection committee this year."

Founded in 2009, the Anne and Ryland Brown Teacher Research Fellowship provides Virginia educators the opportunity to research and study a specific aspect of Virginia history and produce educational resources to support the Library of Virginia's ongoing exhibition and education programs. The award includes a stipend of \$2,000 and a \$500 allocation to cover fees and travel for conference presentations.

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