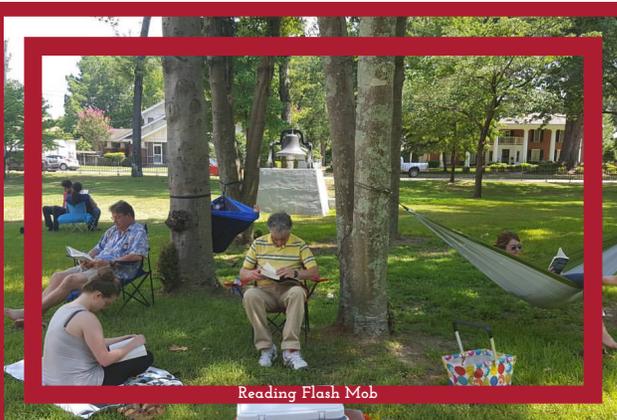


**Used Book Sale**  
On Friday, December 2, Huie Library hosted the Fall 2016 Used Book Sale. With book donations from the Henderson community, the book sale made over \$350. These proceeds will go to fund future Friends of Huie Library events, primarily the annual summer reading program.



Reading Flash Mob

## Summer Reading

Partnering with the Clark County Library, Huie hosted seven programs for children and passive programming for adults centered around the nationwide theme of "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Our programs encouraged participants to focus on physical fitness as well as foster the love of reading.

The children's programs for ages 6-12 were held on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm and covered topics from soccer and yoga to a visit from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. A total of 322 children attended our programs with an average attendance of 54. This is a marked increase over the 115 children who attended the programs last year. We encouraged parents and other adults to attend these sessions which led to a total of 69 adults at the children's programs. This gave us an overall average attendance of 65 for each program. We ended the summer of reading and activities with a summer reading bash featuring a movie, popcorn, juice, and small prizes.

Based on our experience from last year's summer reading programs, we offered passive programs for adults. We held a Reading Flash Mob on the South Lawn in front of Huie and had 8 in attendance. The event was broadcast on Periscope and had an additional 151 live viewers. We encouraged adults to review books and complete health-related tasks for prizes. We received a total of 22 entries of both tic-tac-toe and review cards. Participants received their choice of book bundles in a variety of genres.

The Friends of Huie Library generously provided funding to purchase water and treats for the children. We are looking forward to another set of great summer reading programs next year. With continued support from the campus community and the other libraries in Arkadelphia, these programs will continue to draw future Reddies to our campus while educating and entertaining them.



## Ragni Retirement

After 28 years of service to Henderson State, librarian John Ragni will be retiring at the end of the year. On December 2, we hosted a retirement reception in the Greene Room. It was well attended. Ragni spoke on his long career at Henderson State University. Read his account on page 2.

## Conferences and Presentations

This semester was a busy time for our librarians and staff, as many of them attended and presented at professional conferences.

- Susie Kirk and Lacy Wolfe attended the Higher Ed Web Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. They spoke on social media in libraries with a presentation entitled *#FridayReads: Library and Campus Engagement through Social Media*. A highlight of this conference was getting to see and hear Levar Burton as the keynote speaker.
- Susie also attended the Library Marketing and Communications Conference in Dallas, Texas. This was the second year for this conference and the second year that she attended. In her words, "It did not disappoint!"
- Linda Evans, Natalie Scrimshire, David Sesser, and Lacy Wolfe attended the Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference. David was elected as the chair of the College and University Libraries Division, and Lacy did an encore presentation of *#FridayReads: Library and Campus Engagement through Social Media*. The session was well attended and a thoughtful Q and A followed. Academic librarians are particularly interested in how to best utilize social media within the larger university environment.
- Lauren Avery, Natalie Scrimshire, and Linda Evans attended the archives conference Implementing 'More Product, Less Process', which gave them strategies for getting more archival product available to researchers in less time. If the point of having an archives is to store historical documents and memorabilia safely for researchers to study, Lauren explains, working through processing backlogs at a faster pace gets more product out to users.
- David Sesser and Lacy Wolfe attended the International Federation of Library Association's annual conference in Columbus, Ohio in August. They presented a poster, *Programming Partners: University and Public Library Collaborations*, outlining the work they've done in partnership with the Arkadelphia community and public library.

## Archives and Special Collections

In Special Collections and Archives news, Huie Library was proud to receive a gift of books, magazines, photographs, and artifacts from the family of Roy Cagle, a native of Prescott, served in the Navy during World War II and had a lifelong love of airplanes. Many of his books are now part of the library's Aviation Collection. He also collected aviation magazines—including some dating back to the earliest days of flight—and model airplanes. These, as well as boxes of his personal photos, are now kept in Special Collections and occasionally appear in library displays.

Recently, a researcher working on her master's degree visited the library archives to study its George Thornburgh collection, which documents the history of the Methodist Church in Arkansas, for her thesis about Thornburgh and Arkansas Methodism. Thornburgh, a prominent public figure, was elected state representative in 1881. He was president of the Arkansas Press Association, publisher of the Arkansas Methodist, a recipient of the highest honors of Freemasonry, and was active in church and philanthropic activities.

## Book Displays

Every month we feature books from our collection in book displays. Below is the list of featured book displays from this summer and fall.

- Summer Reading Tic- Tac- Toe
- LGBT Month
- New Books by Authors of Color
- Ideas Behind Black Lives Matter Movement
- Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- New Art Books
- Blind Date with a Banned Book
- To Kill A Mockingbird Play
- Fall Break Student Worker Recommendations

## Faculty Woodwind Quintet

On November 17, the HSU Faculty Woodwind Quintet, which includes Jennifer Amox, Shannon Clardy, Steve Becraft, Maralyn Sommer, and Amy Laursen, performed Irving Fine's Partita for Wind Quintet in the library foyer as a pop-up mini-concert. The performance received a positive reception from the patrons in the library at the time.

## Where to Find Us Online:

- Website - [library.hsu.edu](http://library.hsu.edu)
- Facebook - [/HSUHuieLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HSUHuieLibrary)
- Twitter - [@HSUHuieLibrary](https://twitter.com/HSUHuieLibrary)
- Instagram - [@HSUHuieLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/HSUHuieLibrary)

## John Ragni on his 28 years of service

I started at HSU in January 1988 as the Reference Librarian. In those days we still used the card catalog to locate books, and periodical articles were located by using print indexes. We did have access to two online databases, Dialog and BRS, but those cost money, usually in the \$5 to \$15 range, paid for by the user. In the late 80s I would do a few searches per month, mainly for faculty and graduate students, but by 1990 I only did two or three per year. We had one automated index when I started and that was Infotrac, which was primitive by today's standards, and it was on just one computer. Within a few years we started to get indexes, such as ERIC, on CD-ROM, and they were loaded onto certain computers. I remember we had one personal computer for staff and we had to load the program (Wordperfect or dBaseIII+) from a 5 inch floppy disc onto the computer. When Netscape became available in late 1994, that changed everything. We had a couple of computers with internet access and in those pre-Google days, AltaVista was the premier search engine. As time passed, web-based databases became available, but even in 2001 we were still getting some databases on CD-ROM.

In 1998 the Henderson Seminar program started and I taught my first of 17 classes. In 2000 the library introduced the Library Research Methods class, which was team-taught the first three years. Lea Ann Alexander, Marielle McFarland, Linda Wen, and I taught the class the first three years, and then in 2003 I became the sole instructor.

Only six students took the class the first three years it was offered, but in 2003 the Sociology department allowed the class to satisfy one of their requirements for a degree, and in 2004 the new General Studies degree included the class in its critical thinking component. I set the enrollment cap at 15 students and the cap has been reached 10 out of the last 12 years, including the last 7 years.

As a former collegiate tennis player, I was interested in getting involved with the Henderson team, and it wasn't long before I was working with the men's team in my spare time. During the first year I was the de facto coach, and in 1989 I became the official coach of the team. I coached the team until 1996. In 2005 I started working with the HSU women's team and in recent years I have been instrumental not only in recruiting the top players, but establishing a pipeline to recruit top players every year.