

# Bookmarks @ your library®

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## Voting @ your library®

The RBC Library staff is helping students get ready to vote by participating in **Register to Vote @ your library®**, a nationwide registration drive sponsored by ALA (American Library Association) and Working Assets. Log on to [www.yourvotematters.org/ala](http://www.yourvotematters.org/ala) and find all information needed to register to vote.

The library is also participating in **Project Vote-Smart** founded in 1992 by forty national leaders including Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. Project Vote-Smart is dedicated to providing unbiased and accurate information on those who would hold public office. This effort is *nonpartisan, non-profit, independent, objective, reputable, mission-oriented and thorough*. "As students want to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues, as a Smart Voting Library, (the library) will provide citizens with the most critical component of a self-governed democratic society, accurate and abundant access to knowledge"—President PVS, Richard Kimball. The library will have available The Voter's Self-Defense Manual. Log on: [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org).



## Friends Donate Historical Table



The Friends of Richard Bland College Library have donated a one-of-a-kind naval souvenir to the Special Collections Room of the RBC Library.

The table, constructed in the shape of a whale, was made from parts of a U.S. Liberty Ship named the Richard Bland. The ship was commissioned and launched on February 28, 1942 and delivered on April 17, 1942.

The ship spent 48 days on the water before it was torpedoed and damaged by a U-boat in the Murmansk Run off the coast of Iceland March 5, 1943 and later sunken by a torpedo on March 10, 1943. This table was made from part of the ship that were salvaged after it was sunk in the North Atlantic.

Liberty Ships were the "Ugly Ducklings of World War II." When war was declared it became evident that many cargo ships would be needed to transport food and war materials throughout the world. Thus the Liberty Ships were born since they could be speedily constructed in large numbers.

The U. S. Liberty Ship Richard Bland carried a cargo of lumber, planes, tanks and food along with 41 merchant crew and 28 Naval Armed Guard. Of this number, 19 crew members, including the Captain and 15 Navy men, were lost. There were 35 survivors.

## Library Collection Highlights

Books: 67,800

Videos: 1600

DVDs: 1100

Audio-Recordings: 5,038

Print Journal Subscriptions: 125

Print Newspapers: 8

Microforms: 33.603

### Library Service Highlights

Annual Circulation: 3,475

Annual Interlibrary Loans: 515

Annual students receiving instruction: 764

Annual online VIVA searches: 15,181

Annual attendance: 42,509



### RBC Campus Print

The Friends of RBC Library have for sale prints of the Richard Bland College campus by artist, Parks Pegram Duffey, III. Mr. Duffey is a self-taught artist whose works are primitive but yet have a very realistic style.

22 x 28 inch print: \$35.00

8 x 10 inch print: \$10.00



### Viva Vignettes

The Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) is the consortium of the nonprofit academic libraries within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As a member of VIVA, Richard Bland College students have access to 161 databases with FULL TEXT access to millions of articles; 1500 full text journals and newspapers, nearly 10,000 full text works of poetry and verse drama, 700,000 other full text materials; and off campus access to VIVA.

## RBC Graduate Books

Since 1998, 125 books have been donated to the library by family and friends in honor of RBC graduates. This year, to date, the following graduates have had books donated in their honor:

Craig Alan Alberg, Duong Cunningham, Lucinda Ayres Edwards, Ashley Joan Eavey, Evelyn Hamlin Lockhart, Tamichia M. Morris, Michelle Nicole Myrick, Douglas Leighton Pauley, Jessica Renee Pauley, Robert Douglas Primmer, Christy Campbell Stokes, Shawndra Nicole Wray.



### netLibrary eBooks

In addition to our printed books, the library subscribes to 38,042 eBooks (electronic books). These are accessible via the Internet .

## Upcoming Library Events

### September 2004:

RBC Library "Friends" @ your library®

Register to Vote @ your library®

Banned Books @ your library®

### October 2004:

Smart Voting Starts @ your library®

Research Tips @ your library®

### November 2004:

VIVA and netLibrary Electronic

Resources @ your library®

Renovation @ your library®

Local History @ your library®

### December 2004:

Gifts of Literacy @ your library®



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