

# Library Bookmarks

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## RBC Library Staff Recognized by The Virginia Foundation for Women

For the third year, the staff of the Richard Bland College Library, has assisted The Virginia Foundation for Women with its Women in History poster. Dr. Cherry has served as chair for two years and Ellen Andes has been the webmaster for two years.

In celebration of Women's History Month, eight women are featured on a yearly poster which is distributed during the month of March to all schools, history museums and public libraries in the Commonwealth. An SOL-driven curriculum accompanies each poster to be used as a guide for further exploration of how women throughout Virginia's history have made contributions that continue to impact our lives today.

This year's poster honored a local woman, Anne Dobie Peebles, who has ties to both Richard Bland College and The College of William and Mary.

Anne Dobie Peebles was born in 1922 in Sussex County and educated in public schools. She dedicated her life to public service, and was active in health and education organizations. She served as president of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs (1958-1960), an organization dedicated to community service. A member of the State Board of Education from 1958 until 1970, she became its first woman president, succeeding Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell. In 1974, Peebles began a thirteen-year term on the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary. She was the only woman to serve as rector in the College's history. In recognition of her dedication to the institution, William and Mary awarded her an honorary doctorate in public service and four student scholarships were named for her through the generous financial support of her fellow board members. She was active in politics and was a founder and trustee of the Massey Cancer Center Advisory Board. She has worked to raise the visibility of the center and support its fundraising activities.



**Anne Dobie Peebles**

The Virginia General Assembly named her "A Cultural Laureate of Virginia." Anne Dobie Peebles is truly an outstanding public servant.

**"Library is for Lovers"** was the library theme for February. Part of the library activities included the fundraiser, "Pennies for Paper". The Friends of RBC Library purchased copy paper for use by students free of charge. Most libraries now charge for computer printing but RBC students are not charged. Students were asked to contribute their pennies to help offset the cost of paper. Did you know that 210 pennies will buy 500 sheets of paper? Sharita Sloan, student library assistant, (pictured below) displays pennies on circulation desk.



*"If we didn't already have libraries, they would not have to be invented. They are the keys to American success in fully exploiting the information superhighways of the future." James Billington, Librarian of Congress*

## Friends of RBC Library

The Friends of Richard Bland College Library continue to support the Library. The Friends purchased eighteen periodicals to replace those journals cut during the recent budget cuts.

In addition The Friends purchased \$620.00 in supplies for the library which includes 20 boxes of copy paper totaling \$420.00. This allowed our students to continue free printing in the library. Total donated last semester was \$976.15.

Our anonymous Donor of media donated 62 DVDs and 9 videos this semester. Several friends have donated journal subscriptions to the library.

Several works of art have been donated. From the estate of Marge Solenberger, the library received five works of art. Anna Lou Musgrove donated three paintings to the library.



Anna Lou Musgrove's "Williamsburg in the Snow", first painting acquired for the library.

## RBC LIBRARY STAFF SERVE ON AREA AND STATE COMMITTEES

**Joy Galloni**, Information Technologist and Interlibrary Loan

- member of the VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia) ILL (Interlibrary Loan) Subcommittee and helped organize the statewide VIVA ILL meeting this year

- chair of the Film/Video Coop Committee for RALC (Richmond Academic Library Consortium).

- member of the Gifted Advisory Committee for Prince George County Public Schools

**Ellen Andes**, Reference Librarian and Circulation Supervisor

- secretary of RHIG (Richmond Health Information Group)

- chair-elect of Swem Librarians Assembly of The College of William and Mary

- webmaster for Women in History poster, The Virginia Foundation for Women

- chair of Public Services Committee for RALC (Richmond Academic Library Consortium)

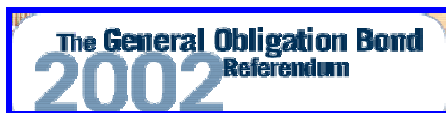
**Dr. Virginia Cherry**, Director of Media Services

- secretary to SCHEV's Library Advisory Committee

- member of RHIG (Richmond Health Information Group), RALC (Richmond Academic Library Consortium), Swem Librarians Assembly Group

- chair of 2003 Virginia Women in History poster (Virginia Foundation for Women)

Joy Galloni, Ellen Andes and Dr. Cherry serve on the Swem Librarians Assembly Group and helped with the Virginia Sirsi's group meeting.



Dr. McNeer, President of Richard Bland College, and students from RBC support the Bond Referendum at a Virginia Commonwealth University rally. The state's colleges and universities will benefit from the bond initiative by providing new construction of needed classrooms and laboratory facilities.. Richard Bland College will use some of their funding for renovating the RBC Library.



# Library Budget Challenges at Richard Bland College

As the library's budget continues to dwindle with the 2002-03 fiscal year, the following decisions were made in order to meet the budget which was cut by **50 percent**: No new book purchases • Reduction of journals by 50 percent • Cancellation of all standing orders • Elimination of all service contracts except one • Reduction in interlibrary loan services to public libraries and out-of-state academic libraries • Reduction in copying services • Cancellation of all print indexes except Reader's Guide • Reduction in one staff position by 50 percent.

In spite of these budgetary cuts, the Richard Bland College Library is continuing to provide academic support that contributes to the mission of the College. In order to provide this support, the library staff relies heavily on VIVA (The Virtual Library of Virginia) to which all academic libraries in the Commonwealth are members, RALC (Richmond Academic Library Consortium), netLibrary™ electronic books collection and The Friends of Richard Bland College Library.

VIVA has proven to provide significant financial benefits to Richard Bland College Library as well as all its members through group purchases. This consortium sharing has helped to offset the book budget (especially in reference) which has declined each year. The full-text GALE databases; i.e., InfoTrac OneFile, have more than compensated for the journal cancellations. VIVA also provides funding and speedy delivery of ILL materials. With a diminished book budget and the inability to obtain current books, VIVA databases and collections provide up-to-date information for our students' research needs.

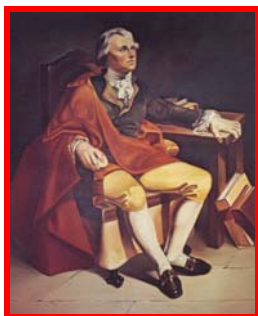
Richard Bland College Library is also a member of is **RALC** (The Richmond Academic Library Consortium). Membership is composed of representatives from eleven academic libraries within the Richmond area and The Library of Virginia. This sharing of media resources supplements the academic curriculum with its twice weekly shuttle of ILL documents and media thus saving considerable mailing costs. Richard Bland College Library is fortunate to have this consortia agreement in order to partner and share with larger libraries as well the Library of Virginia.

The decision to enroll in **netLibrary™**, providing Internet access to eBooks has proven to be a cost-effective purchase. To have access to research and reference materials online for a nominal fee has proven worthwhile to supplement our print book collection. The collection includes over 25,000 electronic books.

The final area of support is from **The Friends of Richard Bland College Library**. They continue to support the library by now purchasing all printer paper and toner cartridges in order to continue free printing for our students.

During abundant funding years as well as lean funding years, Richard Bland College maintains its high standard of service by the sharing of resources through consortium agreements, purchasing netLibrary™ materials customized for the curriculum, fostering the relationship with The RBC Library Friends and the support and collaboration with the **Swem Library staff, The College of William and Mary**.

(Excerpts "Meeting the Budget Challenges at Richard Bland College Library" by Virginia Cherry, *VLA Newsletter (Volume XVI, Number 10/ December 2002) p. 4-5.*



Since the Library staff receives frequent requests from individuals searching their Richard Bland root, information about Richard Bland, the person, has been added to our library website. [ww.rbc.edu/library/SpecialCollections/Special\\_collections.htm](http://ww.rbc.edu/library/SpecialCollections/Special_collections.htm)

*"...When I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that American society has found one more way to destroy itself."*

*Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)*

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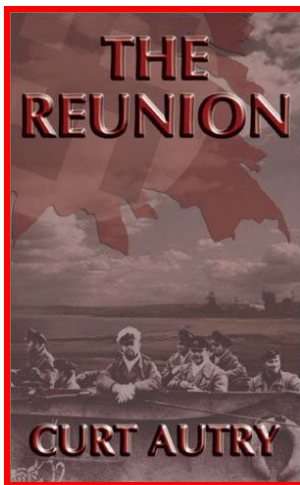
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