

# Library Newsletter

May 2012



## WSCC Welcomes New Library Assistant



May brings a new addition to the WSCC Library staff with the hiring of Blake Wilhelm as a library assistant. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of longtime library employee Kelley Casey.

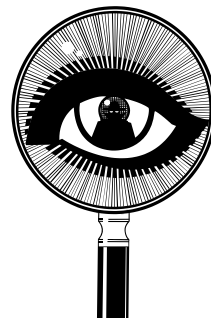
A native of Scottsboro, Blake earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in history from the University of Alabama and Jacksonville State, respectively. He has plans to publish his thesis on William J. Stevens, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Alabama politician.

Wilhelm particularly enjoys helping students with their computers, and he has taught a

Microsoft Office 2010 class at the Huntsville Public Library. His workstation at the WSCC Library is conveniently located near the student computers.

When not working at the library, Blake is an avid outdoorsman and can be found fishing and camping at Alabama's state parks. He also loves sports history and closely follows baseball's Atlanta Braves.

## Check It Out:



## The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

Student Book Review by Kaylen Kennedy

The Hunger Games is the first book of a trilogy written by Suzanne Collins. The story takes place in Panem, which is located in the ruins of North America. The region has been split into districts surrounding a city called The Capitol. The Games are held every year in remembrance of a rebellion that destroyed District 13. Each of the remaining twelve districts provides two tributes – a boy and a girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen – that are

then put into an arena and fight until only one remains alive. The rest of Panem watches.

The novel follows Katniss Everdeen, the female tribute from District 12. She experiences love, death, fear, hatred, and strength in her struggle for survival. No ordinary sixteen-year-old, she dominates the Games with her intelligence, hunting skills, luck, and the help of Peeta Mellark, the male tribute from her district. For him the Games are more painful because he loves Katniss. Together they decide to defy The Capitol and bring the districts into rebellion.

The novel reads easily and the characters are believable. Tension is sustained throughout the trilogy and holds the reader's interest. The idea of today's North America as the ancient history of Panem also adds interest. The survival of the fittest theme captivates male and female readers, and so do a subtle love story and a few suspenseful twists. Katniss makes the journey from being a poor tribute struggling for her life to leading a rebellion for freedom.



*The Wallace State Library has this exciting trilogy (The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, and*

*Mockingjay) available for circulation, as well as Dan Simmons' futuristic thriller, Flashback. Also on the Library's shelves are several books of literary criticism covering the dystopian genre that includes Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451, George Orwell's 1984, Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, Anthony Burgess' A Clockwork Orange, and William Golding's Lord of the Flies.*



## Library Spotlight

Concerned about student debt? Take a look at the in-depth article in the May issue of *Consumer Reports* available on the periodical shelves on the main floor of the WSCC Library.

## New Arrivals

### Non-Fiction

- Use Your Brain to Change Your Age: Secrets to Look, Feel, and Think Younger Every Day, Daniel G. Amen
- Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and

- **Surprising Appeal of Living Alone**, by Eric Klinenberg
- **Enemies: A History of the FBI**, by Tim Weiner
- **Thinking the Twentieth Century**, by Tony Judt with Timothy Snyder
- **The Blood Sugar Solution: The UltraHealthy Program for Losing Weight, Preventing Disease, and Feeling Great Now!**, by Mark Hyman
- **The Jesus Discovery: The New Archaeological Find That Reveals the Birth of Christianity**, by James D. Tabor
- **Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch**, by Sally Bedell Smith
- **Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America**, by Mark R. Levin
- **Power, Inc.: The Epic Rivalry Between Big Business and Government – and the Reckoning That Lies Ahead**, by David Rothkopf
- **Island of Vice: Theodore Roosevelt’s Doomed Quest to Clean Up Sin-Loving New York**, by Richard Zacks
- **Rogues and Redeemers: When Politics Was King in Irish Boston**, by Gerard O’Neill

## Fiction

- **Death of a Kingfisher**, by M.C. Beaton
- **The Technologists**, by Matthew Pearl

- **Victims**, by Jonathan Kellerman
- **Taken**, by Robert Crais
- **Death Comes to Pemberley**, by P.D. James



## Regular Operating Hours for May

M-Th: 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM  
 Fri: 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
 Sat: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## Special Operating Hours for May

**CLOSED: Tues., May 8- Sat., May 12**  
**CLOSED: Sat., May 26-Mon., May 28**



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