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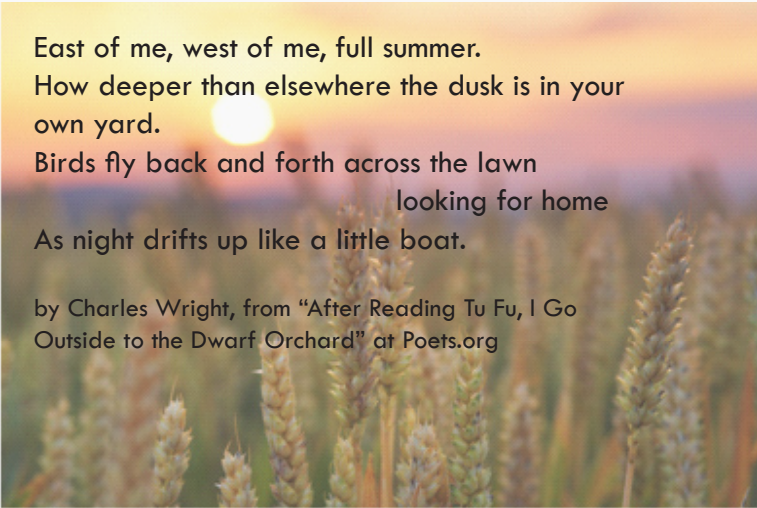
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After Reading Tu Fu, I Go Outside to the Dwarf Orchard



East of me, west of me, full summer.
How deeper than elsewhere the dusk is in your
own yard.
Birds fly back and forth across the lawn
looking for home
As night drifts up like a little boat.

by Charles Wright, from "After Reading Tu Fu, I Go
Outside to the Dwarf Orchard" at Poets.org

Kudos, not just a snack!



to Erin Cassidy, reference librarian, and Abe Korah, former reference librarian, who have co-authored "Students and Federated Searching: A Survey of Usage and Satisfaction," This article will be published in the Summer 2010 issue of *Reference & User Services Quarterly*.

AND

to Glenda Griffin, Serials Catalog Librarian, for publication of her two poems "Even Cemeteries Die" and "Spectrum" in the 2008-2009 *Sam Houston State Review*.

What being then exists,
omnivisual,
to suggest even more created shades,
and that the human
also has insufficient eyes,
walking the earth
as a brilliantly colored creature, unaware.

-from "Spectrum"

Unable to attend Writing in the Disciplines Seminar in May? Don't fret!

You can still get great information about how to incorporate unique forms of writing, both formal and informal, into your classes in order to engage your students and enhance their learning. Take a look at the book used in the seminar, *Engaging Ideas: The professor's guide to integrating writing, critical thinking, and active learning in the classroom*, by John C. Bean (find it @ **PE1404 .B35 1996**).

Thinking about developing a new writing assignment that involves research, library use, or information literacy? Contact your department's subject librarian to talk about setting up a library lesson for your class, to discuss what materials the library has on a certain topic, or for any other kind of research support that you might need.

Contributed by Erin Cassidy, Reference Librarian and recent participant in the Writing in the Disciplines seminar

Twitter will be coming soon to the Newton Gresham Library! Keep your eyes peeled for further news!

Congratulations, Dr. Paul Ruffin!

SHSU's own Dr. Paul Ruffin has been selected as the 2009 Texas Poet Laureate. Huzzah!

This editor had Dr. Ruffin for several classes and will confirm all the stories about him are true. Most likely, anyway. Dr. Ruffin is an unforgettable man with bold character. He is filled with entertaining stories and anecdotes, and his Southern speech--sometimes a drawl or twang depending on the part--is most captivating when he reads aloud. Dr. Ruffin's humorous tales in *The Huntsville Item* for have never failed to make me laugh. He also taught me how to make neat and even hamburger patties. So, congratulations!

The editor, Michelle Martinez (also known as a Reference Librarian at NGL)

Read more about Dr. Paul Ruffin and his new status at the Houston Chronicle online. You can also visit Dr. Ruffin's website.

On a note about Texas Poets Laureate, Karla Morton from Denton has been selected as Texas Poet Laureate for 2010.

If you like the South in your fiction ...

Jesus in the mist, by Dr. Ruffin PS3568 .U362 J47

The ordeal of Mansart PS3507 .U147 O73

Kindred PS3552 .U827 K5

Dessa Rose PS3573 .I45546 D47

Juneteenth PS3555.L625 J86

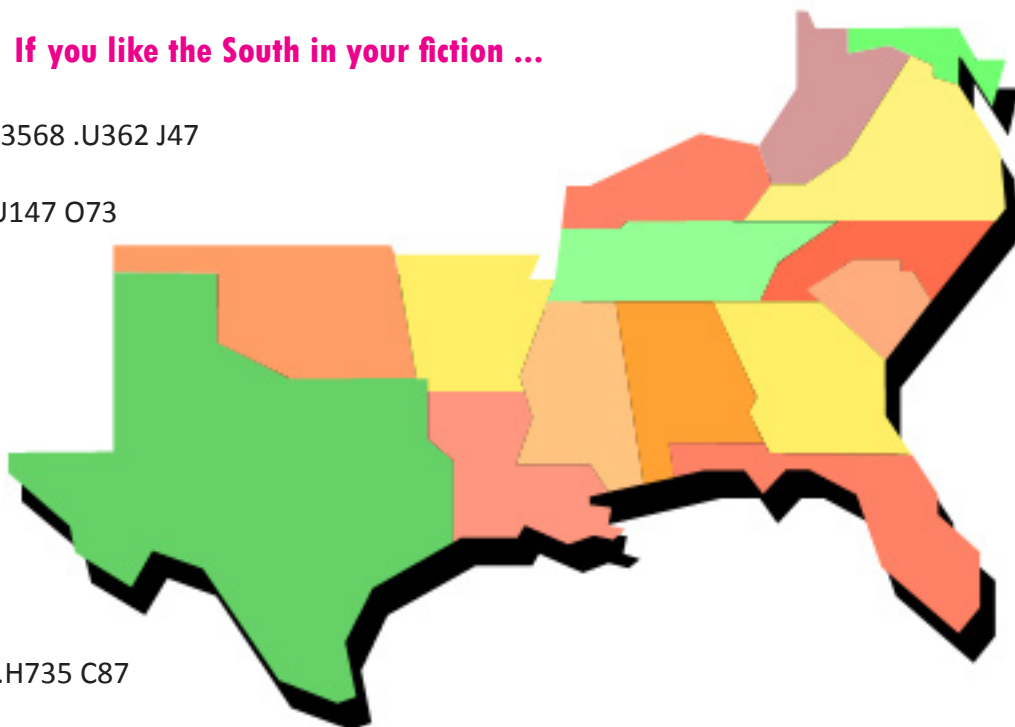
Easter Lilly PS3573.I25 E2

The reivers PS3511.A86 R388

Custer's brother's horse PS3569 .H735 C87

Downhome : an anthology of Southern women writers PS551 .D69

The conjure woman, and other conjure tales PS1292 .C6 A6



Potentially Interesting Events that Occured in June

- 0780 -BC- first total solar eclipse reliably recorded by Chinese
- 1070 Roquefort cheese created in a cave near Roquefort, France
- 1178 Canterbury monks report lunar phenomenon
- 1215 King John of England signs the Magna Carta
- 1314 Battle of Bannockburn; Scotland regains independence from England
- 1494 First written record of Scotch Whiskey appears in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland. Friar John Cor is the distiller.
- 1509 England's King Henry VIII marries Catherine of Aragon
- 1638 First earthquake recorded in US, at Plymouth, Mass
- 1783 Laki Volcano in southern Iceland begins 8-month eruption; created killer cloud.
- 1885 Statue of Liberty arrived in NYC aboard French ship 'Isere'
- 1973 Pope opens Vatican Collection of Modern Religious Art
- 2008 Thomas Beatie, the world's first pregnant man, gives birth to a daughter.

Summer Vacation

Escape with a book!



- The princes of Ireland** PR6068 .U88 P75
Evocative of James Michener's in-depth historical style, tour ancient Ireland.
- The age of orphans** PS3611 .H315 A73
Follow the life of a Kurdish boy in 1920s Iran as he struggles with his identity.
- Sister Pelagia and the black monk** PG3478 .K78 P45513
A 19th century Russian nun investigates disturbances at the monastery of New Ararat.
- The elegance of the hedgehog** PQ2662 .A6523 E4413
In France, two disparate lives of a suicidal teenager and a concierge collide, with a Japanese businessman in between.
- Number9dream** PR6063 .I785 N86
Eiji travels to Tokyo to meet his father and encounters the Japanese mafia.
- The blue manuscript** PR9408 .T83 K54
Archeologists search for a rare document in remote Egypt; lives, dreams, & personalities intersect.
- The Incantation of Frida K** PS3552 .R3555 I53
This is a fictional autobiography of the influential Surrealist Mexican artist Frida Khalo
- The Generals** PT9876 .A35 G45
In this Swedish political satire, Erwin Velder is charged with 127 offenses and brought before a kangaroo-court.

Huntsville: Then & Now Virtual Exhibit

Each year the SHSU Political Science Junior Fellows choose a different historical area of Huntsville to research and preserve by creating a photographic exhibit. Last year the students teamed with Huntsville Main Street and focused on University Avenue, celebrating the connection between Sam Houston State University and Huntsville's historic downtown. In an effort to chronicle the hard work and artistry of the Political Science Junior Fellows, the Newton Gresham Library has created a virtual representation of the exhibit, intending to recreate the experience of viewing the exhibit in person. Please take the time to enjoy this exhibit by visiting the library's Digital Collections home page.