Author to Visit MUS

The MUS Library is pleased to welcome Jonathan Rogers to our campus on Wednesday, March 25. He'll speak in chapel and sign books. Jonathan Rogers spent his childhood in the swamps of Georgia, which gave him the material he needed for The Wilderking Trilogy. The Bark of the Bog Owl, The Secret of the Swamp King, and The Way of the Wilderking are the three novels in his series. The main character is Aidan Errolson, a boy who finds out it is his destiny to become the Wilderking of Corenwald. The Wilderking was prophesied to be a wild man who would come from the swamps to set things right in the island kingdom. On Aidan’s journey to Corenwald, he meets the feechiefolk, a tribe of swamp people who smell terrible, fight too much, and laugh at old jokes. Rogers based his trilogy on the Biblical story of King David, but he also has a PhD in 17th century English literature from Vanderbilt.

In The World According to Narnia, Jonathan Rogers takes the reader further into the wardrobe, straight to the heart of the imaginative world of C.S. Lewis. Rogers reveals how the plots and characters from Narnia reflect Biblical stories. He shows that the Chronicles of Narnia are able to awaken in the reader the desire to do what is good and true. Narnia makes you feel that a life of virtue is also a life of imaginative adventure.

Senior Coffee

In April, the library will be serving coffee to the seniors for three days. Just like last year, the library will serve free coffee and a muffin from 7:45 to 10:45 in the morning to honor our graduating seniors. Be on the lookout for more information as we approach the end of the semester.

Free Hot Chocolate

During Exam week at MUS, the Library gave away free cups of coffee or hot chocolate and muffins in the lobby. Hundreds were served. Each day of the week was a different grade, with the seventh and eighth graders the most enthusiastic about their hot chocolate.

We Need Your Help

In the front lobby you might have noticed our display of the nominated books for the Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award. These are books that have been popular in TN libraries and are now being offered for your consideration. Teens across the state get to vote if they have read 3 of the books on the list. After you’ve read 3, pick up a ballot and cast your vote for your favorite book. Once you’ve voted, you will receive a prize for participating. It’s up to you to decide who wins.
New Databases

Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry: Includes poems, commentaries, glossary, biographies, and criticism—just in time for Poetry Month.

AccessScience: Searchable content from McGraw-Hill’s Encyclopedia of Science and Technology. Includes AP Study guides and is updated daily.

Literature Criticism Online: Replicates all the brown books in the reference well.

Project Muse: 100% full-text access to humanities and social sciences journals. Similar to Jstor. On-campus access only.

This Just In

--from publishers’ descriptions.

The Juvie Three
by Gordon Korman
Gecko, Arjay, and Terence, all in trouble with the law, must find a way to keep their halfway house open in order to stay out of juvenile detention.

Backyard ballistics: build potato cannons, paper match rockets, Cincinnati fire kites, tennis ball mortars, and more dynamite devices by William Gurstelle. If you loved watching the science department blow up stuff last semester, then this is the book for you. Just be sure to follow all the safety precautions so that you don’t end up in the emergency room!

Mind gym: an athlete’s guide to inner excellence by Gary Mack
Drawing on his work with some of the top teams in professional sports, noted sport psychology consultant Gary Mack shares with you the same techniques and exercises he uses to help elite athletes build mental “muscle.”

Storm Front by Jim Butcher
In this first book in the offbeat Dresden Files, readers are introduced to Harry Dresden, a wizard with a consulting practice in modern-day Chicago. Dresden’s profession offers him little money, lots of mockery, the suspicion of his magical colleagues, and plenty of danger.

Ender in Exile
by Orson Scott Card
At the close of “Ender’s Game,” Andrew Wiggin—called Ender—is told that he can no longer live on Earth. The 12-year-old chooses to leave his home world and begins the long relativistic journey out to the colonies.

The Graveyard Book
by Neil Gaiman
This book has just won the Newbery Medal. The sole survivor of a brutal attack—an 18-month-old baby—escapes his crib and his house, and toddles to a nearby graveyard. Quickly recognizing that the baby is orphaned, the graveyard’s ghostly residents adopt him, name him Nobody (“Bod”), and allow him to live in their graveyard.

Scratch Beginnings: Me, $25, and the Search for the American Dream
by Adam Shepard
A compelling and inspiring work of investigative journalism in which the author sets out to see if someone who starts with nothing can still achieve the American Dream.

Digital Art: Painting With Pixels
by Ron Miller
This explains everything you need to know about the subject to get started on your own digital design.

“IT’s no use going to school unless the library is your final destination.” --Ray Bradbury