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Emilie Richards to Speak at the Fall Friends of the Library Event

USA Today bestselling author, Emilie Richards, will speak at the Janet D. Greenwood Friends of the Library event on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the atrium of the Greenwood Library. Richards, whose name resonates with the hundreds of thousands of readers who have embraced her works of family fiction and romance, is a full-time writer and avid quilter. The Friends of the Library look forward to Richards regaling us with her life experiences.

Richards received her undergraduate degree in American Studies from Florida State University and her master's degree in Family Development from Virginia Tech. Before becoming a full-time writer, she was employed as a parent services coordinator for Head Start families, as a therapist in a mental health center, and in several pastoral counseling centers. No doubt Richards' background as a relationship counselor is reflected in her award-winning novels. Richards draws on her vocational background to deliver richly textured family stories that explore the



human condition. According to Richards, "I began writing just to please myself, realized that I would be even more pleased if other people read me, and set out to make that happen. Sixty plus novels later, I think I've succeeded."

As her star has risen in the publishing world, Richards has appeared on national television and has been quoted in *Reader's Digest*, placed between such noted figures as Oprah and Thomas Jefferson. Although she has broadened the scope of her writing to women's fiction and mysteries, she was recently awarded the prestigious RITA® (Romance Writers of America) Award, romance

publishing's Oscar®, for her earlier work in the genre. In addition, *Romantic Times Book Reviews* magazine has presented her with numerous awards including an award for career achievement.

Richards is married to her college sweetheart, a Unitarian Universalist minister. Richards' years with her husband and church life influenced the creation of the *Ministry Is Murder* mysteries, her series that chronicles a minister's wife who solves murders in a small Ohio town. She and her husband have three grown sons and a daughter. Born in Bethesda, Maryland and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, Richards has moved frequently due to her husband's profession. They have lived in Virginia, Louisiana, California, Arkansas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. They also spent two four-month sabbaticals in Australia. When not writing or quilting, Richards enjoys traveling and turning her suburban yard into a country garden. She is currently plotting her next novel for Mira Books.

Rosemary Sprague: Longwood Educator and Award-Winning Author

An accomplished teacher, scholar, and author, Dr. Rosemary Sprague was one of Longwood's 20th century celebrities. As an instructor, her dramatic stage presence added flare to her teaching style, and outside of the classroom, she was a well-known award-winning author. Greenwood Library has the privilege of housing the Rosemary Sprague Collection, the contents of which afford a unique glimpse into the life of a local "renaissance woman."

Dr. Sprague graduated from Bryn Mawr College, received her master's degree and doctorate from Case Western Reserve University and did post-graduate work at Oxford University, the University of London, and the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-on-Avon. Before coming to Longwood, Dr. Sprague was director of dramatics at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio.

Sprague began teaching English literature at Longwood in 1962 and was promoted to full professor in 1965. In 1967, she became Longwood's first Board of Visitors Distinguished Professor.

Dr. Sprague's legacy lives on through her published works, which include nine historical novels for young adults, biographies of Robert Browning and George Eliot, a study of five American poets entitled "Imaginary Gardens," and the *Sesquicentennial History of*

Longwood College. These works can be found in library collections throughout the country.

Dr. Sprague also lent her expertise and energy to the local community and professional organizations. She was an active member of Johns Memorial Episcopal Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as State Historian of the DAR from 1986 to 1989. An accomplished actress, she loved the theatre her entire life, she was a member of the Waterworks Players Board of Directors and played major roles in many of their productions. In 1971, Dr. Sprague established the Victorians Institute in collaboration with two colleagues from the University of North Carolina. The Institute has developed into an international literary society.

Dr. Sprague passed away in the fall of 1991. The Greenwood Library is privileged to carry on her legacy through our collection of her books and papers. These include her personal correspondence, research, publication drafts, documents related to her teaching and writing careers, and personal and biographical information. To gain a glimpse into the life of this very passionate and talented writer, actress, and educator, please contact Lydia Williams, Special Collections, at 434.395.2432 or williamslc@longwood.edu.

Multimedia Expands, Classrooms Enriched

In June 2010 the Library staff said farewell to the Governor's School of Southside Virginia. The Governor's School, a statewide initiative that works with localities to "serve gifted high school students during the academic year," occupied three classrooms on the Library's second floor. The school's departure provided Dean Barbour the opportunity to expand the increasingly popular Multimedia Lab and to enrich the technology in the Library's classrooms.

Since its opening in 2007, Multimedia Lab staff have supported students as they developed digital, graphic, audio, and video content for their coursework. Increasingly, faculty ask for more than the "10-page research paper" as evidence of learning in the classroom. Instructors now ask students to work collaboratively and create multimedia projects that include video, images and sound in a Web 2.0 environment.

Initially, the Multimedia Lab was located in room 148, adjacent to the Information Center. In the new configuration, Multimedia Services will expand into the two adjacent classrooms, now used by Library faculty for instructional purposes. The redesigned Multimedia Lab will be equipped for:

- green screening,
- audio production,
- converting of various video formats,
- high-end multimedia computing, and
- use of its newest equipment including five digital cameras, six camcorders, three voice recorders and a large drawing tablet.

To expand Multimedia Services, the Library's classrooms currently located in 147A and B will move to two of the three rooms previously occupied by the Governor's School. Library faculty use the classrooms in collaboration with teaching faculty to provide discipline-based information literacy instruction for students. However, when not used for instructional purposes, these rooms are available for faculty meetings and gatherings, cultural events and lectures, group tutoring sessions offered by the University's Learning Center staff, and open study space.

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Multimedia Expands, Classrooms Enriched (cont.)

Each of these rooms will feature state-of-the-art teaching technologies plus hard-wired and wireless Internet access. Students will be able to use their personal laptops or the Library's circulating laptops for classroom instruction or for general use during open study times. Library staff are working with design consultants to transform the third classroom into group work areas.

The Library staff has worked closely with Longwood's Facilities Office to transform these rooms into more productive workspaces. Critical to the success of the project was the ability to provide electricity. The existing electrical infrastructure for this area of the Library

had reached maximum capacity; therefore, a new transformer was required for the completion of this project and for the long-term electrical needs of the Library.

The Library continually moves forward in offering a comprehensive array of services and resources that support the University's mission of cultivating citizen leaders. This latest renovation demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that the Greenwood Library is an environment that fosters intellectual exchange, scholarly communication, cultural enrichment, lifelong information literacy, and creative expression in a user-centered, high-tech environment.

A Letter from the Dean

The Greenwood Library is embarking on another exciting year. Our goal is to provide excellent service to our faculty, students, and staff. Even in these hard times, we continue to expand our services, programs, and print and electronic collections. We look forward to your participation in the Friends Group and at our functions, i.e. our next Friends event on October 1, 2010.

Wendell Barbour
Dean
Greenwood Library

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