



Luther L. Gobbel Library, Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

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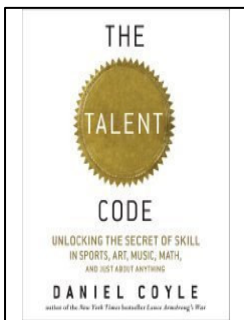
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## Hurrah for Edgar Allan Poe



Our annual Poe Fest will be held this Thursday evening, January 21, at 7:00 on the main floor of the library in celebration of the birthday of Edgar Allan Poe. This year's participants will be Dr. Hall Poe, Union University; Professors Cliff Laird and Tony Rafalowski and student Gerial McCall, Lane College; and Dr. Ryan Guth, Sam Mauck, Jonathan Orr, student Sissy Orr, and alum William Jobe, Lambuth University. If this year's event is half as good as last year's, you won't want to miss it.

## Upcoming Program



Ever wonder where talent comes from and whether you have what it takes to play sports, paint, or speak a foreign language? On Thursday, February 18, at 12:15 p.m., Professor Susan Hudacek will present a review of Daniel Coyle's *The Talent Code* in the library.

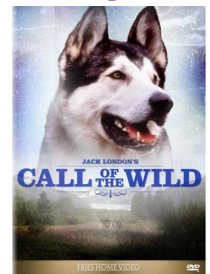
## Library Staff

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<http://www.lambuth.edu/academics/library/library.html>

## Big Read

From February 25 to March 25, there will be events throughout the city related to the Big Read. This program is sponsored by the NEA, which annually provides a \$7500 matching grant to encourage reading in the community and provides money for speakers. This year's book is *Call of the Wild* by Jack London. Over 20 community partners will provide the matching portion, and Lambuth will be actively involved with the program as a venue for speakers. The book was written in 1903, a pivotal time in history that saw heavy immigration, new technology particularly in communication and theater, international assassination attempts, lynchings, the suffragette movement, and much more. If you would be interested in presenting a talk on the book itself, the author, or any related topic from the period, please let me know. There will be small honoraria and it would be good publicity for the university as part of a community-wide event.



The kickoff party will be at the Discovery Museum in downtown Jackson on Thursday, February 25 and will include a Jack London impersonator, music by Lambuth's Brass Ensemble, and more. The event is free and open to the public.

- Friday, February 26 – New Jacksonians Book Club
- Tuesday, March 2 – Page Turners Book Club
- Thursday, March 4 – Friends of the Library noon book talk and the Keynote event at JSCC
- Tuesdays and Thursdays - Library Preschool Storytime
- Tuesday, March 16 – Iditarod Musher Karen Land at main library and local schools
- Monday, March 22 – Home School Book Club
- Thursday, March 25 – Closing event

## Haiti Relief

We will be assembling health kits in the library on Tuesday, January 26, from noon to 2:00 p.m. through the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. If you could provide any or all the items for a health kit (see below), please bring them to the library during the next week. Items needed for each kit are:

- *1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)*
- *1 washcloth*
- *1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)*
- *1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)*
- *1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)*
- *1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)*
- *6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages*
- *\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste which will be bought in bulk*

**Important Kit Assembly Information:** All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more.

## Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Public Library

The Friends of the Library will present the following programs, each held at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch and enjoy desserts made by the Friends.

February 4 – Dr. Michael Bertrand, associate professor of history at Tennessee State University, will discuss his books on music and the rock and roll society.

March 4 – Professor James Mayo of Jackson State Community College will present a program on Jack London's *Call of the Wild*.

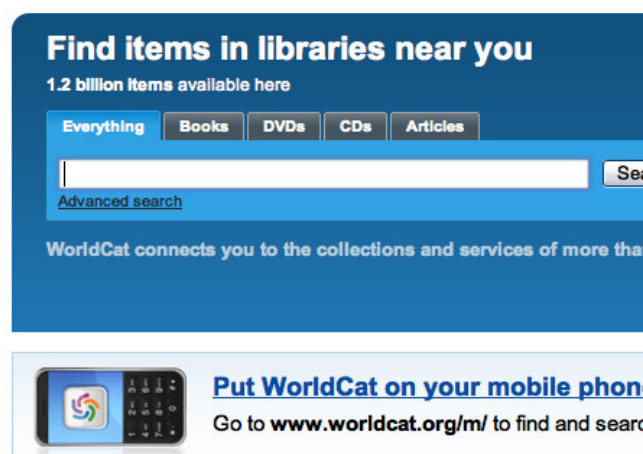
April 1 – Crystal Wilkinson, assistant director of Lexington, Kentucky, Carnegie Center of Literacy, will discuss her poetry and short stories.

May 6 – Plant swap and program by Dr. Anita Stamper of Lambuth University.

## Libraries Help Tame the Information Glut

Google claimed that there were over 1 trillion unique URLs about 18 months ago and that number has only escalated. In addition, there are currently 300,000,000 Facebook users and 48,233 unique Twitter users online per hour. Couple that with search hits on Google reaching 293 million per day and YouTube hits crossing 1 billion per day and you see the amount of information that is available and is actively being searched. How does one find anything anymore?

WorldCat is promoted as “the world’s largest network of library content and services.” Through this database, the user can search for items housed in over 10,000 libraries throughout the world. There are over 1.8 billion items in over 50 languages. Books comprise the largest percentage with over 7 million, but entries may be found for periodicals, visual materials, maps, sound recordings, music scores, and computer files. Simply go to the library’s webpage and select WorldCat from the left column. You can set up a free personal account where you can store lists and create bibliographies automatically formatted in the citation style of your choice. Are you on the road and need a specific book to support your research? You can install WorldCat on your mobile phone, search for the book, and locate it in a nearby library. The 1.45 billion location listings are sorted by distance from your zip code.



The image shows a screenshot of the WorldCat website. At the top, it says "Find items in libraries near you" and "1.2 billion items available here". Below this are tabs for "Everything", "Books", "DVDs", "CDs", and "Articles". There is a search bar with a "Search" button and a link to "Advanced search". Below the search bar, it says "WorldCat connects you to the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries". At the bottom, there is a promotion for a mobile app: "Put WorldCat on your mobile phone" with a link to "Go to www.worldcat.org/m/ to find and search".

## Professional Accomplishments

Pam’s article, “Once You’ve Hooked Them, Then What,” co-authored with Beth Robinson of The University of Memphis, appeared in the current issue of *Tennessee Libraries*, published by the Tennessee Library Association (TLA). Pam and Bess will team up again in March as their most recent proposal was accepted for presentation at the annual TLA conference.