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# Founders Keepers

## Student Appreciation Party

### Upcoming Events

- March 13-20: Spring Break
- March 22: Friends program
- March 24 Friends program
- April 17: Honors Day
- May 5: Classes End; Friends meeting and Ice Cream Social
- May 6: Reading Day
- May 7, 9-13 Final Exams



Wednesday, April 13, 11:30-1:30  
in the Staff Lounge

Faculty & Staff are asked to donate at least \$5 to cover the cost of pizza and soda. Donations of snacks, salads, or desserts are greatly appreciated!

**RSVP and pay by 4:00PM on Friday, March 26, 2016, to  
Susan Kapost, Dee Anna Phares, or TJ Lusher.**

## Best Place to Study...Founders, of course!



Founders Memorial Library has won the "Best Place to Study" award again this year in the Northern Star *Best of DeKalb* contest. A variety of types of study environments,

long hours, excellent research assistance, rich collections, and Wi-Fi and charging options help students and faculty find a place to meet, study, and work in Founders. We have

hung these awards on various floors to spread the word. Thanks to all for helping to make this a favorite destination on campus!

## Upcoming Friends Programs, by Lynne Thomas

The Friends of NIU Libraries has three events coming up that might interest you:

On Tuesday, March 22, 6-7pm in the DeKalb Public Library Yusunas Meeting Room, the Friends is co-sponsoring an evening with National Book Medal Award Winner Julia Alvarez, whose book *In the Time of the Butterflies* was chosen for The Big Read. There will be a presentation, a Q&A session, and a book-signing at the end. Free books will be given out.



**Julia Alvarez**

On Thursday, March 24, 7:30pm in Cole Hall 100, the Friends are co-sponsoring with the Medieval Studies Program a presentation by Robert Berkhofer of Western Michigan University on "Forgery and Faith in the *Liber Traditionum* of Saint Peter's,

Ghent." His talk will examine motives (both pious and material) for the forgery of documents and the historical rewriting of texts by medieval monks. He will focus on the case of the monastery of Saint Peter's, Ghent, which was the burial site for the medieval Counts of Flanders. In particular, his talk will focus on issues relating to narrativity and truth using both historical and literary approaches to manuscript evidence.

Professor Robert Berkhofer is Associate Professor of History at Western Michigan University. His research centers on medieval France and England in the period *circa* 900 to 1200. He is the author of *Day of Reckoning: Power and Accountability in Medieval France* and co-editor of *The Experience of Power in Medieval Eu-*

*rope, 950-1350*. His current book project is a study of medieval forgeries and historical writings, which explores the relationships between texts, archives, and the senses of the past in the central Middle Ages. It adopts a comparative approach, using documents and narratives from several prominent Benedictine monasteries in medieval England, France, and the county of Flanders, and seeks to provide a synthetic treatment of medieval forgery in a transnational context.

On Thursday, May 5, 3:30-5pm in Rare Books and Special Collections, the Friends will host their Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social.

All three events are free and open to the public.



**Robert Berkhofer**

## Katharine Walker Scholarship, by Lynne Smith

The Walker Work Scholar Committee at Northern Illinois University Libraries is pleased to announce that applications may now be submitted for the Katharine Walker Library Work Scholar Award. The purpose of this award is to honor Miss Katherine Walker and pay tribute

to her lifelong commitment to the library profession through the provision of actual library work experience for students at NIU who wish to explore careers as professional librarians. While serving NIU from 1942 until her retirement in 1973, Miss Walker assisted in the library's move from Altgeld Hall to Swen Parson and later helped with the planning of its subsequent move to Founders Memorial Library.

Preference will be given to undergraduates. Prospective candidates must have a grade point

average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale and an interest in working in the library environment. The award is based on the academic year. The application deadline is March 31, 2016.

To apply, please send together:

- \_\_\_ A letter of application including a brief explanation of your experiences or interests in the field of library science, information studies, and/or media instruction
- \_\_\_ A copy of academic transcript(s)
- \_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation

These materials should be mailed to:

Lynne Smith  
Walker Work Scholar Committee Chair  
Founders Memorial Library,  
Room 115C  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL 60115



Katharine Walker

## New Southeast Asia Exhibit, by Joanna Kulma

The Southeast Asia collection has a new exhibit! This one is entitled *New Year's Festivals in Mainland Southeast Asia* and it features books, and artifacts from our collection, as well as, photos that provide a colorful look into the unique ways the people of five mainland Southeast Asian countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar/Burma, Thailand and Vietnam) celebrate and welcome the new year. Most of these

countries celebrate the New Year in mid-April, with the exception of Vietnam, where they celebrate the Lunar New Year. This exhibit was curated by Alexx Salazar, M.A candidate in anthropology and SEA collection student worker. Alexx also designed the banner and donated a few artifacts from her personal collection. The exhibit will be up through the beginning of May.





## The Last Word

Amid all the dismal budget news and rainy weather, here is a brighter thought: it will officially be spring next week! My home in Indiana is in the country, and my flower beds are filled equally with cultivated and wild perennials. Some of the wild perennials were in the

flower beds when we moved in 25 years ago, some I have transplanted from other places on our property, and some are volunteer plants that have survived because I have a "let it grow until you can identify it" philosophy. I never assume a plant is a weed just because I don't recog-

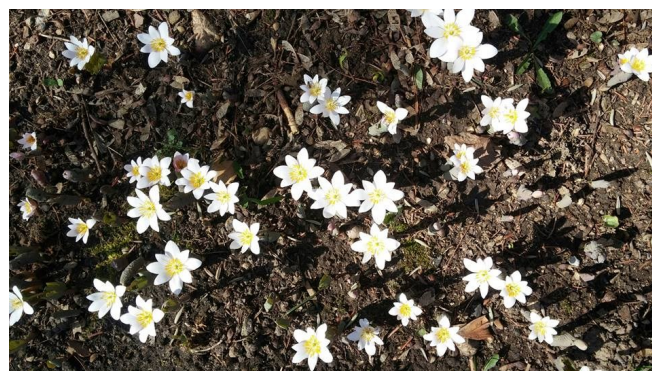
nize it. So, this month, I leave you with some images of early spring flowers (mostly wild), and some that will be appearing in the next month...just because I don't want to think about politics and budgets at the same time as I am planning three desserts for the next family dinner!



Snowdrops



Hepatica



Bloodroot