

# Collier Library looks forward to National Library Week

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Next week will be National Library Week at Collier Library. It is a weeklong celebration to recognize the contributions of libraries to the community. The theme for this year is "Community's Thrive at your library." The activities that Collier Library will have include various talks and a photo exhibit. Also, there will be a day when students will be given amnesty for lost items. All these events are meant to encourage student knowledge and attendance to the library.

"The point of these activities is to get students to come into Collier, even if it's to get a fee removed, and realize the countless resources we have available to help them at UNA," said Emily Patterson, one of the circulation desk supervisors who helped organize the activities for this week.

April 1-May 14 are the dates for the photo gallery. The photo gallery consists of art by workers in Collier. The featured artists include Carl Brackin, Steve Burnett, Sue Nazworth, Phillip Oliver and Emily Patterson. The subject of the artwork varies from local architecture to scenes from around the world. Emily Patterson, an artist with one of

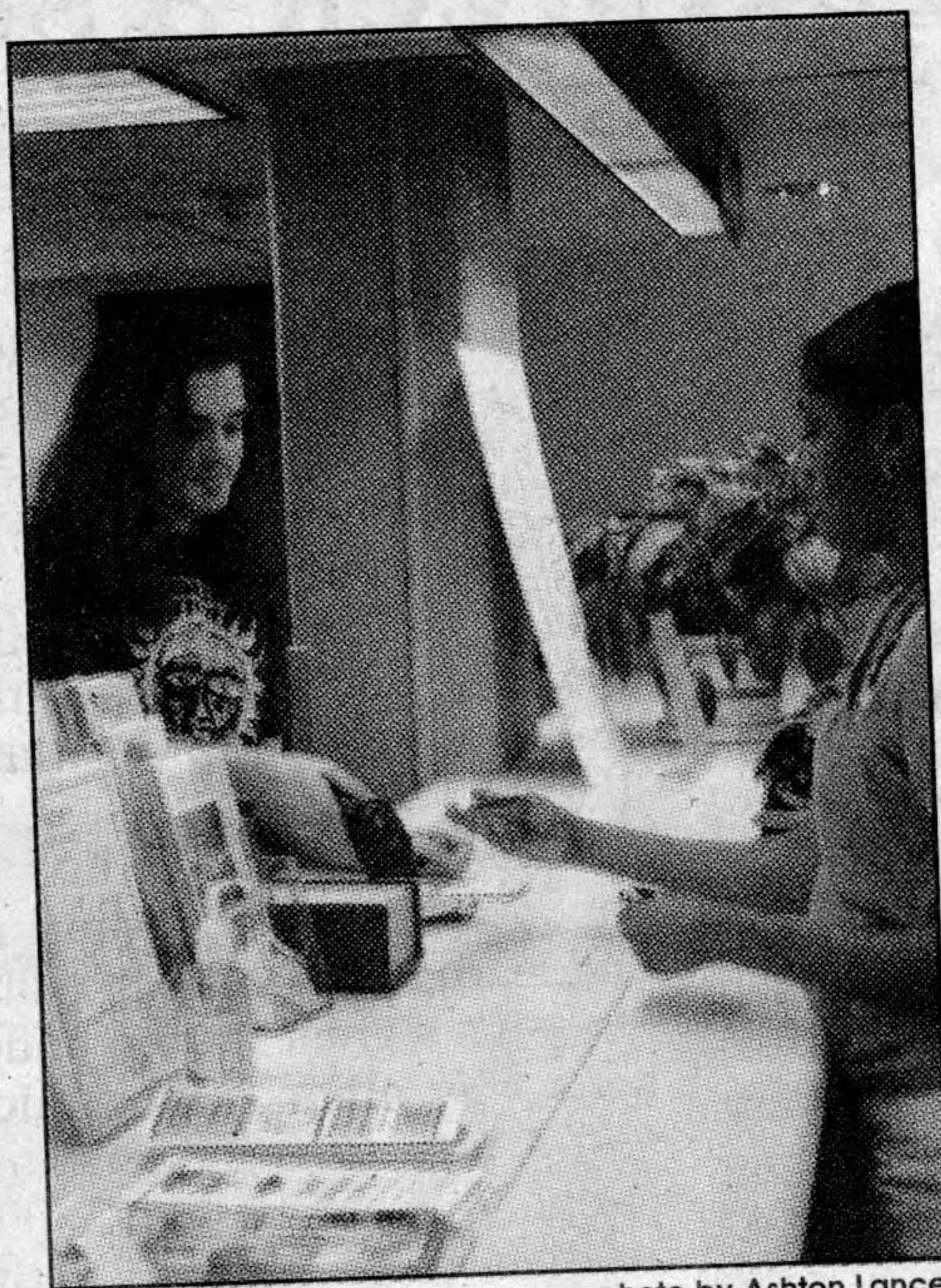


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**LIBRARY WEEK** — A student gets some materials checked out at Collier Library.

the more whimsical collections, says that she's honored to have her artwork on display in Collier. "I wanted to do something different and interesting with my photos. If I were to describe my collection of mushrooms photos, I would defiantly describe it as unique," said Patterson.

Student workers Joni Gillespie and Brett Leslie are excited about the photo gallery. "I'm looking forward to seeing the work of my peers. It's kinda like seeing

the world thru their eyes," said Gillespie.

Leslie, a photographer as well, thinks that photography is more about the experiences rather than the image itself. "The photos are a glimpse into the experiences that the person has been through. A person chooses to take a photograph of an object because they feel some kind of connection with it," said Leslie.

April 12-14 are the amnesty days. This is when anyone can bring in a library item that has an outstanding fee and have the fee removed. This is an attempt by Collier to get their lost items back. The items need to be returned to the Circulation desk. Collier has only offered this amnesty to the public once in 40 years. Student Lucretia Roundtree plans to attend the Amnesty Day. "My school schedule is absolutely ridiculous and sometimes things like returning a book get put on the back burner. This is a great opportunity and everyone should take advantage of it," said Roundtree.

April 12 will be the trip talks. This is when various groups on campus will come and share their experiences about trips worldwide. It will be held in the Popular

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Reading section on the first floor of Collier. Veronica Ward will discuss her trips to the Southwest, with Professor Greg Gaston. Also, Dianne Dodson, who has just returned from England, will be speaking. Trip talks is an activity that will encourage students to see the world outside Florence, Ala.

April 13 is National Library Workers Day. It is a day for everyone to show how much they appreciate the hard work that the librarians put into Collier. The library workers will be wearing special badges to identify themselves as workers.

April 14 and 15 are the author talks. Debbie Wilson will be speaking on April 14 at 3 p.m. She is the author

of *Brushing Away the Tears*. Sharon McGee will be talking about her book *Anybody's Guess* on April 15 at 10 a.m. Student worker James Farris thinks that these author talks will be a great experience for the students. "It will be interesting to meet the person behind the words, seeing what kind of person they really are," said Farris. He thinks these Library Week activities will help show students that Collier Library is a vital part of the UNA community.

Collier Library is looking forward to hosting these activities for students and the community. For more information, contact Doris McDaniel at (256) 765-4669 or djmcdaniel@una.edu.