

# Collier celebrates National Library Week

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UNA's Collier Library celebrated National Library Week April 11-15 with the help of authors Tom Hendrix and John Lee and the art exhibit by Carl Brackin, Jr.

Hendrix is the author of "If the Legends Made" and Lee is a UNA alumnus and the author of "When the Buddha Met Bubba." Brackin is a UNA alumnus and also the photographer of the exhibit "Stone & Steel."

Hendrix lives in Northwest Alabama and has a stone wall he has been building for years dedicated to his great-great-grandmother's journey, about which his book is written, and to all Native American women.

"The wall is my way of honoring my ancestors," said Hendrix. "It has become a special place to many who visit it. The story is like the wall in that it belongs to all people."

Lee is a graduate of UNA and visited Collier Library Friday, April 15 to speak about his book. Lee has published a total of 18 books, and the book "When the Buddha Met Bubba" is his first fiction piece. He writes under the name Richard "Dixie" Hartwell, and has recently sold the screen rights to his fiction book, which is based in the Shoals area and is planned to be filmed here.

Brackin is the photographer of the "Stone & Steel" exhibit.

"Since I have picked up my first cam-

era I have been primarily drawn to photograph places that visually reflect the things of civilization, but without including actual human presence," Brackin said. "These images are intended to be an environmental portrait of those places, not as manmade creations, but as if they naturally belonged, a living part of the land."

This exhibit of photography has been transformed onto flagstone-surfaced tiles through image transfer, and then treated with an encaustic mixture of beeswax and paraffin.

Collier Library celebrated National Library week for the second year in a row. "It is the committees' goal to expand and

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