



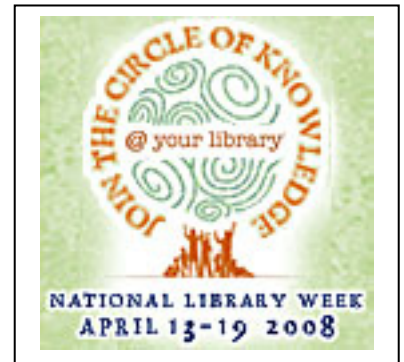
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## **Celebrate National Library Week, April 13-19, by Exploring The Textile Museum's Arthur D. Jenkins Library**

**March 18, 2008, Washington, D.C.** — Celebrate National Library Week (April 13-19) by exploring one of the most unique libraries in the Washington, D.C. area – The Textile Museum's Arthur D. Jenkins Library of Textile Arts. An internationally recognized resource for textile information, the Arthur D. Jenkins Library was established in 1925 by collector George Hewitt Myers, founder of The Textile Museum, and Arthur D. Jenkins, also a collector of rugs and textiles.



The library's collection includes nearly 20,000 volumes and most of the titles are accessible via *TextileMuse* (<http://www.textilemuseum.org/textilemuse.html>), the library's searchable online catalogue.

“Our library serves textile scholars, collectors, artists, craftspeople and students from elementary school through graduate school,” says Mary Mallia, librarian at The Textile Museum. “We encourage people to explore the library's holdings for personal and professional research and are happy to help them in any way we can.” The library's collection of monographs, serials, pamphlets, auction catalogs, slides and videotapes encompasses the history of textiles, rugs and costume, as well as material on contemporary fiber art, textile structures and techniques, and textile conservation.

The library's holdings also include beautifully illustrated monographs, rare out-of-print books and current scholarly studies on the art and cultural history of the cultures that produce these textiles. Children's books about textile materials and techniques as well as stories about

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children in various cultures are available for browsing. The library has an extensive collection of textile glossaries and bibliographies to assist researchers – a significant resource in the discipline of textiles, where bibliographic references are often scattered and difficult to locate.

Additionally, the Arthur D. Jenkins Library is the only library in the United States to index journals and periodicals in the field of textiles, a service which identifies for the researcher the most current textile scholarship.

Other library resources, available on the Museum's Web site at [www.textilemuseum.org/education/library.htm](http://www.textilemuseum.org/education/library.htm) and in the library, include an annual bibliography of current textile literature, co-published by The Textile Museum and the Textile Society of America; a directory of educational programs in textile history, conservation, museum studies, textile science, textile and apparel design, and fiber arts; and an international directory of textile collections.

The Arthur D. Jenkins Library is open to the public, free of charge, Wednesday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm. The library is closed on federal holidays. For more information, call (202) 667-0441, ext. 31 or visit [www.textilemuseum.org/education/library.htm](http://www.textilemuseum.org/education/library.htm). First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Museum explores the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over. Special attention is given to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and fiber art. With a collection of more than 18,000 textiles and rugs and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique and valuable resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, D.C. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 1-5pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441 or visit [www.textilemuseum.org](http://www.textilemuseum.org).

In fall 2009 The Textile Museum will open an expansion site – located at 421 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, in Washington, D.C.'s Penn Quarter – dedicated to exhibitions and educational activities. For more information about this exciting initiative, visit [www.textilemuseum.org/expansion.htm](http://www.textilemuseum.org/expansion.htm).

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