

Call for Reviewers

The “Virginia Reviews” column has been an important part of *Virginia Libraries* since it was undertaken by the Library of Virginia’s Publications Department in the early 1990s. It was begun by Sandra Treadway, the current librarian of Virginia, in response to a suggestion from Peggie Rudd, now the Texas state librarian. John Kneebone was the first editor of “Virginia Reviews,” and he has been succeeded by Julie Campbell and eventually Sara Bearss. The reviews have maintained a very high standard of scholarship over the years, and have allowed us to publish the work of many talented LVA staff members.

We have recently learned that staff reductions will force LVA to eliminate the production of “Virginia Reviews” as an assignment for the publications staff. This is disappointing because we will lose a reliable, well-written feature that could be useful to almost every reader our journal reaches; however, it does present the opportunity to broaden the participation in the book review column we will be developing in 2009. Therefore, we are invit-

ing potential reviewers to contact both Lyn C. A. Gardner (cgardner@hampton.gov) and Cy Dillon (cdillon@ferrum.edu) with proposals for reviews or simply to say you are willing to submit reviews in the future.

While we want potential reviewers to make themselves familiar with the length, diction, and style of the reviews from this and past issues, we also want to extend the scope of the books reviewed in *Virginia Libraries* beyond historical works to include fiction, poetry, and nonfiction works set in Virginia or by Virginia authors. The editors plan to include children’s books, young adult literature, and even graphic novels that are candidates for library collections around the Old Dominion. At this point, we are not yet able to offer review copies, but we hope that our readers, as librarians, will have access to most new publications.

Become a participant in the acquisitions decisions of the Virginia library community. Become a reviewer for *Virginia Libraries*. **VL**