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**The Miles College *Arrington Collection* Dedication to Take Place**

 **During National Library Week**

**Fairfield Ala.** – In observance of National Library Week, the Miles College Kirkendoll Learning Resources Center (LRC) will host a ribbon cutting ceremony, to dedicate the *Arrington Collection,* Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Arrington, Jr., an alumnus and Distinguished Professor at Miles College has donated a large collection of over 400 books to the LRC to benefit the students. These books will serve as a nucleus of a larger collection of books- as he plans to continue donations to this collection.

 Dr. Arrington will speak on the topic, "Books That Have Influenced My Life." There will be a Q & A session and valuable door prizes will be given, including autographed copies of Dr. Arrington's latest book, There’s Hope for the World: The Memoir of Birmingham, Alabama’s first African American Mayor. This event is open to the public. There will be a reception immediately following the program.

Dr. Richard Arrington Jr., graduated from Miles College in 1955. He was the first African-American Mayor of the City of Birmingham, AL, serving for a total of 20 years, from 1979 to 1999. National Library Week is April 12 - 18, 2015.

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