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## From the President

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE AT THE JEFFERSON LIBRARY

Dear Friends,

Monticello's Jefferson Library provides a wealth of resources to Jefferson scholars from around the globe. It seems entirely fitting that this season we celebrate the Library's tenth anniversary with an abundant harvest of new books. The Jefferson Library has played an essential role in the development of new Jefferson titles launched this year including Ann Lucas and Lisa Francavilla's *Thomas Jefferson's Granddaughter in Queen Victoria's England: The Travel Diary of Ellen Wayles Coolidge, 1838-1839*; Cinder Stanton's *"Those Who Labor for My Happiness": Slavery at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello*; and Peter Hatch's *"A Rich Spot of Earth": Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*—all now in their second printing. Yale University Press has just published the timely and insightful book *Jefferson's Shadow: The Story of his Science*, written by the executive director of the American Philosophical Society, Keith Stewart Thomson. Mr. Thomson worked with our staff and conducted research at the International Center for Jefferson Studies. Capping off 2012, on November 11, Jon Meacham, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *American Lion* and *Franklin and Winston*, will launch his latest book, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* from Monticello. In this magnificent biography, Mr. Meacham brings vividly to life an extraordinary man and his remarkable times.

In the 10 years since it was dedicated, the Jefferson Library has hosted more than 235 research fellows of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies. A wide range of individual scholars and authors have used the Library including nearly 200 presidential scholars, journalists, government officials, and representatives of institutions engaged in the preservation, restoration, education, and interpretation of the lives and works of the founding fathers. Library resources have contributed to more than 350 publications.

The Jefferson Library is a gateway to information on Thomas Jefferson and his life,

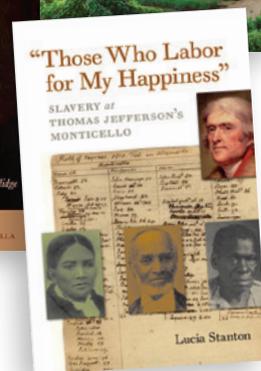
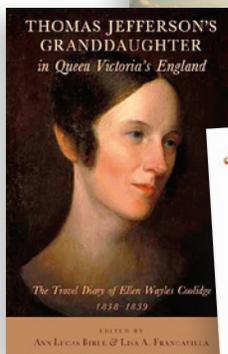


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times, and legacy, and houses a highly specialized collection. Located in proximity to Monticello and the University of Virginia, the Library offers researchers the opportunity to study Jefferson

amid his architectural masterpieces recognized on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

In the past ten years, the Jefferson Library has cataloged 26,752 items, one-third of which are unique additions to the world's bibliographic files. Among these



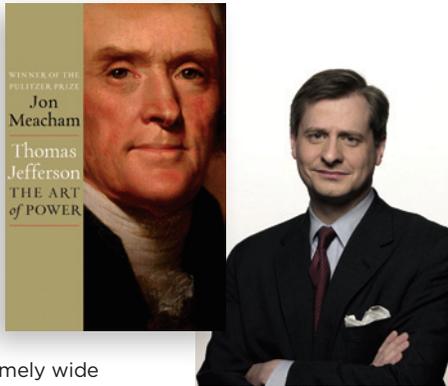
*"I cannot live without books; but fewer will suffice where amusement, and not use, is the only future object."*

—THOMAS JEFFERSON TO JOHN ADAMS, JUNE 10, 1815

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treasures are 2,500 unpublished research reports written by Monticello staff, scholars, and students. Also included are 2,400 files of research notes, ephemera, and correspondence on subjects, people, and places. The items cataloged span an extremely wide range of topics including all points of view regarding Thomas Jefferson. Some of the highlights include seventeen editions of Thomas Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia*, as well as historical reference books like the first edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* published in Edinburgh in 1771.

The library launched the Thomas Jefferson Portal online catalog ten years ago, and this has provided the gateway for Internet users to discover the intellectual assets owned by the library. These include not only all books owned, but also journal and newspaper articles, photographs, and historical picture postcards. The



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Jefferson Library's digital archives and electronic databases allow library users to expand the number of resources at their fingertips from tens of thousands to over 75 million items such as full-text books, newspapers, and manuscripts from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The feedback from those who use these resources has been extremely positive, with over 90 percent of scholars and researchers rating the Thomas Jefferson Portal, the reference and research services, and the selection of databases and digital archives as excellent or outstanding.

We invite you as well as students of Jefferson from all over the world to visit the Jefferson Library either in person or online. The Jefferson Library is open every Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As always we invite you to schedule a visit to Monticello, become our friend on Facebook, visit our website, make a gift to the Monticello Annual Fund, or become a volunteer!

Warmest wishes and happy holidays,

Sincerely,

*Leslie Greene Bowman, President and CEO*