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Saturday, April 28th

11AM - 3PM

Wayne Wiegand

Dr. Wayne A. Wiegand is a retired library historian, author, and academic of Florida State University. Before moving to Florida in 2003, he was in the faculty of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1987-2002). This is where he co-founded and served as the Co-director of the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America. In addition to this, he co-founded and served as director of the Florida Book Awards from 2006-2013. Because he has authored and edited many texts over the course of his career, he is often referred to as the "Dean of American library historians". He and his wife, Shirley A. Wiegand, co-authored *The Desegregation of*



Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South and *Books on Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland* (2007).

Book Synopsis: *The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South*

In *The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South*, Wayne A. and Shirley A. Wiegand tell the comprehensive story of the integration of southern public libraries. As in other efforts to integrate civic institutions in the 1950s and 1960s, the determination of local activists won the battle against segregation in libraries. In particular, the willingness of young black community members to take part in organized protests and direct actions ensured that local libraries would become genuinely free to all citizens. Among the stories they tell are the efforts of Jesse and Allegra Turner to desegregate the Memphis public library system in the late 1950s. Members of the Turner family will be present at Dr. Wiegand's presentation.

