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Mr. Holmes Goes to Savannah

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or the book-reading public, when one mentions "Savannah," John
Berendt's Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil probably springs to mind.
For residents of Savannah, Georgia, this Southern gothic novel is referred to simply as "The Book." Most everyone in Savannah seems to know something about "The Book." However, there is another book associated with this wonderful southern city, one that is still in the making, and one not as widely known. This book is being written by the good people connected with the Live Oak Public Libraries and its Foundation. It was our privilege, representing the Holmes Collections and the University of Minnesota, to play a part in writing the latest chapter. Most of the action in this little mystery took place at the Bull Street Library, home of the Foundation.

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David McCallister, Robert and Myrtle Robinson in Savannah's Bull Street Library

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24/7. I sometimes think we were born in the wrong century!... Again, many thanks for your time and expertise. It was truly a thrill to both see and hold the Holmes and Doyle materials!"

The Collections received media coverage both on the late evening local news and in the morning newspaper. We were delighted to make the acquaintance of David McCallister and the Robinsons. The Robinsons have been especially helpful in the past with donations to the Collections. For the past four years their scion society, The

Hansom Wheels, has sponsored an eighth grade school project involving nearly one hundred students a year. Many of the final projects, all with a Sherlockian theme, have found their way into the Collections.

Our special thanks, again, to George Hubbs, Christy Divine, and Christian Kruse for making this visit possible. Also, we would note our delight in meeting Mr. Holmes's scheduler, John C. Sherwood, and thank him for all his help with Mr. Holmes's visit (not to

mention his own magical skills). Our paths crossed in New York, but we did not have the pleasure of meeting until we made our way south, and I hope our paths cross again. And, finally, what can one say when one has come face to face with the great detective himself, and enjoyed such a wonderful few days together? Mr. Holmes, it was a pleasure and an honor. Thank you for your confidence as we seek to keep forever green the memory of the Master. It was, truly, a memorable time in Savannah.

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