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## Library East Commons wins AUID competition

The **Crosland Library** project won second place in the 2006 Association of University Interior Designers (AUID) national competition (in the category of projects over \$150,000).



AUID is a non-profit organization established in 1979 to provide a network for individuals who work within institutions of higher education and to promote activities designed to benefit its members through education, communication and research. The association is comprised of interior designers, administrators, educators, purchasing agents and other related professionals. The members represent 49 universities from 21 states. In 1985, AUID created the annual Design Competition in order to provide the opportunity to share and acknowledge the work of the membership among fellow AUID designers.



Congratulations to Alicia Stryker, our campus Interior Designer for the East Commons renovation, and all others involved!



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Kevin Quick

**ARCHIVES**  
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**INFORMATION SERVICES**  
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**LWC**  
Cari Lovins

**MAILROOM**  
Jamil Holloway

**SECURITY**  
Sean Cuff

**SPECIAL FORMATS & MAPS**  
Vincent Thorpe

**SYSTEMS**  
Beth Thomas

## Happy Birthday!



Catherine Jannik	Mar. 7
Heidi Lowe	Mar. 7
Jay Forrest	Mar. 9
Joanne Tobin	Mar. 9
Ruby Cross	Mar. 15
Patricia Kenly	Mar. 15
Christine de Catanzaro	Mar. 17

...and a happy belated to Elizabeth Winter (Feb. 26)



# Departmental Highlight - OIT Resource Center



OIT has worked in partnership with the Library and other campus organizations to create a new and vibrant collaborative learning space located on the ground floor west of the Price Gilbert Memorial Library. Known as the Resource Center, this space opened in April of 2006 has been transformed into a new facility for services that are primarily used by students, such as;



OIT Resource Center - Sponsored by the Office of Information Technology

OIT Support Staff are: **Dale Myers, Victoria Burse, Thomas Jarocki, and James Minyard.**

Previously offered in the Rich building, walk up support is now available in this conveniently located service area for GT students, faculty and staff. GT Account Management, Windows, Mac OS, and LINUX operating system troubleshooting, virus and spyware removal/protection, and software installation assistance are just a portion of the services offered by the OIT Support Team. A demon-

stration area of computer equipment is also on display for anyone to test drive prior to acquisition.

A featured resource in this collaborative area is the Resource Center Multi-Purpose Room, a multi-use high-tech facility intended for the rehearsal of presentations, meetings, small group training, and video-conferencing sessions. Customers can reserve use of the Multipurpose Room Facility through Buzzport by subscribing to the "LIB Resource Center Multi-Purpose Room" calendar, and then entering their event request. An e-mail from the support staff will confirm the reservation.

## **Undergraduate Advisement – Sponsored by Academic Advising**

Advisors from various academic areas are ready to help with course scheduling, degree requirements, academic counseling and academic strategies. Visit [www.advising.gatech.edu](http://www.advising.gatech.edu) for more information or to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

## **1-to-1 tutoring – Sponsored by the Office of Success Programs**

A free 1-to-1 tutoring service which is available to all Georgia Tech Students, tutoring is offered in over 70 courses, with emphasis on introductory classes. Tutors in Math, Physics, Chemistry, ECE, CEE and other courses are available to meet 1-on-1 for an hour with a student. For more information, please visit [www.successprograms.gatech.edu](http://www.successprograms.gatech.edu).

For more information on services, please visit the Resource Center Information Desk or call them at 404-385-7505.





# New Faces in the Library



**SHANNON MATHIS**

Shannon joined the Acquisitions/eResources department on March 5, 2007. She is thrilled about being a part of the Georgia Tech Library team. Eager to learn as much as possible, she is actively pursuing her master's degree in Information Science at the University of Tennessee (distance education). Prior to joining the Tech team, she served as the Electronic Resources Coordinator at Fisk University in Nashville, TN.

She loves learning, and her favorite pastime is researching new topics that are either assigned to her or that have somehow sparked her interest. Her interests (other than researching) include reading, traveling, family, and lately, planning her wedding. She also enjoys spending time with John (her fiancé) and Yaya (their shih tzu).

Heidi joined the library's Information Services Department as the new third shift Information Associate I on February 15. She will be working the desk and in the LWC during the overnight shift.

Recently, she acquired her MLIS from Kent State University in Ohio. However, she realized she didn't like snow all that much and came back south. Before entering the world of libraries, she had a somewhat diverse career, but mainly worked with children with autism.

Heidi is a native of Atlanta and got a bachelor's in psychology from University of Georgia. In her free time, she likes to putter around with her computer, read, fix things, and make things - knitting, needlepoint, building a desk-whatever. She likes movies, but doesn't turn on the TV much. She also likes cats and dogs, but only has cats right now.

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**HEIDI LOWE**



**The History of St. Patrick's Day**  
Originally a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration for all things Irish.



# announcements

**JJ Jacobson** (ICM) is moving back to the west coast in order to be near her family. She wants to be on hand to help her mother with all the things an 80-year-old needs to stay active. Professionally, she'll be consulting on libraries in the 3D virtual world of Second Life; she currently has agreed to develop two collections. The first is a "Harlem Renaissance" collection for a project sponsored by the National Black Programming Consortium in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri and with some additional support from the government of Norway. The second is a Nobel Prize Science collection for a project sponsored by the journal Nature. After she leaves Tech, JJ can be reached at JJ.ReadIt@gmail.com. Best of luck, JJ!

## fun&games

--from Wikipedia.

*Boxty is a traditional Irish potato pancake. The dish is mostly associated with the north midlands, north Connaught and southern Ulster, in particular the counties of Leitrim and Cavan. There are many different recipes but all contain finely grated, raw potatoes and all are served fried.*

*Boxty was seen as so much a part of the local culture in the areas in which it was made, that the following poem was written-*

***Boxty on the griddle,  
Boxty in the pan,  
If you can't make boxty,  
You'll never get a man.***

### Boxty



4 cups potatoes, peeled, grated (about 1 kg)  
1 1/3 cups flour  
2 teaspoons salt  
6 tablespoons milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
4 tablespoons butter, melted



Squeeze grated potatoes as dry as possible in a tea towel. In a bowl, combine the potatoes, flour, and salt. Stir in the milk gradually, using enough to make the mixture hold together. Let the mixture stand 1 hour.

Heat a heavy frying pan until very hot. Drop in the butter and let it melt. Pat the potato mixture into the pan with a spatula, distributing it evenly. Cook over medium heat until the underside is set and golden brown. Slide the pancake onto a plate and invert it back into the pan. Let the other side brown.

Serve the pancake straight from the pan with brown sugar and melted butter.

### Notable Dates in March:

2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday (1904)  
8: Day For Women's Rights & International Peace  
9: Employee Appreciation Day  
10: US first issued paper money in 1862  
11: Daylight Savings Time Begins

12: First Library Opened  
14: Save a Spider Day  
17: St. Patrick's Day  
20: First Day of Spring  
22: International Goof Off Day

National Women's History Month  
Irish-American Heritage Month  
American Red Cross Month  
Int'l Hamburger & Pickle Month



# Library Kudos



The nomination period is open for both the Price's Pride Award (for Staff) and the Kaiser Award (for Faculty).

Both awards are open for nominations from any regular employee in the Library, i.e. Staff and Faculty members can nominate a faculty member for the Kaiser Award and/or the Price's Pride Award - one nomination per award per person.

The guidelines, procedures and forms for both awards have been placed on the intranet.

Questions and/or suggestions may be forwarded to Sharon Baines ([sharon@gatech.edu](mailto:sharon@gatech.edu)).

The nomination period ends March 31st, 2007.

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**Isoke Ambidwile** has been promoted to Library Associate I in Acquisitions/e-Resources. Congratulations, Isoke!

**Cathy Carpenter** gave a presentation at the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference titled "Using Web 2.0 Technologies to Push Your E-Resources"

**Joanne Tobin** visited 4th graders at Peeks Chapel Elementary School in Rockdale County on Feb. 25th to teach them about Patents. She also wrote a short article on our patent services for the Office of Licensing Technology's online newsletter *Buzz* for March.

**Jean Hudgins** and **Mary-Frances Panettiere** attended the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference.

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ER & L was created from the hard work and dedication of the following volunteers:

**Rubye Cross, Matt Frizzell, Karen Manning, Julie Griffin, Katie Gentilello, Dottie Hunt, Catherine Jannik, Patty Kenly, Heather Jeffcoat King, Lisha Li, Susan Parham, Patty Phipps, Crystal Renfro, Nancy Simons, Karen Smith, Jody Thompson, Bonnie Tijerina, Kathy Tomajko, and Elizabeth Winter**



The 2nd Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference was held Feb. 22-24 at GA Tech's Global Learning & Conference Center. ER&L had an attendance of 300, up 50% from last year, from all over the US and Canada and from places as far as Switzerland and South Africa.

Attendees again enjoyed a welcome reception co-sponsored by GA Tech Library and ER&L. Library staff gave tours of the Library Commons and our Digital Initiatives Department.

There were 2.5 days of sessions focusing on e-resource access and management from various angles. Topics include evaluating resources, working collaboratively, changing workflow for managing e-resources, promotion and marketing, issues in open access, local digital projects, ERMS, and many more.

Attendees were treated to ER&L flash drives and black hooded sweatshirts.

The recorded presentations will soon be freely available through SMARTech and at [www.electroniclibrarian.org](http://www.electroniclibrarian.org).

Thanks to 30+ people at the library that helped make this year's conference another success!

Pictures from the conference may be viewed at [www.flickr.com/photos/erl2007](http://www.flickr.com/photos/erl2007).



## New Library Website Coming Soon!

The Web Steering Committee is proud to announce that the Library's new website will be officially launched the week of May 7th. However, to give staff a chance to test new features and to update content and provide feedback, the new website will appear online the first week of April.

The new website is the result of findings from usability studies both in-house and external. Also, input from the Web Steering Committee and the Usability Working Group was crucial in the creation of the site. Campus-wide design elements were also incorporated into the site's design. It is a truly collaborative undertaking.

There are several new features that we hope will make the new site more appealing, dynamic, and useful. These new features include: a search application that will search the Library webpages, the database and eJournals lists and more. The site will also feature a rotating Spotlight, News, and Upcoming Events section. In addition, the photo banner will change each time the page refreshes to give the page a fresh look. The site architecture will include: About the Library, Search & Find, Services, and News & Events. One of the more exciting features will be a new Library Blog, for up-to-the-minute news and comments.

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The new website is fully CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) driven, which will allow for easy design changes in the future. We will be implementing Adobe Contribute, a web content updating tool that will allow content authors to quickly and easily update web content. The first phase of the Contribute implementation will be rolled out shortly after the launch in May.

We hope that staff and users will find the upcoming new website to be an improvement over previous iterations. The Web Steering Committee welcomes all feedback – [websteering@library.gatech.edu](mailto:websteering@library.gatech.edu).

## ALA/LOC Website on Preservation

\*Preparing, Protecting, Preserving\* your Family Treasures is a new website sponsored by ALA Carnegie-Whitney Award and the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate at <http://www.loc.gov/preserv/familytreasures/index.html>.

This website provides simple instructions, as well as links to more comprehensive information for \*Preparing, Protecting, Preserving\* many types of family treasures. Using this information, you will have the means to prepare ahead of time, to protect everyday, and if need be to preserve your family treasures after a disaster. Proper care, handling and storage of your treasures will help to ensure that they are available for generations to come. No one likes to think about disasters, whether natural or man made, but thinking ahead and preparing, together with knowledge about first steps, can save those family treasures from ruin.

## Student Assistant Application Online

We are proud to announce the Student Assistant Application for Employment in the Library has moved on-line.

Please direct any interested students to the Library's web page. Once there, they will go to the "About Us" section, then to "Job Opportunities".

Ultimately ending here:

[http://www.library.gatech.edu/about\\_us/jobs.html](http://www.library.gatech.edu/about_us/jobs.html)

We hope to place the link in a more straightforward location this Summer.

Special thanks to Heather King and the 2 grad students, Rucreek and Chetan, working with Systems, for bringing this to life.

Please let Sharon know if you have any questions.

