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Georgia Tech Library Wins ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award!

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. Sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell's Book Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution.



Library Faculty and Staff in the Library East Commons

"An Excellence in Academic Libraries Award is a national tribute to a library and its staff for the outstanding services, programs and leadership they provide to their students, administrators, faculty and community," said Mary Ellen K. Davis, ACRL executive director.

The Georgia Institute of Technology Library and Information Center, winner of the university category, was selected for its impressive five-year transformation into the heart and soul of the community.

Office of Information Technology, the library made imaginative use of public space for two information commons, a café, a presentation room, and a multimedia center, transforming the library into a place where the community gathers. Programs like CeLiBration during Freshman Welcome Week and Tuesday Talks, a showcase for faculty research, invite the community to the library. The stimulating and engaging physical environment keeps them coming back.

"I'd like to thank every member of the Library staff and faculty and our OIT and CETL colleagues who participate so effectively to advance the programs of the Library," said Richard W. Meyer, dean and director of Georgia Tech Libraries. "This award reflects your hard work, creative energy and commitment to the programs of Georgia Tech. I'm delighted and very proud to be a part of this library."

Each winning library will receive \$3,000 and a plaque, to be presented at an award ceremony held on each recipient's campus. The winners also will receive special recognition at the ACRL President's Program during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference on Monday, June 25, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in Washington D.C.

--excerpt from ACRL press release (<http://tinyurl.com/3c2hew>)

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Happy Birthday!



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Feb. 2
Feb. 14
Feb. 15

Departmental Highlight

Collection Development

The Collection Development Department is a small department comprised of **Nancy Simons, Bonnie Tijerina and Matt Frizzell**. Our main responsibility is the allocation and management of the Library's \$5.7 million materials budget which is used to purchase books, journals, databases, e-resources, etc. Other responsibilities include leading the Information Resources Council (IRC), coordinating the collection development responsibilities of the subject librarians, arranging trials for electronic resources, gathering and analyzing use data for our electronic resources and analyzing and assessing library collections. A major focus for our department is to aggressively move resources to electronic as they become available and as funding permits.



Being a small department, collaboration with other library departments is important in accomplishing our work. We work closely with Acquisitions Services on licensing and acquiring resources, with Administrative Services on the budget, and with Digital Initiatives to create an advocacy/outreach program to faculty related to their rights to their authored works, including our joint work on the Scholarly Communications web site <<http://www.library.gatech.edu/scholarlycommunication/index.html>>. Other projects include leading the faculty and librarians through a review of serials to identify possible cancellations, managing a database of requests for new materials and creating a current collection development policy for the library.

We are a metrics-based department and our goal is to gather, organize and analyze data to help us make informed decisions about how the library should spend the materials budget. We are currently working with the Systems Department to create a database that will provide easy access for librarians, faculty and administrators to the data we have collected about our journals. To see more information about our department, check out our Collection Development Portal at <https://intranet.library.gatech.edu/collectiondev>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Lucy Grosko** on January 23, 2007 in Maryland.

Lucy worked for the Library for nearly 12 years in the Acquisitions department. She retired in March of last year.

A memorial service was held in her honor on February 3 at St. James Episcopal Church in Marietta and was well attended.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203.



RETIREMENTS!

Crit Stuart announced that he will be retiring from GT on May 1, 2007 after 32 years with the Library. He will be moving to Washington, D.C. to become a Program Director for Research, Teaching and Learning with the Association of Research Libraries.

Kathy Brackney will retire on June 1, 2007, after serving as Head of the Architecture Library for 25 years. Prior to that she was a Reference Librarian (1977-1980) and head of the LENDS document delivery service (1980-1982).

Congratulations to both Crit and Kathy!

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february is library lover's month!

- February begins on the same day of the week as March and November in a common year, and on the same day of the week as August in a leap year.
- On a few occasions in history, February has had 30 days.
- February in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to August in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- February's birthstone is amethyst.
- February's birth flower is the violet or primrose.
- The Chinese floral emblem of February is the peach blossom.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Red Velvet Cake

For the cake:

2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
2 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk
2 ounces red food coloring
1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla

For the Frosting:

1 (8-ounce) package
cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted
butter or margarine,
softened
1 pound box confection-
ers' sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans



For the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour 2 (9-inch) cake pans. In a medium bowl or on a piece of waxed paper, sift together flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, cream together sugar and butter. Beat in eggs one at a time. Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk. Beat in food coloring and vinegar, then add vanilla. Spread the batter evenly in the pans. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Turn out onto a rack to cool.

For the frosting: In a large bowl, cream the cream cheese and butter. Beat in confectioners' sugar until fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Stir in pecans. Use frosting to fill and ice cake. Slice and serve on individual plates.

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD FIND

ARROW	FLOWERS
BE MINE	GIFT
BE MY VALENTINE	HEARTS
CANDY	HUG
CARDS	I LOVE YOU
CHOCOLATE	KISS
COUPLES	LACE
CUPID	LOVE
DANCE	ROMANCE
DINNER	ROSES
FEBRUARY	VENUS



Library Kudos

Do you or anyone in your department have exciting news! Make sure to let your departmental editor know so it can be included in the next newsletter!

Digital Initiatives is happy to announce that Karen Manning has joined the department. She will be applying metadata to materials collected by the department and helping with web inventory and collection and the Office of Sponsored Programs projects. Congratulations, Karen!



The 2nd International Conference on Open Repositories 2007 was held in San Antonio, Texas, January 23-26. Georgia Tech was well represented! **Kent Woynowski, Susan Parham, and Julie Griffin** presented a paper at the DSpace User Group meeting held in conjunction with OR2007 entitled "Introducing New Services with DSpace" (<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/13171>).



Their paper was received very well and generated a lot of feedback both at the conference and in bloggers' reports on the innovative ways in which we're building our repository collection. **Tyler Walters** presented a poster with Eric Lease Morgan of Notre Dame titled, "Institutional Repositories and the need for 'Value-Added' Services: Perspectives from Two Universities" designed by **Katie Gentilello**. Content and design were both superb. Also attending the conference were **Monika Mevenkamp, Larry Hansard, and Catherine Jannik**.



NEWS WORTHY

NEWS FROM ISD

Several ISD librarians attended various professional conferences: **Patty Kenly, Lori Critz, Cathy Carpenter** and **Mary Axford** all attended ALA Midwinter. Mary commented that Seattle was a lovely town with lots of fun things to see. She attended the Internet resources and Services Interest Group (IRSIG) meeting and Cathy Carpenter, who is the Chapter Rep for GLA's Academic Library Division, attended a meeting with ACRL Director, Mary Ellen Davis.

ACRL is reexamining its structure and responding to complaints about the inflexible, bureaucratic nature of the organization. See Cathy for more information on some of the proposed changes! Patty Kenly and Lori Critz stayed very busy with committee meetings as well.

Lisha Li attended *Bridge to Knowledge: the 10th Annual Atmospheric Science Librarian International (ASLI) Conference*, associated with the 87th American Meteorological Society (AMS) Annual Conference, held in San Antonio, Texas, from Jan. 17 to Jan. 18, 2007. Celebrating its 10th year of learning and networking ASLI had excellent programs presented at the meeting which not only drew information professionals but also teaching and research faculty and students. The librarians who attended the meeting were particularly interested in asking Lisha more about the latest update to our library commons area since they visited us during the 9th ASLI meeting held in Atlanta in 2006.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The LFO Professional Activities Committee announces a presentation by Julie Walker, Assistant State Librarian for Technology Services at the Georgia Public Library. On March 21 from 10:00-11:30am, she will speak about PINES and the Evergreen software project (<http://gapines.org/opac/en-US/skin/default/xml/index.xml>). The presentation will take place in the Library Wilby Room.

To learn more about PINES and Evergreen, please visit <http://www.georgialibraries.org/public/pines.html>.

To read an article and a discussion about the project, please visit: <http://enterprise.linux.com/enterprise/06/12/04/1538214.shtml> and <http://linux.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=06/12/23/2041202>

STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE: OPEN FORUM

Please join the Strategic Planning Task Force during the Open Forum on February 6 in the First Room from 7:00am - 7:00pm. We want to get your input on the proposed issues, as we decide which ones will become part of our Strategic Plan. Please drop by for a few minutes to give us your opinion (either written or verbally), and to have a few tasty treats!

NEWS FROM ICM

Mary-Frances Panettiere attended the SLA Leadership Summit in Reno; she is currently the Treasurer of the IT Division. One noteworthy presentation was by Chip Heath, author of *Made to Stick*, concerning what makes some ideas take hold when other equally or more important ideas are quickly forgotten. Another was by Ken Haycock about what behaviors make a leader. Additionally, she learned of an upcoming tour of "Info Island" at Second Life and a presentation on visualization tools to help make sense of large amounts of information. For more information on these or other topics relating to the Leadership Summit, please contact Mary-Frances.

SPIE LINKS ADDED

Thousands of new e-resources have been added to the catalog in the last couple of months. **Larry Hansard** loaded URLs to about 4800 International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE) proceedings, while ICM dealt with the several hundred exceptions. All the currently active ABC-CLIO, GALE and SAFARI titles have also been cataloged.

RETROSPECTIVE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PROJECT COMPLETED

Over 45,000 electronic government document titles have been reviewed and/or cataloged from the Government Printing Office (GPO) New Electronic Titles website. The retrospective project amounted to reviewing about 15,700 items that were already online by the time we started this cataloging in 2005. An additional 29,500 titles were published electronically and cataloged by ICM in 2005 and 2006. We continue to add electronic government document titles as they are made available – on an average 700 new titles are being added every month. This project was achieved by three catalogers and three staff.

Electronic Resources & Libraries 2007: thinkdigital_

February 22-24, 2007

Global Learning and Conference Center
Georgia Institute of Technology

ER&L is pleased to announce our keynote speakers: Rick Luce, Vice-Provost and Director of Libraries at Emory University and Jane Burke, VP of ProQuest Information & Learning, and General Manager of Serials Solutions.

Welcome Reception - Wednesday, February 21st, 6-8pm
Join the GA Tech Library & Information Center, latest winner of the ACRL Excellence in Libraries Award, for a Welcome Reception including tours of recent renovations of our Library Commons and our digital projects space.

For more information on the conference:
<http://electroniclibrarian.org/moodle/>