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LIBRARY WELCOME CELIBRATION
Saturday August 18 7-11pm

FreePizza
Speed Dating
Music
DramaTech
POKER Games
Dance Dance Revolution

Library Welcome CeLIBration Brings 700 Students!

The 4th Annual RATS Week Library Event – the CeLIBration – was a great success! By night's end, we had 700 students take part in the festivities. Although most were from the incoming freshmen class, I recognized at least 50 or 60 returning students. A few made a quick visit for free pizza and t-shirts, but the vast majority stayed to watch or participate in the activities – ranging from moderated activities such as Speed Dating, Dance Dance Revolution, Poker and Ninja Tag; to self-monitored fun with board games (RISK and Monopoly both seemed popular!), computer-based Retro Games, and the intriguing freeze-your-extremities-in-the-ice contests (neither sponsored or endorsed by the Library!); to spectator events such as watching Drama Tech's Improv Troupe perform or listening to the WREK DJ or cheering ORTG as they played with their kayaks in the fountain! Publicity for the event played a large part in our high attendance. We blanketed the campus with information – in the FASET packets that went out to freshmen, in the RATS Week Orientation brochures, via the dorm RAs who distributed our flyers, and via our own posters displaying extraordinary graphics created by **Dottie Hunt**.

This night could not take place without the volunteers who generously donated their time and efforts: **Mary Axford** (Performances Coordinator), **Brian Mathews** (Poker Tournament Coordinator), **Julie Griffin Speer** (Speed Dating Coordinator), **Bonnie Tijerina** (Ninja Tag Coordinator), **Tom Grice, Isoke Ambidwile, Stella Richardson, Jon Bodnar, Erica Bodnar, Rob Luck, Roland Garner, Katharine Calhoun, Elizabeth Winter, Patty Kenly, Nancy Simons, Lisha Li, Bruce Henson, Charlie Bennett, Rubye Cross, Katie Gentilello, Terrance Hines, Alison Valk, Cathy Carpenter** - along with Natasha from OIT – and the students in the MM Studio with DDR and Retro Gaming.

We served 100 pizzas and over 50 batches of popcorn during the event. **Nancy Simons, Bruce Henson, Joyce Craft, Kathy Tomajko** and Ron Tomajko (who has never missed the event!) helped serve pizza at Jazzman's; and Isoke Ambidwile, Stella Richardson, Rubye Cross and Lisha Li fired up the popcorn machines to kick off the evening, and later turned the controls over to **Rich Meyer** and **Bob Fox** for the second shift.

Darrell McClure, Sean Cuff, and **Shunte Crawford** provided security for the evening, and so much more! Darrell and Sean were jacks-of-all-trades for the entire day, pitching in on everything from loading the ice coolers and delivering the pizzas to moving furniture, hauling trash, cleaning floors and just about anything else that needed doing!

It was a great, rewarding evening for everyone involved – and we can't wait to do it again!
Pictures from the event are on the last page.

August Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Lori Critz	8/6	Crystal Renfro	8/10
Cheryl Parker	8/8	Emmett Dennis	8/13
Karen Smith	8/8	Kirk Henderson	8/31

New Faces in the Library

Justin joined the GT staff as the new LAIII in Circulation on July 30. He was formerly employed in the Circulation Deptartment at the UGA library and he's also a UGA alumni.

He moved to Atlanta in June after marrying his wife, who is an accountant for a company in Midtown. He is very interested in the MLS program at Valdosta State and hopes to apply sometime next year. In his spare time, he enjoys painting and is also a huge fan of 80's and 90's alternative rock and the Athens music scene. Justin's favorite book is the science fiction classic *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

Justin Ellis

Departmental Highlight - Systems

The primary customers of the Systems Department are Georgia Tech students, faculty, and members of the Library staff. The Department supports a variety of services, all of which depend on a stable and reliable network of servers. **Chris Helms** leads the team that provides support for our network. Chris and **Larry Hansard** ensure that we have reliable access and that mechanisms are in place to prevent unauthorized intrusions.

David McDuffie, manager of the Desktop Services group, and **Emmett Dennis** provide desktop computing support for all library workstations, service area terminals, labs and training rooms, and kiosk stations. In the past year, we formed an interdepartmental team to survey the staff about their need for collaboration software. Thanks to the work of this team, we now support chat software, wikis, blogs, and file sharing. Although **Beth Thomas** also provides desktop support, many people know her best as an administrator for Voyager. She is the Systems Department Training Coordinator with responsibility for identifying technical training needs and scheduling training opportunities.

Larry Hansard and **Mohsen Mahdavi-Hezaveh** provide programming and database support. Larry supports Voyager and SMARTech, as well as access to our electronic resources. Mohsen works with Reserves, Information Delivery, and Archives and Records Management.

Heather King is manager of our Web Services Program. She established a mechanism to promote participation from throughout the Library in making recommendations about the Library's web presence. The Web Steering Committee provides general guidance, and there are multiple working groups set up to consider specific areas. Usability assessment is a major component of the web program, as decisions are based on study and analysis of customer needs and expectations. **Ross Singer** has introduced many useful innovations in web programming for our site, but he recently received a promotion and assignment to a new department in the Library. In his new role, Ross will oversee the integration of the Library's electronic resources and course reserves with T-Square, the campus course management solution. He will also continue his ground breaking work in improving and expanding access to our collections.

The Systems Department is happy to be part of a Library team that is serving our campus well. We invite feedback and suggestions from Connexus readers about how we can improve our service to you, the students, and our faculty.
-– **Susan Coleman**, Head of Library Systems

announcements

The Library is saddened to learn that **Emmett Dennis'** mother, Mrs. Mildred Cloud, passed away on August 8. We send healing condolences to Emmett and all of his family at this time of mourning.

Carol Feagan *will be retiring from the Georgia Tech Library staff as of August 31st. We are planning a party to honor her many years of service. Please join us from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on August 27th in the Ferst Room.*

Based on results to the "fire alarm" that occurred on July 11 it would be helpful if we all took a few moments to review our "fire alarm procedures." Procedures can be found on the Library's INTRANET page.

Go to: https://intranet.library.gatech.edu click on: Policies & Procedures, then drop down to Emergency Manual. Log into your GT account and enter your password. You'll then find "fire emergency procedures" located in Section 4.

Library evacuation team members, please see Section 10 for your assignments.

As everyone reviews the manual, please allow time for some name changes, as some staff are no longer with us. **Oro Tate** will meet with **Heather Jeffcoat King** for name changes and any other updates.

Over the next couple of weeks, a new "Favorites" display will be created in the wall display cases on the first and second floor East. Located on the center column next to the elevator, these cases will be updated twice a semester to highlight a Georgia Tech Community member and their favorite library resources.

Our first display will feature **Charlie Bennett**. Charlie draws on his broad film knowledge to share with us some of his favorite movies and the books which inspired them, encouraging viewers to not just see it, but to also read it. His display will be up until mid-October.

We need you!

Do you have a hobby or area of interest that you would like to highlight? If so, send your proposal including some sample Georgia Tech resources (book, film, website, etc) to **prgroup@library.gatech.edu**. You may be chosen as our featured community member in an upcoming display!!

Please plan to attend the Library Council meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 10:00am in the Wilby Room. Lisha Li will do a presentation on the academic libraries she visited in Beijing in June with time for questions.

Following Lisha's presentation, we plan to show the DVD synopsis of the Celebration of our ACRL Award in April, which we're sure you'll enjoy (if you haven't already seen it).

fun&games

The Library Staff Activities Committee recently coordinated tours of Turner Broadcasting and WSB studios on August 14th and 16th. At Turner, the group toured the Commercial and Programming Libraries. The WSB tour introduced the group to the WSB radio and news personalities, Scott Slade, Fred Blankenship, Pam Martin, Karen Minton and David Chandley, to name a few. The committee also hosted an Ice Cream Social on August 16.

Scott Slade demonstrates audio editing to Jeff Carrico and Oro Tate.

Fred Blankenship and Pam Martin in the studio

Staff enjoys the Ice Cream Social

Shedonna Williams poses with Fred Blankenship

Staff who attended the Turner Broadcasting tour

Karen Minton and David Chandley in the Severe Weather Center

SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE

Do you have an over-abundance of produce from your garden? If so, here's a great recipe to utilize all those summer squash!

6 yellow or pattypan summer squash
1 cup onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 stick butter
2 slices white bread
1 medium bowl ice water
1 egg
Salt and pepper
1 cup cracker crumbs, or enough to cover casserole

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Peel and cut squash into cubes. Boil until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes, and drain. Brown onion, garlic, and parsley in 2 tablespoons butter seasoned with salt and pepper. Soak bread in ice water and wring out; chop fine. Add to onion and garlic mixture; cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes. Add drained squash and cook 2 to 3 minutes more, stirring. Remove from heat. Beat egg and add, allowing it to absorb into the mixture. Season with salt and pepper, if needed.

Place in casserole dish or baking pan. Cover top with cracker crumbs and dot with remaining butter. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the crumbs brown.

Library Kudos

Congratulations to the GT Library staff that participated in this year's Peachtree Road Race!

For those non-runners who might wish to get a jump on next year's race, Rob recommends Googling "Oakhurst Running Club". This is a small group that operates out of a shoe store in Oakhurst, south of Decatur. There is a Wed. evening run and a Sat. morning run. Details are on the web site. The person in charge of the store is Charles Cope. It is at the intersection of East Lake and Oakhurst. Their phone number is 404-377-1030.

Pictured: **Joey Fones, Anna-Marie Soper-O'Rourke, Bonnie Tijerina and Rob Luck.** *Inset:* **Nannette Dooley.** *Not Pictured:* **Jackie Boyd, Stella Richardson, Julie Speer**

Julie Speer attended the PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada on July 11-13.

Stella Richardson earned her MLIS from Florida State University on August 12. Congratulations, Stella!

Patty Phipps attended the "New Age of Discovery" conference on July 19 and the GOLD/GALILEO Annual users Group Conference, "The Joy of Use" on August 3.

Christine de Catanzaro ran and attended a workshop titled "Managing Electronic Records in Archives," which was taught by Geoffrey Huth, Director of Government Records Services at the New York State Archives on July 20.

Mary-Frances Panettiere attended the "New Age of Discovery" conference on July 19.

Congratulations to **Brian Mathews** on his new position as User Experience Librarian. His position is being revised to focus on user experience to emphasize assessment and communications. This revision addresses the Library's growing concern regarding the many changes in scholarly communications and resources, coupled with the substantive gains in understanding from LEC development, on how to reach our users. Brian will coordinate a program to enrich assessment and relations and will partner with Kathy Tomajko as well as the efforts of Julie and Bonnie to build a stronger information program reaching faculty. **Dottie Hunt** will join Brian in this effort as a significant part relies on graphic enhanced communications. Both the Student Advisory Council as well as a new Faculty Advisory Council largely will be coordinated by this office.

Effective September 1, **Ross Singer** will join **Susan Parham** to create the unit, Technology Research and Development. Susan will be the Repository Architect and Assistant Department Head. A search is currently underway for the new department head. The new systems analyst, **Bill Anderson** will begin October 1.

NEWSWORTHY

ICPA Annual Clothing Drive

The Institute Partnerships Department is preparing for our annual clothing drive, which will run August 1 November 1, 2007, to provide clothing and toiletries for needy families in the surrounding community. We are offering you an opportunity to include outreach in the yearly goals of your department, division, school or college in a fairly simple manner. Each of us has some items of clothing we have outgrown or don¹t wear. So many people in the local community are less fortunate than we are and could certainly use our cast-offs in order to improve their lives, which in turn improves the community.

Over the past seven years GA Tech has partnered with the local community to assist with their needs, the main need is assistance with getting jobs. Your donation of clothing can enhance the employment initiative by helping residents to dress professionally in order to secure jobs. The specific needs are business clothes, including: suits, dresses, slacks, shirts, blouses, jackets, ties, shoes, etc.

We encourage each one to participate in this worthy cause.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and kindness in advance. If you would like additional information please contact Shondra Carter at 404-894-5187 or shondra.carter@icpa.gatech.edu.

Library Systems Department Expands

The Systems Department would like to expand our services by providing more training in technologies that are important to our customers. **Beth Thomas** is the Systems Department Training Coordinator with responsibility for identifying technical training needs and scheduling appropriate training opportunities for you. Beth will be contacting each department to inquire about specific training needs. We will be offering help on a variety of technologies from chat software to Voyager reporting. Training may take the form of a class, brown bag, online tutorial, or one-on-one instruction. Your department may also want to invite someone from Systems to visit your department to answer questions or help with technology-based work flow.

For more information, you can reach Beth at 4-4522 or beth.thomas@library.gatech.edu

GALILEO Quick Search and Find It Orientation

An additional orientation session for GALILEO Quick Search and Find It has been scheduled. The session will include a basic introduction to these tools and tips on optimal use for better results. The class is open to library staff in GALILEO libraries and are currently scheduled on the following dates:

* August 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

To register to attend the session, please send an e-mail message to galileo.training@usg.edu.

The session will be presented through Horizon Live Classroom, an online meeting/classroom product that integrates the desktop and Voice over IP technology into the session. Participants will receive information on connecting to the session after regi tering. The information packet will include directions for running a set-up wizard prior to the meeting time. Requirements tested by the wizard are listed below.

Requirements:

* Computer with Internet connection (required)
* Headphones or computer speakers to hear sound (required)
* Microphone to speak (optional; alternative chat capability within Horizon Wimba)
* Internet Explorer 6.0, Netscape 7.0 or higher, or Foxfire 1.0 or higher
* Pop-up blockers should be disabled (required)
* QuickTime plug-in (required

Acquisitions and Cataloging Merge/Change Names

The departments formerly known as Acquisitions Services and Information Control and Management now have joined together and have a new name.

After careful consideration, our name will now be, "Collection Acquisitions and Management".

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jeff Carrico.