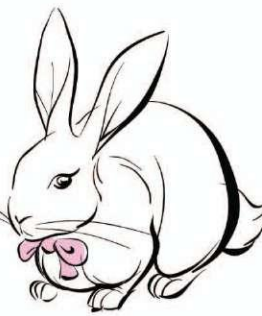
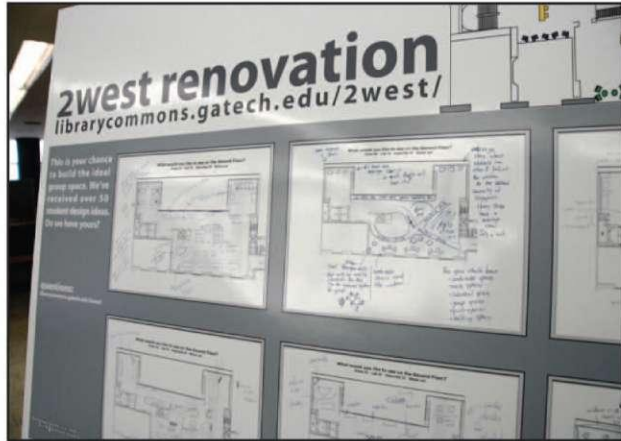


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## Library plans renovation to 2 West from the Technique, Vol. 93, Issue 24

Renovations to the first floor of the library over the last few years have provided students with the East and West Commons as places to study, hop on a computer or just pick up a quick snack. Now Tech is poised to once again renovate another section of the library, moving forward with plans to upgrade the second floor of the West Commons (2 West).

"One big reason [for renovating 2 West] is that this floor has already been cleared of the book stacks that used to be there. This gives us an open box within which to work with more flexibility than on the other floors. Also, it is one of the small floors... so any renovation efforts will not be as costly," said **Bob Fox**, associate director for Library Administration and Public Services.

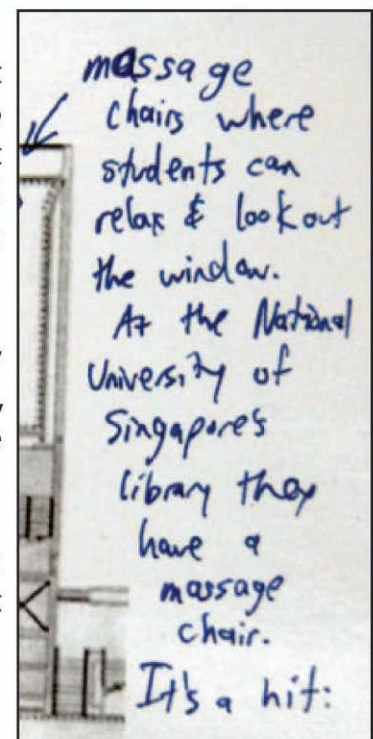
The planning and design phases of the area will take some cues from the efforts that went into the redesign of the East Commons. This includes getting student input and insight on what the space will look like and what it will contain during the development cycle.

"One of the things that we learned after building the West Commons is that we needed student feedback. The East Commons had students looking over the design, and it has turned out well," Fox said.

**Brian Mathews**, the user experience librarian, is heading up efforts to acquire student input. His goal is to get perspectives ranging from the casual user to the students who make their way into the Library every day. [He] began a series of talks with various student organizations and focus groups to get their perspectives on what changes to the second floor area would provide the best possible benefit for the students. The focus groups, in particular, tried to obtain a cross section of student leaders from across campus.

"What I've seen is that [students] really want to maintain the group focus [of 2 West]. They like the combination of open space and barrier space.... and the importance of aesthetics, atmosphere and décor.... [2 West] is kind of sterile or dreary in some places. If [students] are going to study for a long time, [they] need something more inspiring," Mathews said.

The library is currently displaying the sketches on 2 West and plan to begin the renovation this summer. More information on the renovation can be located at <http://www.librarycommons.gatech.edu/2west>.



Detail of student sketch





## New Faces in the Library

**Mandi Johnson** joined the Archives and Records Management Department at the beginning of December 2007. Mandi serves as the Visual Materials Archivist. She has a BA from Miami University (Ohio) and an MA from Armstrong Atlantic State University. She moved to Atlanta from Savannah where she was previously employed by the City of Savannah, Library and Archives and the Georgia Historical Society. Mandi likes reading, exploring her new city, sewing, crocheting, and watching college basketball. She especially enjoys spending time with her dog Tess Trueheart, her cat Calliope, and with her 2.5 year old niece.



MANDI JOHNSON



SARA FUCHS

**Sara Fuchs** is a native Atlantan, with an MSIS from the University of Texas at Austin and a BA from the University of Georgia. Between her undergraduate and graduate schooling, she was an Americorps volunteer in Atlanta, Georgia; a bookshop employee in London, England; a waitress in Dublin, Ireland; a project administrator, proofreader, and editor in Austin, Texas; and a traveler in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, and Mexico. After graduate school, she was a Junior Fellows Summer Intern at the Library of Congress and the Collection Development Librarian at the British Film Institute National Library in London, England. Most recently, she was the Digital Initiatives Librarian at Georgia State University. When not biking around town (don't hit her!), she spends her spare time planning overseas trips and convincing her agoraphobic dog to come out from under the bed.

**Lakisha Singleton** joined the Georgia Tech Library as the new security guard working 2nd shift. Lakisha brings 6 years security experience combined with 1 year of police dispatch. Before joining Georgia Tech, she served 5 years with the Atlanta Housing Authority and 1 year with Georgia State University Police Department. Lakisha is a native of Atlanta, GA. And, after graduating high school, she furthered her education by studying Animation at AIU. She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and attending live concerts.



LAKISHA SINGLETON

## Who's Leaving the Library?



Effective April 11, **Catherine Jannik** will be leaving to become the Head of Access Services at Georgia Gwinnett College after 5 years with the Georgia Tech Library.

Best of luck, Catherine!





# announcements



**Karen Glover**, of Circulation, and her husband welcomed Annie Belle Glover on January 22. She weighed in at 5 lbs. and 11 ounces and she's 19 inches long. A baby shower was held in the Wilby Room on February 29. For pictures of the shower, please see them online at <http://www.flickr.com/gp/7661217@N06/R1C088>

## *The 2008 Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies Directory*

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases/2008/february2008/assist08.htm>



At this time, we have several computers and flat panel monitors available for library [exempt] employees to check out. If you would like to check out a workstation and monitor please send us an email ([help@library.gatech.edu](mailto:help@library.gatech.edu)). Upon request approval, you will need to fill out and submit the 'Off Campus Equipment Loan Agreement Form'.

Download the form:

[https://intranet.library.gatech.edu/desktopservices/offcampus\\_form.pdf](https://intranet.library.gatech.edu/desktopservices/offcampus_form.pdf)



*Patty Kenly's sister, Jean Kenly, died on Saturday March 15th.*

*Either flowers or donations to the Lance Armstrong Foundation may be sent in memory.*

<http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXK1PxHmF/b.2660611/k.BCED/Home.htm>

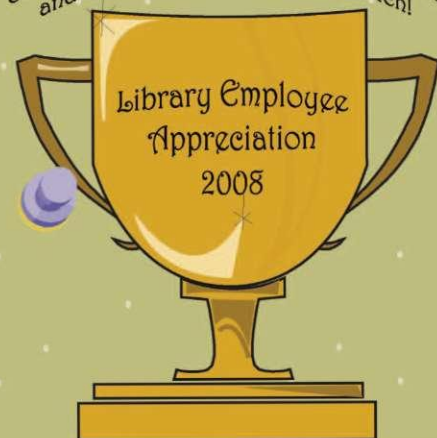


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(program at 12:15pm)

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# LIBRARY KUDOS



Special thanks to these volunteers who helped with the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference on March 19-21:  
**Stella Richardson, Crystal Renfro, Oro Tate, Shirley Dixon, Lisha Li, Lynn Fenster, Susan Parham, Larry Hansard, Jackie Dankins, Lori Critz, Rubye Cross, Isoke Ambidwile, Kathy Tomajko, Nancy Simons, Brian Mathews, Karen Manning, Karen Smith, Katie Gentilello, Tom Fisher, Cheryl Parker, Jackie Boyd, Bette Finn, Mary Frances Panettiere, Julie Speer, Sara Fuchs, Bill Anderson, Matt Frizzell, Charlie Bennett, David McDuffie, Heather King, Tom Grice and Elizabeth Winter.**

The first batch of digitized issues of the *Technique*, Georgia Tech's student newspaper are available as full-text PDFs in SMARTech. Currently, only Volume 1 (1911) and Volumes 33-34 (1949-1950) are available, but more will be added as the Scholarly Communications & Digital Services Department scans them.

Metadata (specifically article titles) from the TPub database has been included in the records, and soon, a link will be added to the article entries in TPub to the SMARTech records as they become available.



As of now, the years 1911, 1949-1950, and 2000-current are available as full-text PDFs in SMARTech. Additional years will be added according to the condition of the originals, from worst physical condition to best. Hopefully electronic access to these materials will help reduce the wear and tear on our originals.

The 600dpi full-color master images of each page are available via the Archives, but are not served to the public at this time.

<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/7740>

**Tyler Walters** and **Jeff Carrico** presented *Transforming Into Effective Electronic Resource Management* at the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference on March 19.

**Sara Fuchs** presented *Developing Effective Scholarly Communication Advocates: A Case Study* at the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference on March 19.





# fun&games

## Anginetti (Italian Lemon Drop Cookies)

### Ingredients COOKIE

- \* 1/2 cup sugar
- \* 1/4 cup vegetable shortening
- \* 3 large eggs
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon extract
- \* 2 cups all-purpose flour
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- \* 1/8 teaspoon salt



### FROSTING

- \* 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- \* 1/4 cup water
- \* 1 teaspoon lemon extract

Preheat oven to 350°F.

For cookies, cream together sugar and shortening. Add eggs and lemon extract and beat well. Add flour, baking powder and salt; Mix well. The dough should be soft and sticky.

With a small cookie scoop, drop dough onto a slightly greased cookie sheet or baking stone, spacing them about 2-inches apart.

Bake for about 12-15 minutes, or until firm and lightly brown.

Remove cookies from cookie sheet and allow to cool completely on wire racks.

For frosting, combine confectioners' sugar, water and lemon extract and mix until smooth. Frost the tops of each cookie with a metal spatula.

Allow cookies to dry before stacking.  
Store in an airtight container.

~NOTE~If you want to freeze the cookies, freeze unfrosted and frost once thawed.

## Random Facts

In its entire lifetime, the average worker bee produces 1/12th teaspoon of honey.

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

More food is thrown out each day in the United States than is needed to feed its hungry . . . by McDonalds.

No matter its size or weight, no piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times!

There are four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a ten-dollar bill.

No president of the United States was an only child.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

The Badwater area of Death Valley is the lowest point in the western hemisphere at -282ft.

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## RECENT LIBRARY BIRTHDAYS!

### January

Jody Thompson	1.4
Patty Phipps	1.12
Susan Parham	1.21
Rich Meyer	1.22
Susan Coleman	1.23
RaeAnne Forrest	1.24
Martha Saghini	1.29

### February

Shirley Dixon	2.2
Mohsen Mahdavi-Hezaveh	2.14
Charlie Carter	2.15
Elizabeth Winter	2.26

### March

Catherine Jannik	3.7
Heidi Lowe	3.7
Jay Forrest	3.9
Joanne Tobin	3.9
Ruby Cross	3.9
Patty Kenly	3.15
Christine de Catanzaro	3.17





## Digitization of GT Theses & Dissertations Exceed 5600

Over 5600 recently scanned GT theses and dissertations are now available in SMARTech, thanks to the hard work of many individuals in SCDS, Archives, CAM, Systems, and DLD! They range in call number from TA-Z and cover the following schools and colleges:

- \* Civil and Environmental Engineering
- \* Biomedical Engineering
- \* Electrical and Computer Engineering
- \* Aerospace Engineering
- \* Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- \* Mechanical Engineering
- \* Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering
- \* Material Science and Engineering
- \* College of Computing

These theses and dissertations are closed to campus unless we receive permission to release them to the world from the author due to copyright law. If you have any inquiries from alumni regarding giving us permission to make their work public, please have them send an email with questions or their permission to [etd@library.gatech.edu](mailto:etd@library.gatech.edu)

## Recent Video Additions to SMARTech

### The History of the Mad Housers

The Mad Housers were founded by Georgia Tech College of Architecture graduate students Michael Connor and Brian Finkel to address the problem of homelessness in Atlanta. Presented by Hugh Crawford's Honors English 1102 Class  
<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/20521>

### 100 Years of Digital Data

Dr. Fran Berman from the San Diego Supercomputer Center discusses SDSC's approach to building and deploying data-oriented computational and data cyberinfrastructure, and describes the next generation of challenges and opportunities for the data that drives the Information Age.  
<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/20066>

### The Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore: The Legacy of It's Construction

The 2008 CoA Dean's Symposium focuses on the multiple influences that led to the building of Renaissance Florence, the framework that was created to achieve its realization, the influence that the design and construction of the Duomo exerted on subsequent works of architecture and construction, as well as the social and economic organization that we understand today as the Renaissance.  
<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/20281>

## Learning 2.0 Course Offered

The Georgia Tech Library is offering a unique learning experience to all employees, called Learning 2.0 @ GT. Based on the "Learning 2.0" or "23 Things" developed by Helene Blowers and colleagues at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (PLCMC), Learning 2.0 is a self-paced, self-directed course of exercises to learn about Web 2.0.

Web 2.0 is centered around collaboration and participation, and the many tools that make these easier, including wikis, blogs, RSS feeds, Facebook, Flickr, Library Thing, social bookmarking, and more. Library 2.0 is a concept that strives to use these tools to provide more effective library services, services that reach our users where they prefer to be. Learning about these technologies is useful to everyone in the Library, from those in public services who are reaching out to students, faculty, and staff, to those in technical services who may be designing or implementing new services.

The course will take approximately 14 weeks. Those completing the course will be invited to a "graduation" celebration lunch in early to mid-summer.

Feel free to ask the Learning 2.0 Team any questions you have. Team members are **Kathy Tomajko, Beth Thomas, Elizabeth Winter, Patricia Kenly, and Mary Axford.**

## ILS Survey Available Online

A survey about libraries and their level of satisfaction with their integrated library systems and the vendors who provide them, titled *Perceptions 2007: An International Survey of Library Automation*, is available online at  
<http://www.librarytechnology.org/perceptions2007.pl>

Don't forget to submit your NEWSWORTHY items. If you've participated in conferences, have departmental news, new hires, exiting staff or any other information, please forward it to Katie at [katie.gentilello@library.gatech.edu](mailto:katie.gentilello@library.gatech.edu).



# Happy Retirement to Martha Saghini!

## 1) *How has your job changed over the years?*

My job changed over the years for the best. When I started in March 1980 working in the library, my job was done manually, now is computerized, easier and faster.

## 2) *What did you like best about working for the library?*

What I like best about working in the library was that I had the opportunity to learn new things every day. Helped faculty and students with ILL requests and communicated with them by phone or by e-mail as well with people from other libraries all over the country.

## 3) *What was one of the strangest experiences you had while working at the library?*

When I came back from my kidney transplant surgery in 1996, I found out that I had been transferred without notice or explanation from the Reference Department to the Interlibrary Loan Department.

## 4) *What was your proudest moment?*

My proudest moment was when my co-workers and I received the Price's Price Award.

## 5) *What will you miss most?*

I will miss my co-workers, Katharine, Bette, Shirley, Glenna, Runae and Amy the most, as well as other people that worked with me over the years.

## 6) *What do you plan to do after you retire?*

I plan to enjoy life to the outmost with my family, traveling and looking for new adventures in my life.

Martha's last day will be March 31! Best of luck in your future endeavors!

