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## Halloween at the Library

Once again, the annual Library Staff Halloween Contest brought out the imaginative and artistic talents of our amazing library employees. From pirates to Poison Ivy, bats to the yellow brick road, the staff made Dean Meyer and Cheryl Parker's job of choosing a first place recipient quite a challenge indeed!

This year Rich and Cheryl were pleased to award three first-place prizes for individuals to Tom Fisher (Pirate), Joey Fones (Scarecrow), and to Charity Hitchcock (Poison Ivy). The unit prize was awarded to Acquisitions for their most complete makeover of their office space into a pirate ship and den.



### ADMINISTRATION

Kathy Tomajko

### ARCHITECTURE

Kevin Quick

### ARCHIVES

Kirk Henderson

### CIRCULATION

Karen Glover

### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Matt Frizzell

### DIGITAL INITIATIVES

Katie Gentilello

### ICM

Karen Manning

### INFORMATION DELIVERY

Katharine Calhoun

### ACQUISITIONS SERVICES

Isoke Ambidwile

### INFORMATION SERVICES

Crystal Renfro

### LWC

Cari Lovins

### MAILROOM

Jamil Holloway

### SECURITY

Sean Cuff

### SPECIAL FORMATS & MAPS

Vincent Thorpe

### SYSTEMS

Beth Thomas

Happy Belated Birthday to Heather Jeffcoat King (10/27).  
Also, Happy Birthday to Brian Franklin and to the following:

11.01 Jackie Dankins

11.05 Ross Singer

11.08 Bruce Henson

11.10 Casey Bowens

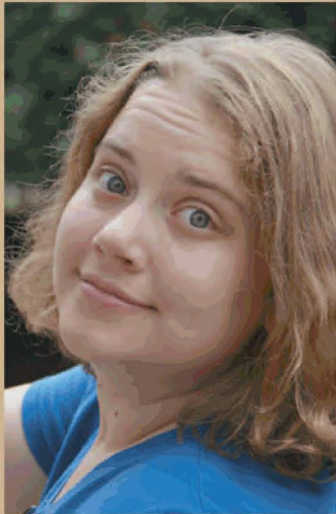
11.20 Marilyn Glasper

11.22 Katharine Calhoun, Carol Feagan

11.23 Katie Gentilello



# New Faces In The Library



**Jennie Law**

Jennie Law joined the Architecture Library in January. She previously worked at Emory University as an Acquisitions Specialist in the library. She is working on her Masters of Library and Information Science degree from Florida State University and will be graduating in May 2007. She enjoys reading science fiction and graphic novels, baking, swimming, and crafting. She very recently (October 29) got engaged to her boyfriend, Johnny and will soon be planning her wedding. Congratulations, Jennie!

Shunte Crawford joined the Library's Security team on August 8, 2005.

She has a combined 8 years of customer service skills and security experience, since graduating from Grady High School, Atlanta, GA.

Shunte is a mother of two sons, six and nine years old. Her hobbies include cooking and reading. Her objective is to: keep a safe and comfortable working environment within the Library for all of Tech's students, faculty, staff and visitors.

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**Shunte Crawford**



**Monika Mevenkamp**

Monika Mevenkamp joined the library's Systems department as its new Systems Analyst in October. Mostly she will help maintain and develop DSpace and SMARTech related archives.

Monika has been working as a professional software developer since earning a MS in computer science in 1984. In 1989 she immigrated to the United States. She worked for several years at BellCore in northern New Jersey, at Rice University in Houston, Texas, and QSopt, a company owned by her husband and herself. She has worked on developing websites, graphical user interfaces, porting software from one programming language to another.

Monika was born in Germany and still is a German citizen. She lives with her American husband, a 15 year old son, a 11 year old daughter, and a cat in North Atlanta.

# fun&games

## Notable Dates in November

- 1 - National Men Make Dinner Day
- 7 - Election Day
- 8 - Cook Something Bold & Pungent Day
- 13 - World Kindness Day
- 15 - National Educational Support Professionals Day
- 18 - Married to a Scorpio Support Day
- 23 - Thanksgiving
- 30 - National Play Hooky Day

## Mystery Photo



Can you guess what this is a picture of?

Bonnie Tijerina won last month's challenge by correctly guessing a chair caster.

Congratulations, Bonnie!



On October 12, Julie Griffin and Karen Smith, from the Digital Initiatives Department, greet animals at the traveling petting zoo, sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council.

## COMING UP:

The Library Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006 from 2:30-4:00 in the First Room. Please mark your calendars and look for your invitation soon.



## INGREDIENTS:

### Cake:

- 1 (18 1/4-ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted

### Filling:

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg

## PUMPKIN GOOEY BUTTER CAKES

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Combine the cake mix, egg, and butter and mix well with an electric mixer. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 13 by 9-inch baking pan.

To make the filling: In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and pumpkin until smooth. Add the eggs, vanilla, and butter, and beat together. Next, add the powdered sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and mix well. Spread pumpkin mixture over cake batter and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Make sure not to overbake as the center should be a little gooey.

Serve with fresh whipped cream.

# Library Kudos



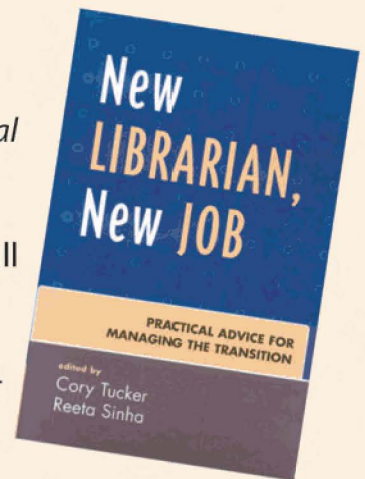
Congratulations to **Bonnie Tijerina** and **Julie Griffin** on their successful application to attend the ACRL / ARL Institute on Scholarly Communication. Bonnie, Julie and Dr. Michael Best of

the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs will attend the 3-day Institute being held in Durham NC in early December. Check out <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/scholarlycomm/scinstitute.htm> for information about the Institute.

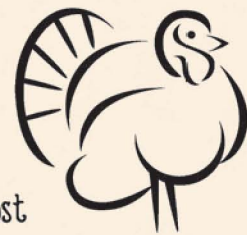


Congratulations to **Brian Mathews**, who has signed a deal with ALA Editions to write a book about advertising academic libraries. The book has a scheduled publication date of Summer 2008.

Also, **Bonnie** co-wrote a chapter in the just-released book *New Librarian, New Job: Practical Advice for Managing the Transition* (<http://tinyurl.com/yz5p8n>). The book is designed to provide practical knowledge in all major areas of librarianship for new and existing professionals. In addition, it provides in-depth information on professional competencies and the processes for acquiring the essential job skills to perform effectively. Her chapter, entitled 'Technical Services' is based on interviews with other librarians and her practical experiences at NCSU Libraries.



Annual Holiday Luncheon  
Staff Lounge  
November 9, 2006  
12:00-2:00



This year the meal will be catered and cost approximately \$7.00 per person. Please take a moment to RSVP your response to [jacqueline.boyd@library.gatech.edu](mailto:jacqueline.boyd@library.gatech.edu)

Turkey & Dressing	Cake
Honey Baked Ham	Peach Cobbler
Green Beans	Soft Drinks and Iced Tea
Macaroni & Cheese	
Sweet Potato Souffle	
Potato Salad	
Broccoli/ w cheese sauce	
Rolls	

# Happy Retirement to Cathe Cannon!

*On November 30, Cathe Cannon is retiring from the Georgia Tech Library after 15 years. Katie Gentilello and Cathe met to discuss her experience and here is what she had to say:*



**Katie:** How has your job changed over the years?

**Cathe:** Transition, constant and continual would be the best description of the changes. When I came GTEL was just premiering. We learn all the nuances of dots, spaces, etc. to use to achieve our desired results. When the system crashed, which was fairly often, bells would sound in the building to alert everyone, and we would place signs at the computers; when the system was restored, the bells would again chime, we would remove the signs and use would resume. Then the schedule for us to see three databases at another library was posted. The morning group went over but the system had crashed, so the afternoon people didn't go over. We now have a myriad of databases and an all sorts of online materials.

Searching for Patents was a long involved process which often require we stay we a person almost an entire day to guide them through the steps. Now searching is online and linked from one aspect to another. One can guide a person along over the phone, enabling more people greater access to these materials. Instead of typing this on an IBM Selectric II, I can type, edit and mail this on my desk PC. Don't think we stop often enough to reflect on the immense changes we have dealt with in just fifteen short years. As the librarians added Information Consulting to their duties, the Library

Assistants have stepped up to take more desk hours; some of us have been partnered with a librarian to be their support and assistant.

**Katie:** What did you like best about working for the library?

**Cathe:** Assisting Patent/TM searchers and SERVING the students. They are a fantastic group of young adults!

**Katie:** What was one of the strangest experiences you had while working at the library?

**Cathe:** When we had the microform room (The Fiche Bowl), we required collateral when checking out materials. One afternoon a very well dressed man made his request, then said he didn't have his keys or his wallet with him. Quickly he popped a gold, diamond encrusted Rolex watch off and handed it to me for his collateral. I hid it in the room until he returned.

**Katie:** What was your proudest moment?

**Cathe:** Receiving the Price's Pride Award.

**Katie:** What will you miss most?

**Cathe:** The students and seeing my close friends each day.

**Katie:** What do you plan to do after you retire?

**Cathe:** Stay HOME! Something I have rarely been able to, always had to work. I intend to enjoy my new home, spoil my grandchildren more, annoy my younger brother as much as is possible, get to really work in my yard and garden more.

I will return with the team to Liberia the end of April, first part of May 2007. We will be at Ricks Institute about fourteen miles east of Monrovia, out in the bush (country).

Learn the ropes of traveling, one day trips, overnight some and perhaps even a week or two somewhere special. Have a list of places to go already posted on the fridge.



*Best of Luck & Farewell, Cathe!*



## Call for Proposals, ER&L Conference

by Bonnie Tijerina

The ER&L Conference Program Planning Committee encourages you to submit a proposal for the Electronic Resources & Libraries 2007 Conference to be held February 22-24, 2007, with pre-conference sessions on February 21. The deadline for proposal submission is November 1, 2006. We seek proposals for a variety of session formats including presentations, panel sessions, and pre-conference workshops. They will be evaluated as they are received, and priority may be given to those who submit early. Proposals that have topics of interest to many areas of the library or outside the library are of special interest to the ER&L Program Planning Committee. All Call for Proposal information, including the proposal form, may be found at: <http://www.electroniclibrarian.com/call>.

Questions about the Call for Proposals in general should be directed to Elizabeth Winter ([elizabeth.winter@library.gatech.edu](mailto:elizabeth.winter@library.gatech.edu)) or Bonnie Tijerina ([bonnie.tijerina@library.gatech.edu](mailto:bonnie.tijerina@library.gatech.edu)). Questions about pre-conferences in particular should be directed to Joan Conger ([joan@joanconger.net](mailto:joan@joanconger.net)).

ER&L provides a forum for information professionals to explore ideas, trends, and technologies related to electronic resources and digital services. Complete details about the conference are online at <http://www.electroniclibrarian.com/>. Conference registration will open on November 1.

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## 2006 Food Drive: November 1st through December 15th

Thank you for all of the clothes that you and your department have generously donated for the annual Clothing Drive. We have until November 1st until the end of the Clothing Drive, so please encourage your unit to continue cleaning out closets and to donate in the bins.

The less fortunate people in the local community have needs beyond clothing, and as a result, Georgia Tech's Institute Partnerships Department will launch its Annual Food Drive beginning November 1, 2006. Please consider donating canned goods, dry goods and other non-perishables for the 2006 Food Drive that contributes to the English Avenue Community Resource Center.

Please contact Shondra Carter at 404-894-5187 or [shondra.carter@icpa.gatech.edu](mailto:shondra.carter@icpa.gatech.edu) if you have any questions.

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## Don't Forget to Vote!

Vote the easy way, by requesting an absentee ballot through the mail. In the state of Georgia, registered voters can request an absentee ballot without providing a reason (for mail only).

You have to complete the Application to receive the absentee ballot and mail it to your county Board of Elections. You should receive the ballot in a few days.

Follow this link to view some other County Board of Registrar's Offices: [http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/voter\\_registration/registrars.asp](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/voter_registration/registrars.asp)

## Georgia Tech Library's Participation in the ARL LibQUAL+ Survey in Fall 2006

by Kathy Tomajko

In November 2006, the Georgia Tech Library will be participating in the LibQUAL+ Survey, a large-scale, user-based assessment of library service effectiveness developed by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) in collaboration with Texas A&M University. This is the third time that the GT Library will have participated in this survey. We are doing so in conjunction with more than 20 other University System of Georgia libraries. The LibQUAL+ Survey uses a web-based to gauge library users' general attitudes toward Georgia Tech's libraries, as well as their overall level of satisfaction with the libraries' services. Our survey invitation will go to a random-sampling of each Georgia Tech academic community: 900 undergraduate students, 900 graduate students, and 600 faculty. It would be helpful if subject librarians/information consultants would encourage their constituents to complete the survey.

The survey is strictly voluntary; however to encourage as full a participation as possible, several emails will go out to the random sampling groups to ensure a good response rate. Individual responses of participants will be strictly confidential. Kathy Tomajko and Brian Mathews are serving as LibQUAL+ Survey liaisons and coordinators.

The LibQUAL+ Survey is an effort to measure library service quality and identify best practices. It is also an opportunity for us to compare and benchmark ourselves with other academic libraries. Once the data is collected, it is reported back as aggregate mean score data. We plan to use the data and what we learn to identify what the Library is doing right and what we need to improve upon. We will also be doing some benchmarking with other Georgia libraries who have participated in the survey as well as other peer libraries.

We are offering an incentive prize drawing for students and faculty who respond and give us their email addresses: about one dozen gift certificates to local restaurants and movie theaters.

If you want to know more about LibQUAL+, please consult [www.libqual.org](http://www.libqual.org). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathy Tomajko or Brian Mathews.

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## Collaboration Solutions Working Group Survey

During the week of November 6, 2006, the Collaboration Solutions Working Group will post an online survey to gather information about the kind of collaborative support you need. The results will help us to determine appropriate software solutions for testing. You will also have an opportunity to participate in the tests using scenarios based on work applications identified in the surveys.

Please watch your email inbox on Friday, November 3 for the survey. For more information, please contact Susan Coleman at [susan.coleman@library.gatech.edu](mailto:susan.coleman@library.gatech.edu) or any of the Collaboration Solutions Working Group members.