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## Issues in Scholarly Communication Seminar

On October 15, the Library hosted a seminar on Issues in Scholarly Communication, in which Georgia Tech and Library faculty and staff were invited. The morning session, titled *Library Roles and Faculty Motivations*, was led by Lee Van Orsdel, Dean of University Libraries at Grand Valley State University, who gave an overview of the major issues in scholarly communication focusing on understanding faculty motivations for participation in the scholarly communication process, the relevance of the issues to libraries, and the importance of library outreach to faculty. Lee ended the session by creating a map of the primary scholarly communication issues and where libraries play a role.



The afternoon session was titled *Maximizing Scholarship's Impact: Barriers & Opportunities* and led by Dr. John Ober, Director of the University of California's Office of Scholarly Communication. This professionally facilitated seminar engaged faculty, researchers, and librarians in conversation about the publishing and rights management issues important to scholars. Dr. Ober discussed the current state of scholarly publishing, the legislative activities that affect research impact and dissemination, and the need for faculty to take ownership of their rights as authors. Dr. Ober also addressed how and why these issues are important to academic libraries, and how partnering with libraries can alleviate some of the barriers that may exist for faculty participating in an evolving scholarly communication system.



Look for the video of this seminar to appear in SMARTech in the coming weeks!

## Happy Birthday!



Bette Finn	9/1	Sharon Baines	10/4
Kent Woynowski	9/14	Vincent Thorpe	10/5
Isoke Ambidwile	9/20	Glenna Barney	10/6
Germaine Schanzmeyer	9/22	Bing Wang	10/8
		Jeff Carrico	10/12
		Beth Thomas	10/12
		Lisha Li	10/15
		Jeannie Downey	10/22
		Heather Jeffcoat King	10/27
		Tyler Walters	10/27
		Alison Valk	10/31

## Don't forget!

Halloween is just around the corner. Once again, we'll have prizes for the best costumes and unit decorations! Don't forget to spook us!





# New Faces in the Library



**BILL ANDERSON**

Please welcome Bill Anderson to the Library & Information Center. Bill is joining the Technology Development & Research Department to provide programming support and development for the Library's institutional repository and digital collections. He will also provide programming support for new initiatives involving scholarly communication, electronic publishing and image databases. Bill joins us most recently from Duke University where he was a software developer for the Center for International Business Education and Research. He has a long history in academic libraries, having worked at Emory University, Georgia State and UGA.

Please welcome Lynn Fenster as the new Library Associate I in the e-Resources unit of the Collection Acquisitions and Management Department.

She has been working in the library field for 20+ years with experience in just about every department including reference, circulation, and technical services. Her last position was with Kennesaw State University in the Technical Services Department. She is a native of Atlanta, but lived in Virginia for 20 years before moving back 4½ years ago.

She enjoys reading, counted cross-stitch, cooking, working in the yard, and cross-word puzzles. She loves animals but doesn't have any pets at the present time. She has 5 grandchildren: 2 in Nashville, TN and 3 in Manassas, VA. Her husband, Herb, works for the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Decatur, GA.



**LYNN FENSTER**

## Who's Leaving the Library?



Ross Singer, Systems Analyst IV, effective September 20, 2007



Bonnie Tijerina, Electronic Resources Coordinator, Collection Development, effective October 27, 2007

Next month, ConneXus will highlight the Scholarly Communications and Digital Services department.

# announcements



The Faculty's Professional Activities Committee and Archives was pleased to host the first event of the Fall on October 10. In celebration of October being Georgia Archives Month, we invited Christine Wiseman, the Preservation Services manager of The Georgia Archives to come speak to us on the topic of Disaster Preparedness.



The library is happy to announce the marriage of Andy Blakely, circulation night manager, to Michelle Jones on October 15, 2007 at Callaway Gardens, in the Sibley Horticultural Center. The couple spent their honeymoon in Japan. Congratulations!

Presently, between Desktop Services and OIT customer support, there are 4-5 Remedy web forms available for users to submit computer help requests. Some of these web forms are configured to direct help requests to the most appropriate Help Desk queue (either Customer Support). Desktop help request management employees with a simple, stable solution for submitting computer help requests. While we are testing these new solutions, we are asking everyone to submit all help requests to us via email ([help@library.gatech.edu](mailto:help@library.gatech.edu)). In case of an emergency, please contact one of our staff via direct office phone.



**The ALA-accredited MLIS Program at Valdosta State University is recruiting new students for its spring 2008 and fall 2008 classes. If you have staff or friends who might be interested in the program, please have them contact us at 229-333-5860. The MLIS Program will also maintain a booth at GACOMO to provide information for prospective students.**

**The Systems Department is collecting equipment for Decatur's 2007 Fall Electronics Recycling Day on \*October 27, 2007. \*From now through Friday, October 26, the Systems department will be accepting equipment for recycling for our colleagues in the Library. We will ensure that these "contributions" are delivered to the Decatur High School parking lot on the 27th.**

If you have items to be recycled, you can bring them to the Systems Department office next to the Wilby room, and we will see that they are ferried to the High School on Saturday the 27th. You may also deliver items directly to the Decatur High School parking lot on October 27, 2007 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 PM. Please see the description of items that are being accepted at:

[http://www.decaturga.com/cgs\\_citysvcs\\_sfm\\_recycling.aspx](http://www.decaturga.com/cgs_citysvcs_sfm_recycling.aspx)

## Apple Cobbler



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place butter in oven in a 2-quart baking dish to melt. Stir sugar and flour together and mix well. Slowly add milk and continue to stir to prevent the batter from lumping. Being careful not to burn yourself, remove hot baking dish containing melted butter from oven; pour batter directly over butter in baking dish (DO NOT STIR). Spoon fruit on top of batter, then gently pour syrup on top (DO NOT STIR). Sprinkle with cinnamon, if using. The most important part of this dish is not stirring the mixture.

Bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Your batter will rise above your fruit, producing the most wonderful of crusts. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or fresh whipped cream.

- 1/2 stick (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup self-rising flour
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 (28-ounce) can apple pie filling, undrained
- cinnamon for sprinkling

# Library Kudos



**Cathy Carpenter** was selected as the new Architecture Librarian effective September 5, 2007.

**Julie Speer** was selected as the Scholarly Communications and Digital Services Head effective September 5, 2007.

**Roland Garner** was promoted to manager of the Special Formats & Maps Unit of the Information Services Department effective November 1.



Congratulations to **Crystal Renfro** who was selected to be in the 2008 ALA Class of Emerging Leaders! Crystal was sponsored by GLA and will receive support from GLA to attend the 2008 ALA Mid-Winter and Annual conferences.

**Brian Mathews** was mentioned in the October 19, 2007 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Young Librarians, Talkin' Bout Their Generation" by answering the question, "What is one thing that libraries are doing right, and one thing that libraries are doing wrong?"

(<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i08/08a02801.htm>)



**Elizabeth Winter** recently traveled to Milan, Italy where she was a plenary speaker at a two-day seminar for Italian academic librarians, "Academic Library 2.0? Il futuro della biblioteca accademica" ("Academic Library 2.0? The Future of the Academic Library"). Her presentation was entitled, "Social Software in Academic Libraries: A Web 2.0 Toolkit. The seminar web site is available at [http://www.burioni.it/seminario\\_stelline07/index\\_en.htm](http://www.burioni.it/seminario_stelline07/index_en.htm).



**Bonnie Tijerina, Heather Jeffcoat King** and **Julie Speer** presented, "eBooks: An Account of the Student Experience" at the LITA National Forum.

# NEWS WORTHY

## **GALILEO Library, High School and Teen available**

We are pleased to announce that GALILEO Library, High School, and Teen user views are now available for preview in beta via a link from the GALILEO production homepage, joining the Scholar view that has been available in beta since last month. Beta means that some changes will continue to be made based on findings from usability and beta testing. Usability testing has indicated some revisions are required for all user views prior to production release; however, significant revisions will be required for the Kids user view prior to beta release. Production release of all interfaces is planned to occur during the week of December 17, 2007. Specific dates will be announced as they are available.

To help uncover any issues with the performance of the user views, each GALILEO site is requested to please complete the betatest procedure by November 16th through the beta test reporting tool available at: <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/planning/projects/upgrade/redesign.phtml>

We are also pleased to announce upcoming presentations on the new user views, including:

\* COMO: Have It Your Way: New GALILEO Community Interfaces; Friday, October 19, 2007; 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.; Room 6

\* GaETC: The New Look You've Been Waiting For; Friday, November 16, 2007; 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.; Salon 8

\* Online Orientation Sessions throughout November and December; for more information see: <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/planning/projects/upgrade/training.phtml>

If you have any questions or need more information, please use GALILEO's Contact Us feature or contact OIIT Customer Services at [helpdesk@usg.edu](mailto:helpdesk@usg.edu).

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## **Recent Additions to SMARTech**

**A New Story to Tell: The East Commons at the Georgia Tech Library** by Charlie Bennett  
<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/16971>

## **Self-organizing logistics systems**

In this Tuesday Talk lecture, John J. Bartholdi discusses how social insects operate efficient complex logistics systems without a centralized agent and how "bucket brigade" protocols are emerging from this model.  
<http://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/16859>

## **CPE Reading Program**

Shondra Carter, from Institute Partnerships at GT, is working with Centennial Elementary School on their reading programs and would like to know if the library staff would be interested in partnering/participating in these events.

There are currently two programs in place, one of which is called Stop and Drop. This program is for the kindergarten classes and we are looking for GT staff to stop by the school to read to the kids from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

The second program is called Men Do Read and it is held only once a semester but we look for male employees to go over to the school and read to children in grades K-5. I have attached a copy of a flyer from a previous session to give you a little more information about the program.

I hope that you and your department staff will consider joining other GT departments in this project.

Please contact Shondra at 404-385-8368 for more information.

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## **Library Student Journal Emerges Online**

The first issue of Library Student Journal, an international peer-reviewed open access journal, has been posted online, including papers from Library and Information Science (LIS) students around the world. Editor Eli Guinee, an MLS Candidate at Department of Library and Information Studies, SUNY Buffalo, states that the journal, as with the field, will take advantage of "developing technologies and the evolving ways in which information is communicated," and that open access is the inevitable form for scholarly journals. A poll posted on the LSJ web site asks visitors what they call the people who come to the library. At the top of the list is Patrons, outpacing Users, Customers, Clients, and Readers. (<http://www.librarystudentjournal.org/>)

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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).