



# Notes & quotes

The Official Newsletter of the Georgia College & State University Library & Instructional Technology Center

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## From the Dean

Welcome to the Library & Instructional Technology (LITC) newsletter. Once a semester, the LITC newsletter will be distributed to interested readers, focusing on events, news, and services provided by the Georgia College & State University LITC.

The LITC is composed of the Library, Museum, Special Collections, Instructional Technology Center, Web Enabled Resources (online instruction), and Media Production Resources (University TV/AV). The LITC is housed in three connected structures—the 1932 (Ina Dillard Russell), 1968, and 2005 buildings—plus portions of Chappell and Atkinson. Our mission—to actively support and promote the liberal arts via the use of information resources and services—impacts each part of our campus and community. We seek to enhance training and increase opportunities and awareness through the production, distribution, and archiving of academic activities and events.

It is with great pleasure that we launch our premier newsletter packed with contact information and highlighting new and existing services. When you next visit GCSU—stop and see the new LITC—located at the corner of Clarke and Montgomery Streets in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Dean and University Librarian  
Dr. Rachel A. Schipper

## LibQUAL+ at GCSU

This fall members of the GCSU community were invited to participate in the Library's LibQUAL+ Survey. Between September 25th and October 14th, the GCSU community took the online survey, giving opinions on library services and registering comments.

Georgia College joined 22 other University System of Georgia libraries in offering the Survey. The Library will not only learn what the GCSU community thinks of library services, they will have data on the university system both as a whole, and as individual USG institutions. GCSU's community completed 253 questionnaires and four randomly selected (and lucky) people won \$100 gift certificates from the Bookstore. Mr. Nat Johnsen, Dr. Mike Martino, Ms. Molly Winzurk, and Ms. Danielle Fields are the winners of the GCSU Library's LibQUAL+ Survey drawing. Students, faculty, staff, and community members were invited to participate in the LibQUAL Survey September 25 - October 13 in order to be eligible for the survey drawing.

For more information on the LibQUAL+ survey contact Bella Karr Gerlich at (478) 445-8292 or email at [bella.gerlich@gcsu.edu](mailto:bella.gerlich@gcsu.edu). Look for the comprehensive report, coming soon to the LITC website.

## LITC Contact Information & Hours

**Library**  
(478) 445-4047  
Monday-Thursday,  
7:30 am-11 pm  
Friday, 7:30 am-5 pm  
Saturday, 10 am-6 pm  
Sunday, 2 pm-11 pm

**Special Collections**  
(478) 445-0988  
Monday-Friday,  
9 am-12 pm, 1 pm-4 pm

**Instructional Technology  
Center**  
(478) 445-4219  
Sunday, 2 pm-Friday, 5 pm  
(24 hours)  
Saturday, 10 am-6 pm

**Museum**  
(478) 445-4391  
Monday-Saturday,  
10 am-4 pm

Holiday, summer, and intersession hours vary.

# Staff Kudos

Jay Lancaster and Brichaya Shah have just completed the WebCT Vista 3 Institutional Administrator certification course. This online, self paced course provides instruction in the tasks Vista Institutional Administrators commonly perform. In addition, participants have access to an assigned "Hands-on Administrator Certification" in which they can practice tasks. The capstone of the course is an assessment that gauges course content and hands-on knowledge. Upon successful completion of the assessment, participants receive a joint certification from the University System of Georgia and Blackboard. Brichaya & Jay also provided excellent Vista training sessions for faculty in November 2006.

Dr. Frank Lowney and Mazhar Malik assisted Apple Computer in a presentation on 10/25 at Rock Eagle. Based upon "iTunes U," Dr. Lowney presented a session entitled "Podcasting with the USG Podcasting Server" and Mazhar presented a session entitled "Inside the USG Podcasting Server."

GCSU was well-represented at the 2006 Georgia Council of Media Conference in Athens on September 22nd. Emily Prather, Shaundra Walker, and Edward Whatley presented "Culture Shock: Tips for New Academic Librarians and Their Employers," which offered insight into the expectations of new hires and shared their experiences of the realities of transitioning into academic librarianship.

Nancy Davis Bray co-presented "Now What? Collection-level Cataloging for Archives and Special Collections" with Suzanne R. Graham and Kelly Holt from the University of Georgia at COMO.

Bella Karr Gerlich participated in COMO, presenting "Introducing the READ Scale" with G. Lynn Berard. She and Berard also presented a poster session at the Association of Research Libraries' Library Assessment conference in September 2006 and intend to publish the paper in the Georgia Library Quarterly.

Bella Karr Gerlich received a GCSU Faculty Research Grant Proposal to fund a national research study in spring 2007 to promote and test the READ Scale, a qualitative measure developed for library reference statistic gathering. Funding was awarded in the amount of \$1,291 for travel / supplies and enabled Gerlich to secure a research partner for the study from Carnegie Mellon University Libraries, which resulted in an additional \$750 for study related expenses.

Shaundra Walker has been selected as one of ALA's "Emerging Leaders," a program designed to develop professional leadership.

Savario Spencer has also been given an "I Caught You Caring" award for his excellent customer service during Benefits Week.

## Did you know?

The Museum had over 5200 visitors between October 1, 2006 and December 13, 2006. The Library had over 67,000 visitors during the same time period. The labs in the Instructional Technology Center had over 23,000 visitors.

**Anyone can visit the Library!** We have many resources available to the public, including computers, research materials and assistance, current periodicals, and more.

The Library has approximately 200,000 volumes. Using the 1.25 average book width (calculated by OhioLINK), if you lined the books up, they'd stretch almost four miles!

**Donate books to the Library!** Contact the Circulation Desk at (478) 445-4047 for more information.

Do you have someone you'd like to honor with a book or a collection, like the *Les Crawford Caldecott Collection*? Contact Library Administration at (478) 445-0980 for more information on how you can give a meaningful, lasting, and thoughtful gift.

# LITC Announces New Service

On Friday, October 20, 2006 GCSU Library and the Instructional Technology Center launched its new service, the "Paperback Exchange." The Paperback Exchange is located on the 1st floor of the library, to the right of Books & Brew, and is open the same hours as the Instructional Technology Center. This service will give those who love to read a chance to share books they enjoy and receive books that others have enjoyed. The service is available to all students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The Paperback Exchange service encourages visitors to donate paperback books and swap their donations for other people's donated paperbacks. Donations for the paperback exchange should be taken to the Instructional Technology Center desk. Visitors are welcome to come take a book from the designated "Paperback Exchange" shelves and then to donate books from their personal collection that they think others might enjoy reading.

For more information on the GCSU Paperback Exchange call Emily Prather at (478) 445-0985, email at [emily.prather@gcsu.edu](mailto:emily.prather@gcsu.edu), or visit the paperback exchange website at [www2.gcsu.edu/library/techserv/exchange.html](http://www2.gcsu.edu/library/techserv/exchange.html).

## Congratulations to Faye Heal!

Faye was the winner of the LITC's "Name the Newsletter" contest. Her entry, "Notes & Quotes," was selected by the Library Management Council. Faye's creative spirit was rewarded with a \$15 gift certificate to the Brick, courtesy of Frank Pendergast.

## Museum Exhibit Schedule: Spring 2007



### Permanent Collection

Flannery O'Connor Room, items from the permanent collection. Free.

### January 16 - February 22

Art Exhibit, "Unoccupied," by five artists from around the country pursuing masters degrees in fine art; opening reception, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jan. 16. Free. Main Gallery

### January 19 - March 3

Photography Exhibit, "FADING PULSE: Living Jewels of the Atlantic" by Sandy Voegeli; opening reception, January 19, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsor, Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences. Free. Middle Gallery

### March 10 - April 21

Art Exhibit, "Folk Art Is," by 21 self-taught artists from nine Southern states. Free. Main Gallery

### March 13 - July 1

Exhibit, "A History of GCSU," opening reception TBA. Free. Middle Gallery

## Join the Library!

You are eligible for a library card. Alumni, Learning in Retirement participants, and Carerra Model students can get a free library card.

If you're not associated with one of these groups, simply make a donation of \$50 payable to the GCSU Foundation, and we'll say "thank you" with a library card! Donations can be mailed or submitted to our address.

Stop by the Circulation Desk today for more information! Or call the Library at (478) 445-4047. We look forward to serving you at the LITC.

## The LITC Welcomes New Employees!

**Joyce Dorsch** was born in Lilly, Pennsylvania and has an associate's degree in Business Administration/Accounting. She's been with the LITC in Access Services since July 31, 2006. She brings work experience in retail and customer service.

**Erin Fall**, another new Access Services staff member, is a transplanted westerner who recently received her BS degree in Anthropology from Utah State University. In the near future, she plans to go back to school for an MLS specializing in restoration and preservation. She loves to cook and wants to learn to make sushi someday. Her true passion is travel. Someday, she will spend a few months exploring New Zealand.

**Justin Flachbarth** has joined the Instructional Technology Center and is currently a graduate student seeking a degree in MMIS (Master of Management Information Systems) here at Georgia College & State University. He received his undergraduate degree from GCSU in General Business last year. Some may already know him: he worked as a lab assistant and as a graduate assistant here at the library.

Also joining Access Services is **Travis Lightsey**, originally from Valdosta, though he's lived in Macon for the past 8.5 years. He has a BS in Information Technology from Macon State College. His hobbies include playing trivia, poker and fantasy sports. He's excited to be a part of the GCSU community.

For current news, visit our website:  
<http://library.gcsu.edu>



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