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A Word from the Dean



Diane Dates Casey

What's New at the University Library?

Autumn has arrived; yesterday GSU even had snow squalls. The University Library overflows with students working on class assignments, thesis research, and midterm preparations. Library classrooms and meeting spaces are alive with activity as faculty and staff members settle into a new academic year. At the beginning of Fall Trimester work was completed on the library's technology enhanced classroom, which is now graced with a multimedia podium, ceiling-mounted projector, and wired tables for students. Academic Computing workshops are being offered in the library's teaching lab and the ACS labs, take a look at the schedule (<http://www.govst.edu/library/workshops/>) and take advantage of this opportunity to brush up your skills or learn new ones. Thanks to President Fagan, Provost Keys, and Budget Director Slovak, the library's materials budget has increased. Library faculty members are already ordering books and multimedia materials to meet the program needs of GSU students and faculty.

Speaking of the library's faculty members, they are doing stellar work. Professor Lydia Morrow Ruetten co-presented a paper entitled, "Implementation of Increased Scholarship in a Unionized Teaching-Oriented University," which has been accepted for publication by the referred journal, International Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Change Management. Assistant Professor Paul Blobaum had numerous entries published in The John Steinbeck Encyclopedia, as well as a chapter entitled, "Uninvited Change: The Governors State University Library's Evolving Reference and Technology Desk" in Primer on Planning and Evaluating Reference Services in Academic Libraries. Assistant Professor Michel Nguessan had his article entitled, "Defining the Boundaries of the Digital Divide," recently published in the referred journal, International Journal of Technology, Knowledge and Society, and received notification that his paper, "The Linguistic Aspect of the Digital Divide," was accepted for presentation at the Third International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society in

Cambridge, UK. Professor Nancy Shlaes received a 2006 Faculty Excellence Award for primary duties, research, and service. Professor Elizabeth Hansen was mentioned by name in the recent CACREP accreditation report for providing excellent library service and support to GSU's Counseling programs. Associate Professor Linda Geller's conscientious work provides outstanding support and advocacy to Reference Manager Helen Benos.

The library welcomes Karen Evans-Thomas as its newest staff member. Karen coordinates the library's reserve collection and assists with covering the Circulation Desk.

In November, I will travel to the Library of Congress to begin my service as one of the American Library Association representatives on The Future of Bibliographic Control Working Group, which consists of thirteen members from library associations and information technology corporations across the United States. The working group will look at numerous aspects of online library database searching in order to improve information access to the end user. A summit on bibliographic control will be held in June 2007 at the Library of Congress and the group's final report is due in November 2007.

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Library Website Redesign

Diane Nadler

The University Library will be evaluating the Library website to see what changes need to be made to make the site more student friendly. To find out what we can do to achieve this goal, we will be conducting focus groups. The focus groups will help us examine the layout of the site, the words we use to describe links and pages, etc. Anyone who has any suggestions for improving the Library website, or would like to be part of a focus group can contact Diane Nadler by email: d-nadler@govst.edu.

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New Reference Manager Service

Paul Blobaum

The library now subscribes to RefWorks, a web-based bibliography and citation database manager. RefWorks enables you to create your own personal database by importing references from text files or online databases such as the GSU Library Catalog, or databases such as CINAHL. You can use these references in writing papers and automatically format the paper and the bibliography in seconds using the Write-N-Cite feature. Quick Start guides are available in the library. Create your own user account while on the GSU campus at www.refworks.com/refworks. From off-campus, go to the Journals/Databases page and logon to RefWorks from the link to RefWorks in the A-Z index through the proxy server. Online tutorials are available; and Library workshops will be offered this fall.

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Friends:

Lydia Morrow Ruetten

Want to be a friend?

Mark your calendar for November 15 from 3-7:30 p.m. The library will be having a reception to invite members of our community to become charter members of the Friends of the Library. Drawings for gifts will be held every half hour beginning at 3 p.m. The invitation to be on the Charter will only be available through January 12, 2007. Stop in on November 15th and bring your checkbook. If you cannot attend, pick up a brochure in the library or contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at ext. 4116.

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Color Printing Available

Maureen Bendoraitis

Color Printing is available from library PCs. The color printer is located in the ACS lab, and all print jobs must be retrieved from the lab. If you are interested in printing out a file in color, it is better to go directly to the ACS lab and run your print job. If however you are already working in the library and come across an item that you would really like to print in color, you can access the lab's color printer from any of the library public area PCs. To access the color printer, go to File->Print->Select Printer, locate the printer named **Color on GSUOCS** and highlight it -> Print -> Enter your print job name – *make this something easy to remember instead of the machine name since you will be going over to the lab to print this out* -> click on Send to PrintRelease button. To retrieve your print

job, go to the print release station in the ACS lab. The cost for color printing is 50 cents per page. Staff in the ACS lab will be available to assist you if you have any difficulty in retrieving your print job.

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Digital Projects Update

Michel Nguessan

DSpace

DSpace is up and running. DSpace is a software application selected for building and institutional repository (a central location of digital objects) at GSU. We have started developing communities, sub-communities and collections within DSpace. We had a demo at the Faculty Summer Institute in June and another demo in July within the library. We are working on an early adopters program with the Library and a Department/Unit from each college within GSU. This pilot program will allow us to further test and refine DSpace and work on policy issues before we extend usage to all of GSU.

CONTENT dm

The CONTENT dm application is up and running. CONTENT dm is the software application acquired by GSU (through the CARLI consortium) for developing online digital collections. We developed a few test collections within CONTENT dm. These collections are currently displayed in the test environment. We had a demo at the FSI in June and another demo in July within the library. We are working on three pilot collections with GSU faculty to further test and refine CONTENT dm and work on policy issues before we extend usage to all of GSU.

About eBooks, eJournals & eAudiobooks

GSU library subscribes to a large number of eBooks, eJournals, and eAudiobooks. These are library resources that exist only in electronic formats. With your GSU Library access credentials, you can access these materials from the GSU Library website, under the NetLibrary link. On the Library home page (<http://www.govst.edu/library/>), click on Books and Videos on the right side menu. Then, click on NetLibrary. Navigate and read information about main topics, demos, and quick start guides to get started with these resources. Library staff will be glad to assist you if you need help.

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Free Workshops in the Library

Helen Benos

The library is once again offering free computer workshops in both the Library Lab (D2401B) and in the ACS Lab (D2438).

In addition to offering our usual workshops in Excel, PowerPoint, APA Citations etc., we are also offering the following NEW workshops :

Create a Blog, Blogs & RSS Feeds, RefWorks, and Library Research for Health Professions Research Papers.

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Ten New Titles

Helen Benos

THE DIFFICULT PARENT
An Educator's Guide to Handling Aggressive Behavior
Charles M. Jaksec III
LC226.J35 2005

DOWNSIZING IN AMERICA
Reality, Causes, and Consequences
William J. Baumol, Alan S. Blinder, and Edward N. Wolff
HD58.85B38 2003

ELECTRONIC MEDIA LAW
Roger L. Sadler
KF2765.S23 2005

EXCELLENCE, EQUITY, AND EFFICIENCY
How Principals and Policymakers Can Survive the Triangle of Tension
Robert T. Hess
LB2831.92.H45 2005

HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF UTOPIANISM
James M. Morris and Andrea L. Kross
REF. HX806.M626 2004

MADAME CURIE

A Biography
Eve Curie
CD 22.C8C85 2001

NICHOLAS AND ALEXANDRA
The story of the love that ended an empire.
Robert K. Massie
DK258.M3 2000

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CLOSET
The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses and Families
Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph.D.
HQ74.B89 1994

PERSUASION
Psychological Insights and Perspectives
Timothy C. Brock, and Melanie C. Green, Editors
BF637.P4P44 2005

UNMASKING TERROR
A Global Review of Terrorist Activities
Christopher Heffelfinger, Editor
REF. HV6431.U56 2005

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