



CHECK IT OUT!

Newsletter of the James Earl Carter Library

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From Authors to Pumpkins: Library Explodes with Events

The James Earl Carter Library was fortunate to host two book signings this Fall Semester. On Wednesday September 12th, renowned author June Hall McCash, Ph. D visited GSW and spoke at convocation. Following the convocation, the library hosted the book signing where McCash signed copies of her books and visited with the GSW community. She is the author, co-author and editor of six books and numerous articles, including *The Jekyll Island Cottage Colony* and *Jekyll Island's Early Years*. On Wednesday October 10th, the Library also hosted the book signing for author Jack Riggs, the featured convocation speaker. Riggs is the author of *When the Finch Rises* which is the book various English classes read for the semester. He teaches Creative Writing and Film studies at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta.

The James Earl Carter Library kicked off the Lunches at the Library Fall Program with a Banned Books Celebration on Thursday, October 4th.

Members of the faculty, staff, and student population of GSW participated in the event. Readings enjoyed by all were done from a wide range of books including: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman, *Ulysses* by James Joyce, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. The Library hosted its Second Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest on Tuesday, October 30th. There was a large crowd on the lawn in front of the library carving and painting pumpkins. It was especially nice to see such a diverse student population at the event. The Library is looking forward to our Spring programs, including readings from our favorite Irish authors on St. Patrick's Day. We hope to see you all there!

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GALILEO Enhancements

Many of you may have noticed when you returned to campus this Fall that there had been some changes made to the databases available through GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online). Over the summer three GALILEO databases were upgraded and over twenty new databases were added.

Academic Search Premier is one of the databases upgraded and it is now *Academic Search Complete*. With an additional 856 full text journals in its collection, *Academic Search Complete* now provides access to over 5,300 full text journals in all subject areas and is one of the most comprehensive multidisciplinary databases available. Also upgraded is *Business Source Premier*, now *Business Source Complete*, providing access

to over 2,800 full text business journals along with company profiles, country economic reports, industry reports, and SWOT analyses.

One of the new databases, *Proquest Nursing and Allied Health Source*, provides full text access to over 550 journal titles in the fields of nursing, nutrition, pharmacology, and public health. Also new, the *Books @ Ovid* collection provides access to 33 full text e-books in the fields of nursing and medicine. Finally, *MEDLINE* has been upgraded to *MEDLINE with Full Text*. This upgrade includes the addition of over 300 full text medical journals bringing the total number of full text journals in this database to just over 1,200 titles.

Another new addition is *Literary Reference Center*. This is a source for not only 350 full text literary magazines and journals but also author biographies, plot summaries, literary criticisms, and book reviews. In addition, the full text of 54,000 poems and 14,500 short stories are available through *Literary Reference Center*.

Among the other subject areas with new databases in GALILEO are computer and information science, theater and dance, history, hospitality and tourism, as well as several new databases that focus on Spanish language publications.

Take the time to check out the upgrades and new databases on GALILEO (www.galileo.usg.edu) and be on the lookout for additional changes coming Spring Semester.

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Of special note are the additions and upgrades made to electronic nursing resources.

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday	8 AM-11 PM
Friday	8 AM-5 PM
Saturday	9 AM-5 PM
Sunday	2 PM-11 PM

DEPARTMENTS:

Access Services

229-931-2266

Circulation:

libcirc@canes.gsw.edu

Interlibrary Loan:

libill@canes.gsw.edu

Administration

229-931-2259

Cataloging

229-931-2258

Collection Development

229-931-2789/2261

Reference/

Government Documents

229-931-2850/2262

libref@canes.gsw.edu

Web Page:

<http://www.gsw.edu/~library>

Circulation Policy:

Books	3 Weeks
Audio/Visual Materials	3 Weeks
Reserve Materials	2 Hours In Library

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“Counting One’s Blessings”: the approaching Thanksgiving holiday reminds me of this useful exercise. The Fall semester has brought the Library many blessings, not the least of which is full staffing! The Library filled the last of its vacancies in late July. Bio’s of our new staff are included in this issue. With full staffing we have been able to increase our hours of operation from the 76 hrs./week of a year ago to 86 hours per week. We have also been able to add to and enhance existing services.

To provide more efficient and effective services, we are experimenting with the one-stop-shopping Service Desk. Services now available at the former Circulation Desk include Reference as well as Circulation, Reserves, and ILL. We have also expanded our public work station capacity adding 2 new computer stations on level 2. Our bibliographic instruction program has also grown. Beginning with the Spring semester, we will be offering an Honors Program Information Literacy course in addition to our LIBR1000 course. The aesthetics of the Library have been improved with new lighting and new carpeting in select public areas.

Popular events sponsored by the Library during the Fall semester and open to the general public included two book-signings by 2 Georgia authors (June Hall McCash, author of 6 books and numerous articles, and Jack Riggs, author of the novel *When the Finch Rises*) and 2 Library Luncheon programs (Banned Books Week Readings and our annual Pumpkin Carving contest). The Library also hosted an Open House for GSW faculty and staff during Planning Week.



Dean Vera Weisskopf gets her copy of *When the Finch Rises* signed by the author of the book Jack Riggs.

In the area of collections, our blessings include access to additional databases via GALILEO, and the wonderful gifts and donations from our supporters.

A listing of the Library’s blessings would be incomplete without a heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Library’s many supporters. You are, indeed, a blessing! The Library staff joins me in wishing you and your loved ones “Happy Holidays”!

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WHAT’S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Selective List of New Titles/Acquisitions In Fall 2007:

The College Student’s Research

Companion

Ref. Z710.Q37

Quaratiello, Mary M.

Earth Cycles: a historical perspective

QE 33.2.P47O63

Oldroyd, D. R.

Oncology Nursing Drug Handbook

RC271.C5O497

WISH LIST

The Library is grateful to its supporters for their gifts and donations. These are often used to supplement the Library’s limited collections budget. In each issue we will list a few examples of works we would like to purchase from donations.

American Tongues - DVD

\$285.00

Daughters of Earth: Feminist Science Fiction in the Twentieth Century

\$24.95

Assistive Technology: A Way to Differentiate Instruction for Students with Disabilities

- DVD

\$195.00



IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

The New Faces of the James Earl Carter Library



Valarie Anthony



John Wilson



Mary 'Ru' Story-Huffman

The James Earl Carter Library is pleased to welcome three new staff members. Valarie Anthony joined the library in April 2007 as the Senior Technical/Access Services Assistant. As the Senior Technical Assistant, she will be working with library staff members and the library's patrons to assist them with their technical support needs. She received her BBA in Management from Georgia Southwestern State University in May 2006. She is a native of Sumter County. Valarie previously worked as a Technology Specialist for the Sumter County School System. In her spare time, she enjoys reading romance novels and spending time with family and friends. Valarie plans to pursue her Master's degree in Library Science in the Spring.

John Wilson joined the Library's staff in July 2007 as the Interlibrary Loan Assistant. As the ILL Assistant, John will assist faculty, staff, and students with their requests from other libraries. John was born and raised in Americus, GA. He received his BA in English from Georgia Southwestern State University and plans to pursue a Master's degree in Library Science in the future.

John previously worked as the managing editor of the Cordele Dispatch and as a guard at the Sumter County Correctional Institute. John is married to Gena Wilson and they welcomed their son, Jake, to the world in August.

Mary 'Ru' Story-Huffman joined the Library's staff as the Reference Librarian/Government Information Coordinator/Assistant Professor. As the Reference Librarian, she will assist the Library's patrons with all of their reference needs. Ru received her BA in English Literature from Buena Vista College in Iowa and her MLS from Emporia State University in Kansas. She has completed her coursework for Nova University's PhD program in Information Science. For the past 12 years, Ru served as the Public Services Librarian at the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky. Prior to that, for two years she was Assistant Director of the Pine Forest Regional Library in Rochton, Mississippi. She is a member of the ALA and its Library Instruction Roundtable, ACRL and its Education and Behavioral Sciences Section and its Reference and User Services Section, and Delta Kappa Gamma. Her publications include "Privacy International Web Site Review" for the Journal of Government Information and she has written numerous articles for The Big6 eNewsletter. Ru is married to Dr. Charles 'Chuck' Huffman who is an Associate Professor of Psychology at GSW. They have 3 children.

Please join us in welcoming Valarie, John, and Ru to the GSW community!

Mimosa Tree

Because the Mimosa tree blooms around mid year-
It maintains a delicate balance for all that is dear.
Resembling a green canopy dotted in pink-
It offers cool shade and a nice sweet scent.
Strong yet tender, it is the perfect tree-
For whatever may happen and whatever may be.
Rascal boys playing their rough games-
Climb the Mimosa and call it pretend names-
Such as a mighty ship or a strong fort-
As they protect the town and guard the port!
Little boys who climb with all their might-
Will later on climb to soaring heights.
Little girls dust their noses with soft pink puffs-
And giggle at the tickle of flowery fluff.
The girls that climb the tree in strife
Will later on climb high in life.
Shiny brown seeds burst from tan papery pods-
And by Autumn they find a place in the sod.
And won't it be the most wonderful thing-
When the Mimosa awakens in early Spring.



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Enclosed is my "Investment in the Future" of Georgia Southwestern State University:

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Southwestern Society

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Tower Club

\$ 250

Century Club

\$100

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- Please send me estate planning information (Or contact the Office of University Relations at (229) 931-2028 or the GSW Foundation, Inc. at (229) 931-2014.)

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