The Library Celebrates Banned Books Week!

The James Earl Carter Library celebrated Banned Books Week, September 24-October 1, 2011, by holding its 3rd annual Banned Books Trivia Contest. Questions were sent out Monday through Friday by email to students, faculty, and staff. Each time a person responded to a question correctly, they were entered into a drawing for a $25 gift card to the GSW Bookstore. There was one winner for the students and one for faculty/staff. Branden Moore, an Information Technology major, won for the students and Dr. Elizabeth Kuipers, Associate Professor for English & Modern Languages, won for faculty/staff.

Questions for the trivia contest came from a variety of challenged books. They started off easy and each day became more difficult. The Library would like to thank everyone that participated.

Embedded Librarian

Due to more and more colleges offering online courses, librarians are trying to find a way to support those students with their research needs. Embedded Librarian is a service some libraries offer to give these online courses the research assistance they need. There are different strategies in which the Librarian can be embedded in the class. The professor of the course and the Librarian have usually identified the research needs of the students prior to the start of the class. Usually the Librarian is added as an instructor to the course and students can post discussion questions or email the Librarian directly for assistance.

Gretchen Smith, Collection Development Librarian, initiated the service in the summer as an embedded librarian for an online business course. Its success dictated its continuation during the Fall Semester with Gretchen and Ru Story-Huffman, Reference Librarian, providing the service for 4 online classes here at Georgia Southwestern State University. So far, they have had good feedback about the service and have been able to help students with their research needs. They hope to be able to offer this service to other online classes in the future.
FROM THE DEAN’S DESK

As the articles in this issue indicate, the JEC Library has had another productive and exciting Fall semester. The “embedded librarian” is a new service the Library added to better assist the students in the ever-increasing number of online courses offered by the University. As so often happens, the germ for this idea began over a casual informal conversation between a librarian and a professor both of whom were concerned about meeting the needs of the University’s online students. It blossomed over the Summer as the librarian implemented the concept in the professor’s course on a trial basis. Word of the success of this innovative approach soon spread and so the Library decided to continue this service, to the extent staffing and workload permitted, for the Fall semester.

Another addition to our offerings will be the introduction of the Library’s first online course for the Spring semester. Our Area B course (LIBR1101), Foundations of Information Literacy, has proven to be so popular that we have not been able to accommodate all who wish to take it, even after adding a 2nd section, due to space/equipment constraints. By restructuring the 2nd section as an online course, we will be able to enroll more students and decrease, if not eliminate, the waiting list.

As noted in previous issues, the Library actively supports the professional development activities of its faculty, staff, and student assistants. I am thrilled to announce that Valarie Anthony, Access Services Supervisor, and Ru Story-Huffman, Reference Librarian/Gov. Docs. Coordinator (who also serves as the Coordinator of our Instructional Program) will be completing their work this semester on their Masters Degrees in Instructional Technology from Georgia Southern University. Gretchen Smith, Collection Development Librarian, has completed more than half her work towards the Masters in Information Technology at Southern Polytechnic University, and John Wilson, ILL Assistant, and Bok Shim Fox, ‘casual labor’ assisting in the Access Services unit, are enrolled in Valdosta State University’s Masters in Library Science program. In addition to the personal benefits of continued education, the professional development of Library faculty and staff also benefits the Library and its users as they apply new ideas, knowledge, and skills to their professional workplace.

On behalf of the Library and its staff, we wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

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What’s New At The Library
Selective List of New Titles/Acquisitions In Fall 2011:

Pakistan: Terrorism Ground Zero
Rohan Gunaratna and Khuran Iqbal
HV6433.P18 G86 2011

Nuclear Power: A Short Introduction
Maxwell Irvine
TK9145.178 2011

Molten Color: Glassmaking in Antiquity
Karol B. Wight
TP850 .W54 2011

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.

The Art Museum
Phaidon Press
$200.00

Elementary Number Theory
Kenneth H. Rosen
$128.00

Next Word, Better Word: The Craft of Writing
Poetry
Stephen Dobyns
$85.00
IN THE SPOTLIGHT:
Popular DVDs

Not going home this weekend or finished with all your assignments and have nothing to do? Stop by the Library and check out our popular DVD section! This section is located on the 1st floor of the Library. DVDs can only be checked out to students, current and retired faculty and staff, and alumni. Items can be checked out for 7 days and can be renewed twice. There is a $.50 per day charge for each item, each day it is late.

We have movies from all genres: comedy, action, family, drama, etc. Some popular titles we have are Transformers: Dark of the Moon, Bridesmaids, Twilight, Harry Potter; and the list goes on. Our Collection Development Department, Gretchen Smith, Collection Development Librarian, and Amy Wise, Collection Development Assistant order new selections and they are added to the collection throughout the semester. Patrons can submit requests for titles to be ordered by the Library and movies are ordered as our budget allows. So if you’re in need of some entertainment, stop by and checkout a movie!

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On the Go: Access Services Conference

As the Access Services Supervisor at the Library, I had the opportunity to attend the Access Services Conference held November 9-11, 2011 at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center in Atlanta, Georgia. I served on the Marketing Committee, in which we raised awareness about the conference through various avenues. Attendees enjoyed a nice welcome reception with desserts and beverages. On the second full day of the conference, attendees had the benefit of hearing keynote speaker Julia Zimmerman, Dean of Libraries at Strozier Library: Florida State University, discuss library trends and issues. Conference attendants had the opportunity to view presentations on privacy and confidentiality, student assistants, interlibrary loan, storage solutions, performance reviews and many other topics pertaining to library circulation. The third day of the conference consisted of more presentations and a wrap-up lunch.

I enjoyed attending the Access Services Conference! It allowed me the opportunity to learn about the ongoing and uprisising issues and trends in Access Services and bring home new information to our Library. It also allowed me the chance to network with other Access Services staff from around the country.

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