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## Fall 2008 Library Newsletter

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# STURGIS LIBRARY E-NEWS

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## A Message from the Assistant Vice-President for the Library and Archives

A new school year always reminds me of a new book, there is so much to learn, to look forward to and to enjoy. A new book, for me, is to be enjoyed in all its parts—its binding, its jacket, its feel, its look, its smell and most of all, what it has to say.

I hope that the library will be a part of your new school year and that it will offer you much from which you can learn and enjoy.



Robert Williams  
Assistant Vice President  
for Library Services

## University Archives Expands

The KSU Archives has just completed a sizeable renovation. Coming on the heels of their expansion in January, these improvements include the addition of a digital projects room, with new color printers and scanners, and doubling the size of their processing and reading rooms. "It feels like we've doubled in size," says Tamara Livingston, Director of Archives. "We're thrilled." In addition to the expansion, the archives has also added a part-time position, filled by Jeff Mathews (see Staff Developments, page 4). The archives plans to hold an Open House in October to show off their new facilities for American Archives Month.



Workers on the go



Construction in progress



The completed expansion

## More To Come - A Message from the Library Director



Dr. David Evans  
Library Director

The Sturgis Library plays an essential role in teaching and research in every area of study at Kennesaw State University. To support the teaching and scholarly mission of the University we provide state-of-the-art electronic information and research capabilities as well as traditional books and journals. As such more than 5,000 students and users come into the library during our day and 1,453 visits occur virtually on average each day during the semester, as students and faculty access online resources through our web site.

At Kennesaw State, the most-used library materials are electronic journals and reference works. Students and faculty have voted with their keyboards, and most of our subscriptions for journals, *(continued on page 4)*

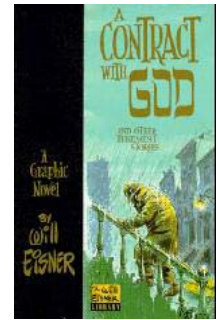
## Library Hosts *Modern Marvels* Discussion Series

This fall the Horace W. Sturgis Library will be hosting *Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel: A Discussion Series*. Made possible by a grant from the American Library Association, this program focuses on the portrayal of Judaism and Jewish culture in graphic novels, a form of storytelling gaining new popularity. Each session a different work will be discussed (see schedule). Copies of each text discussed will be made available at the library circulation desk to registered participants.

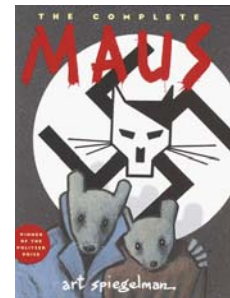
The sessions will be held at the KSU Carmichael Student Center Leadership Room/ Fireside Lounge at 7:00p.m. Interested parties may register at the Circulation Desk in the library, or online at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/services/events.htm>. Program associates include the Cobb County Public Library, the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project, Ner Tamid, Temple Kol Emeth, and Kennesaw State University.

### Discussion Schedule:

- ◆ *A Contract with God: And Other Testament Stories* by Will Eisner September 4, 2008
- ◆ *The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman September 25, 2008
- ◆ *Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer: Stories* by Ben Katchor October 16, 2008
- ◆ *The Quitter* by Harvey Pekar November 6, 2008
- ◆ *The Rabbi's Cat* by Joann Sfar November 20, 2008



*A Contract with God: And Other Testament Stories*, by Will Eisner



*The Complete Maus*, by Art Spiegelman

## Database Spotlight: EBSCOhost 2.0

This July, EBSCOhost databases introduced a brand new interface. One of the Sturgis Library's most popular database sets, the EBSCOhost makeover isn't just a new look on an old face. This new version provides a number of useful new features, including SmartText searching - a natural language search strategy that allows you to enter as much text for their search as you want – a phrase, a sentence, paragraph, or even whole pages. The database then analyzes your text, assigns relevancy of words and runs a search based on the text. A truly nifty feature. But not everything has changed; for example, for those of you with personal accounts on EBSCO, all your alerts, saved searches and folders stuffed with articles are still there.

For more information regarding EBSCOhost's new features, consult the Sturgis Library reference desk or visit the EBSCOhost 2.0 Support Center at <http://support.ebsco.com/ebscohost2> for FAQs, Help Sheets, and training materials.



EBSCOhost 2.0 Screenshot

### New Features Include:

- ◆ SmartText Searching
- ◆ Enhanced personalization features
- ◆ Bookmarkable URLs
- ◆ New search history capability
- ◆ Image searching
- ◆ Previewing articles and images by mouseover

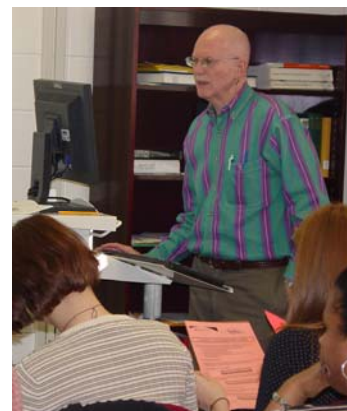


## Library Reaches Out

The library's public service unit began an outreach program for the Fall 2008 opening of KSU. As the library's services are in a constant state of change, it becomes ever more important to keep the university community informed on new library services and resources.

As part of the outreach program, librarians Cheryl Stiles, Dewi Wilson, Rita Spisak, Mary Platt, Chris Sharpe, Jon Hansen, Steve Burton and Betty Childres contacted several departments on campus to schedule brief presentations at their departmental meetings. These presentations served to acquaint new and returning faculty with many of the new electronic resources and services offered by the library. Most departments contacted participated in the program. In addition, it gave faculty an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the library's services.

The program will continue to encourage other departments to take advantage of the library's offerings.



Dewi Wilson making a bibliographic instruction presentation

## Outreach Program Participants

A gallery of the participating librarians and the departments they contacted for the program.



Cheryl Stiles  
Program Coordinator  
*Biology, English, New faculty*



Steve Burton  
*College of the Arts*



Betty Childres  
*PTEU*



Jon Hansen  
*Communication, Psychology*



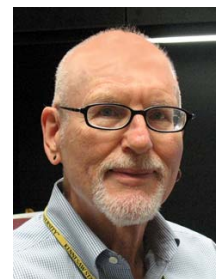
Mary Platt  
*Coles College*



Chris Sharpe  
*Geography, Anthropology*



Rita Spisak  
*First Year Experience, International Affairs and Political Science and University College*



Dewi Wilson  
*New faculty*

## Staff Developments

- ◆ Jeff Matthews has accepted an additional position in the University Archives as a general processor. This is in addition to his continuing position in Inter-library Loan.
- ◆ Lillie Barber, a member of the library circulation department, was briefly hospitalized due to some cardiac trouble. Please join us all in wishing her a speedy recovery.
- ◆ Jon Hansen will have a piece of fiction appearing in *A Field Guide to Surreal Botany*, edited by Janet Chui & Jason Erik Lundberg, which was just published by Two Cranes Press. A short story of his, "Goddess", will also be reprinted in *The Best of Abyss & Apex: vol. 1*, to be published by Hadley Rille Books in November 2008.



*A Field Guide to Surreal Botany*, edited by Janet Chui & Jason Erik Lundberg

## In Brief

- ◆ The three divisions of the library -- Sturgis Library, Bentley Rare Book Room, and KSU Archives -- have just released their annual reports for 2008. PDF copies are available on the library's administration page at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/services/reports.htm>.
- ◆ The library's bibliographic instruction department is now offering specialty classes to its Open BI schedule. Bolstered by the success of the legal BIs, the Open BI schedule now offers classes on education, english, nursing, history, criminal law, chemistry, business, communication, the visual arts, music, and biology. Like the legal material instruction sessions, these classes will focus on the appropriate resources and databases available for their specific subject. Like the regular BIs, there is no sign-up, just show up. The complete BI schedule can be seen at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/services/bibopenFall08.htm>.
- ◆ The library has added a new collection in conjunction with the History Department's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era. The collection focuses on "a variety of records and resources exploring the lives of both Union and Confederate citizens and soldiers during the nineteenth century in the 'Historic South'." The collection currently contains about 300 volumes, but plans to expand to about 20,000. The collection can currently be found on the third floor of the library.
- ◆ The Friends of the Library semi-annual booksale will be held in October in the lobby of the Pilcher building. Watch the library's homepage for details on specific times and dates.

## Library Director (Con.)

journal indexes, and such reference works, as Contemporary Authors are online. That number is growing annually as online versions of printed sources takes the place of the printed works.

Books for everyday reading are somewhat of a different story. While our users prefer traditional paper books, they like the online versions for their anytime anywhere availability. If library users are also Amazon.com users, we know they go to Amazon to perform research queries in sample text and that students often use Google texts and search engine queries for the same purpose. Although readers' willingness to read "books" in digital form will continue to take some time to develop, The Sturgis Library will continue to offer digital books in our collections.

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Kennesaw State University is a comprehensive, residential institution with a growing student population over 20,000 from 132 countries. The third largest university out of 35 institutions in the University System of Georgia, Kennesaw State offers more than 60 graduate and undergraduate degrees, including a brand new Doctorate of Education in Leadership.