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Michael Page has been appointed geospatial data librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. He received his M.A. and B.A. in geography from Georgia State University where previously he served as GIS coordinator/technical adviser for the Department of Geosciences.

Heather Williams has been appointed copyright specialist and rights management coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University. Heather comes to Emory from Oglethorpe University, where she had served as a reference librarian. She earned her M.A.L.S. from the University of South Florida in 2006 and her law degree from the University of Florida in 2004.

Alain St. Pierre has been appointed humanities/history librarian in the General Libraries of Emory University. Alain graduated with his M.S. in information studies from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2007. He received his M.A. in history from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 and his A.B. from Bowdoin College. He has had a variety of teaching positions, including teaching English to students in Japan.

Randy Gue has been appointed manuscripts archivist at Emory University’s Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, a two-year position funded by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta to process the papers of Atlanta businessman and philanthropist Robert W. Woodruff, as well as several other related collections. He has his B.A. in history and film studies, an M.A. in history, an M.A. in film studies, and is near completion of his Ph.D. from the Institute of Liberal Arts, all at Emory.

Lea McLees has been appointed director of communications for the Emory Libraries. Previously she was communications coordinator for the Georgia Tech Research Institute and instructor in the Department of Communication at Kennesaw State University.

Amanda French has been appointed the e-learning and e-reserves coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University. Her degrees, all in English, include a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder, an M.A. from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. She was a Council on Library Resources Post-doctoral Fellow at North Carolina State University Libraries and has worked for the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and the Electronic Text Center at the University of Virginia Library.
Lisa Macklin has been appointed coordinator, Intellectual Property Rights Office for the Emory University Libraries. Lisa earned her law degree from Georgia State University and her M.A.L.S. from the University of South Florida.

Richard Golden retired after 31 years at the General Libraries of Emory University in April. His passion for and knowledge of music played a large part in building the Emory library’s music collection over the years. His knowledge of cataloging and authority work in general, but especially in music cataloging, contributed immeasurably to the quality of both Webcat and WorldCat. 

**Georgia Southern University news**

Henderson Library will remain a construction site until next fall. The library is now housed in the addition to the original building, which is now undergoing renovation inside and out. Stacks of construction material and detritus surround the area, and heavy vehicles such as cranes and steam shovels circle throughout the day. Recently, a project was completed in which all pre-1970 periodicals were placed in bins of the automated retrieval system. This was necessary because the temporary building in which they had been kept was set for demolition.

Lori Lester, who has recently earned her MLIS degree, became our government documents librarian in July, while Jonathan Harwell has come to us from the University of Alabama at Birmingham to fill the newly created position of collection development librarian. Katie Lamothe has joined the Serials unit of the Collection and Resource Services Department.

**Swails receives Hubbard Scholarship**

Mark Swails, a 2007 graduate of Emory University, will receive the Georgia Library Association Hubbard Scholarship. Swails received a joint B.A./M.A. in American history from Emory and plans to pursue an MLS at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As a student at Emory University, Swails served as a student assistant and later as the first undergraduate student to serve as the graduate desk supervisor at the Heilbrun Music and Media Library. He said he looks forward to playing a role in protecting the accessibility of information as increasing digitization raises difficult questions about methods and costs of distribution.

**Chattahoochee Valley news and notes**

This past year, 350 volunteers contributed more than 14,200 hours to the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System (CVRLS). Based on the 2006 Independent Sector’s Value of a Volunteer Hour being worth $17.60, this service equates to more than $249,920! Volunteers are active at all nine CVRLS locations.

In August, CVRLS honored volunteers at two volunteer celebration events sponsored by the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries. Individuals were honored for both their number of volunteer hours and exceptional service. Charles Batastini was awarded the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with the Columbus Library of Accessible Services. Volunteer of the Year nominees were Angela Covington, Carol Jameson, Cheryl Butler, David Ramirez, Margaret Carney and Vernice King. The 2007 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Brianna Lawrence. Brianna volunteers in the Columbus Public Library Children’s Department. Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees were Ian Blake-Knox, Jordan Harris, Sarah Lewallen and Sarah Wilhite. For more information on the CVRLS Volunteer Program, contact Brooke Mann, volunteer coordinator, at bmann@cvrls.net.

In other CVRLS news, teens and their families were treated to a Salsa Showdown taste-off July 1 in the Teen Department of the Columbus Public Library. The showdown was part of the Aflac Teen Summer Reading Program. Teens and parents voted for the best of five homemade salsas made by library staff. Erica Rodela, Teen Department Library Assistant, entered the winning salsa. Two salsas created by Brijin Boddy, Teen Department Librarian, tied for second and third place.

**Chestatee Regional news and notes**

What is “lifelong learning”? It is the idea that learning can and does occur beyond the formal structure of an educational institution and occurs throughout one’s lifetime. It is also the mission of Chestatee Regional Library System to support lifelong learning in our community. In addition to offering resources on various topics for all age and skill levels, CRLS is now offering workshops and classes for the community. Students of all ages can take advantage of these programs, including computer skills classes, craft workshops and genealogy classes. For more information, visit www.chestateelibrary.org.