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## Fall 2010 Library Newsletter

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# STURGIS LIBRARY E-NEWS

Horace W. Sturgis Library

Fall Semester

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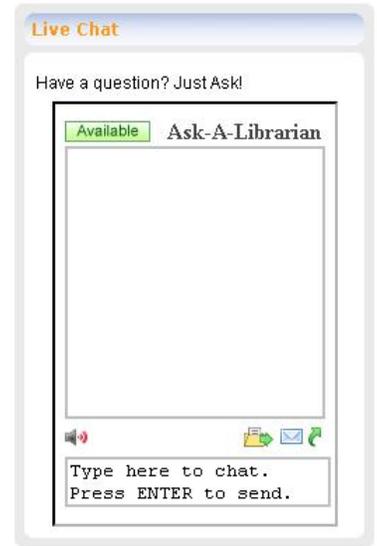
## New Ways to Ask

Beginning this semester the Sturgis Library Reference department has greatly expanded the range of options for patrons to ask for help. Students can now pose questions in a variety of ways, including texting, instant messaging, and live chat. Of course, the old reliables of telephoning or speaking to a reference librarian in person are still possible.

The library is also offering other ways of providing information. [LibAnswers](#) is an easy way to give answers to frequently (and not so frequently) asked questions. The system suggests answers as you type and saves your questions for others to see.

[LibGuides](#) is a system for providing dynamic subject guides. In addition to lists of traditional library resources, the guides can provide links to all sorts of multimedia on a subject. Guides can be built at a broad subject level, or faculty can work with librarians to create a guide for a specific class. Guides can be revised and updated constantly, and even have notification features to keep patrons informed of changes.

See these services in action at <http://libanswers.kennesaw.edu> and <http://libguides.kennesaw.edu>.



Chat with a reference librarian

## SelectedWorks

SelectedWorks is a new service offered by the Digital Commons@Kennesaw State University. Unlike the Digital Commons, SelectedWorks provides Kennesaw faculty with individual pages to display their scholarship. "It acts like an online CV," said Jon Hansen, Director of the Digital Commons, "but with links to the research itself." In addition to publications, the SelectedWorks page can also provide information on a faculty member's honors & awards, information on the classes they teach, the organizations they belong to, and more. "We can even build it for you," said Hansen. "All we need is your CV and a photo."

SelectedWorks pages allow faculty to organize their work in a variety of ways, from format to subjects of their choosing. The system provides monthly statistical reports on which papers are downloaded, letting faculty know which of their works are popular. SelectedWorks are also indexed in places like Google Scholar, maximizing their reach. SelectedWorks pages also stay



Some SelectedWorks Participants (l. to r.): Dr. Charles Amlaner, Dr. Andrew Ewoh, Dr. Linda Niemann

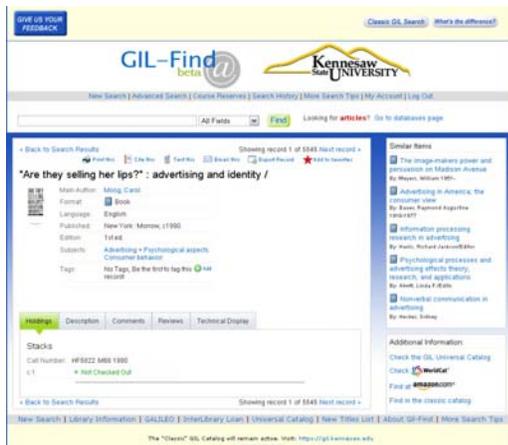
with the faculty member; a professor moving to a different university using SelectedWorks can have their page transferred in moments.

All Kennesaw faculty interested in setting up a SelectedWorks page should contact Jon Hansen at 770-423-6248 for more information. To view the Digital Commons, visit <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu>.

## GIL-Find: A New Way to Search

Last month a new way to search the library's book catalog was revealed: GIL-Find. While the library's original book catalog (GIL "Classic") is still the primary search option, GIL-Find has a number of interesting new features that users may want to check out.

GIL-Find can be accessed from the GIL Catalog, or simply by pointing your browser to <http://gilfind.kennesaw.edu/>.



GIL-Find

## GIL-Find Features

- ◆ Immediately narrow results by subject, call number, format, author, language, and others
- ◆ Review your search history
- ◆ Links to similar titles
- ◆ Login to mark favorites and add comments and tagging to records
- ◆ Set up RSS feeds to receive updates to important searches
- ◆ Text call number and location information to a cell phone
- ◆ Links to Amazon reviews, Google Books previews, etc.

## Introducing RefWorks

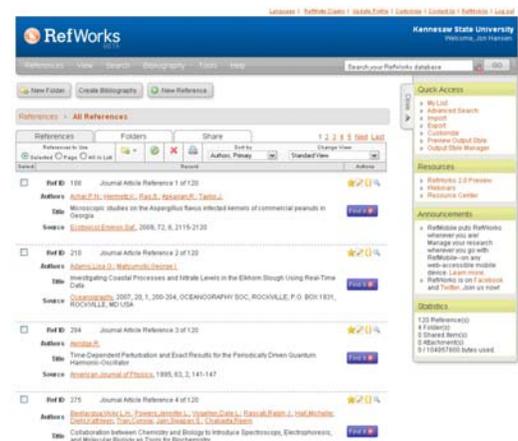
Would you like to create your bibliography or works cited *in seconds*?

Would you like to choose from multiple citation formats including MLA, APA, Chicago, Turabian, APSA, or ASA?

Want to share your research with your study group or colleagues?

RefWorks is a powerful new online tool, an online bibliographic management system that will allow users to do these things and far more. Users can import information directly from GALILEO database providers like EBSCOhost and Proquest, from additional databases like JSTOR, Project Muse, Lexis-Nexis, and ISI's Web of Knowledge, and from Google Scholar. Since RefWorks users now have lifelong access, students can use this resource throughout their entire KSU program and then continue to utilize it after graduation.

For more information about RefWorks and about training sessions for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty and staff, check the library's homepage.



RefWorks 2.0



## New Library Faces

Some new faces have been added to the library staff.

**Ariel Crooks** is a new member of technical services. Ariel has a background in Art History from Oglethorpe University, and is currently enrolled in Valdosta State's online MLIS program.

**Ashley Dupuy** is now the new Librarian for Undergraduate Instruction. Ashley earned her library degree from the University of Alabama. Before becoming a librarian she worked in marketing.

While not a new employee at KSU, **Zachary Farley** has been assigned to the Sturgis Library as dedicated computer support.

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members!



Ariel Crooks



Ashley Dupuy

## Staff Developments

- ◆ **Cheryl Stiles** published an essay, "Systems Failure," in the second issue of [Southern Women's Review](#). She will also be giving a presentation, "FREEdom to Write: The Best Free Web Tools for Writers," at the upcoming Red Clay Writers conference in November at KSU.
- ◆ **Jon Hansen** had a guest column, "What is the Digital Commons?" published in the September 2010 Kennesaw State University Financial Services Newsletter.
- ◆ **Ashley Dupuy** will be presenting twice in October at COMO XXII in Athens. Her presentations will be "Personal Marketing," and "Getting Involved: Professional Organizations and the Opportunity to Make a Difference, Stay Connected, and Build Relationships."
- ◆ With the recent retirement of **Mr. Robert Williams**, the library has undergone a slight reorganization. **Dr. David Evans** is now the Assistant Vice President for Library Operations. **Betty Childres** is now Library Director, and **Alan Lebish** is the Associate Library Director. **Martha Henry-Croom** is Assistant Director for the Public Services department, **Barbara Milam** is now Assistant Director for Technical Services, and **Mary Platt** is Assistant Director for Virtual Services.

## In Brief

- ◆ Instruction librarian **Tanji Gibson** has departed Kennesaw for the Atlanta Medical Center library. On a similar note, Technical Services staffer **Lori Kempski** has relocated to the Chicago area. We wish both of them the best of luck.
- ◆ In March the library hosted a faculty book reading by Dr. Carlton Usher, a professor in the First Years program. Dr. Usher read from his book "A Rhyme is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Hip Hop and the Creation of a Political Philosophy."
- ◆ In April the library hosted "Knights, Tournaments and Tales of William Marshal," a presentation by Catherine Armstrong on the attire and equipment of the Medieval knight in Europe. In a first for the Library, it was also simulcast in Second Life.
- ◆ The Library has replaced the McNaughton Popular Books with a new self-administrated Popular Book collection. These books will be new and current books selected and purchased by library staff, and will be indicated as such with a gold band. The library asks library patrons with McNaughton Books (indicated by a green band on the spine) to return them to the library by October 1st.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ National Friends of the Library Week will be held October 18th - 22nd. To celebrate, the Sturgis Library will hold its semi-annual booksale Tue Oct. 19 & Wed Oct. 20 in the lobby from 10am to 6pm. Prices range from 10 cents to \$3.
- ◆ On Thursday, Oct 21 at 12:30 Dr. Linda Niemann of the English Department will read from her book *Railroad Noir: The American West at the End of the Twentieth Century*. The reading will be on the library second floor in the Atheneum.
- ◆ The library will be holding a faculty service workshop, "Promoting Your Research and Scholarship: Using RefWorks, the Digital Commons, and COS Funding Opportunities." The workshop lasts 90 minutes and will focus on three of the library's newer resources and how they can help faculty in their research. Scheduled dates are as follows:
  - ◆ Tuesday, September 28th at 9 am in Library 309.
  - ◆ Wednesday, October 13th at 2 pm in Library 309..
  - ◆ Thursday, October 28th at 2pm in Library 309.
  - ◆ Wednesday, November 10th at 9 am in Library 309.



**Overwhelmed by research?**  
The Horace W. Sturgis Library can help!

**Research assistance, GALILEO, RefWorks, and more...**  
[www.kennesaw.edu/library](http://www.kennesaw.edu/library)

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