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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Library Journal names five Georgians to annual list of 'Movers & Shakers'

Library Journal, the national independent magazine for library directors, managers, and others in public, academic, and corporate/institutional libraries, has named five Georgians to its list of fifty 2007 Movers & Shakers. The magazine will celebrate the honorees at the American Library Association conference, to be held in June in Washington, D.C.



Catherine Vanstone, shown with fellow librarian Tom Bush at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library, is one of Library Journal's 50 "Movers & Shakers" from across the United States and Canada. Bush nominated Vanstone for the honor last fall.

Included on this year's list are Michael Casey of the Gwinnett County Public Library; Dustin Holland of Alpharetta-based library vendor Better World Books; Brian S. Mathews of the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center; Ross Singer of the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center; and Catherine Vanstone of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library.

The article featuring all of Georgia's Movers & Shakers appeared in the magazine's March issue. *GLQ* congratulates all our state's honorees! ▶▶

DTAE libraries earn accreditation

2006 was a busy and rewarding year for librarians at several Georgia technical colleges heading toward their initial accreditation through the Commission on Colleges (COC) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Three colleges, North Georgia, Valdosta and Okefenokee Tech, earned initial candidacy status while two colleges, Coosa Valley and North Metro, each

became SACS accredited. Any librarian who has been through this process understands the huge effort required by all those connected with the college, but few librarians have an opportunity in their career to bring a library to the point where it is first recognized by a national accrediting agency such as COC.

For some librarians, this process resembled one of returning to library school. Linda Johnston at the Blairsville Campus of North Georgia Tech realized the visit enabled her to "to see the library and its services with fresh eyes and provided valuable input into not just what we do but why we do it. I am a goal-oriented person and COC provides you with concrete goals."

Dawn Adams, at the main campus of North Georgia Tech, recognized the aspect of self-examination. "For me it was like taking stock of your life, only you are taking a good hard look at the role the library plays in your college and how others will perceive it. "

In some cases, the process brought a working team closer together so that each member could learn from the other. At North Metro Technical College (NMTC), the library is shared with Georgia Highlands (GH), so the two librarians, Kate Stirk and Eddie McCleod, were responsible for learning resources. At NMTC, Stirk recognized that accreditation means a quality library. "Eddie and I work very well together. With her experience in various academic libraries in Georgia and my experience as a K-12



The DTAE Library Council takes a break at its February meeting at South Georgia Technical College in Americus. Jerry Stovall, (back row, left) librarian at the SGTC and Vice Chair of the Library Council, hosted the meeting.