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many future Waycross College students can take advantage of this scholarship.”

James Willis, president of the Waycross College Foundation — which will administer the scholarship each year — is looking forward to seeing many WC students benefit from the scholarship.

“We (the board of trustees) are extremely honored that Mr. Eames has chosen the Waycross College Foundation and its students as recipients of this most charitable gift,” he said. “We thank him not only for his previous service to our community (through) the Okefenokee Regional Library System but for the many more lives he will influence through his most gracious generosity.”

Dr. David Palmer, president of Waycross College, is grateful for Eames’ gift. “Mr. Eames is a marvelous example of a public servant. He’s modest, quiet and takes great delight in serving others,” said Dr. Palmer. “He valued his parents’ education, and he valued his own higher education. We will proudly award scholarship assistance to future generations of students in his family’s name for years and years to come.”

Hailing from Cleveland, Ohio, Eames was named reference librarian with the ORLS in Waycross in March 1988. Over the next 15 years with the ORLS, until his retirement in 2003, Eames was promoted to children’s librarian, was named interim director and eventually became full-time director. Although he is no longer employed full time, Eames still enjoys volunteering at the Waycross-Ware County Public Library shelving books. He also reads stories to approximately 240 children at the DAFFODIL Center in Waycross every academic year.

“Reading at DAFFODIL has had a tremendous effect on my life,” Eames said. “I will always give credit to (former ORLS director) Susan Roberts for allowing me to switch from a reference librarian to children’s librarian.”

The principal donation to create the Eames Scholarship Fund, which is held in perpetuity, is being invested and managed by the Waycross College Foundation. Earnings generated from the principal amount will be awarded by the foundation to students who meet the scholarship’s criteria and are approved by Mr. Eames.

The foundation has 49 endowed scholarships and 25 currently active general scholarships.

Waycross College has been a proud member of the University System of Georgia since its founding date in 1976. ►►

## University and public libraries receive Connecting to Collections

Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, D.C., has announced that 21 Georgia libraries, museums and archives have been selected to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf. The contents of the bookshelf were selected by a blue-ribbon panel of conservation experts; it includes an essential set of books, online resources and a user’s guide that can profoundly affect the ability of small libraries and museums to care for their collections.

Georgia institutions receiving the bookshelf are Albany State University in Albany; the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center in Atlanta; Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries in Atlanta; the Delta Heritage Museum in Atlanta; the Augusta Museum of History; Historic Augusta, Inc.; the Cherokee County Historical Society; Brenau University in Gainesville; the Kennesaw State University Library’s Bentley Rare Book Room in Kennesaw; the Cherokee Regional Library System in LaFayette; the Lee County Library in Leesburg; the Middle Georgia Archives, which is located in the Macon-Bibb County Library and is part of the Middle Georgia Regional Library System; the Tubman African American Museum in Macon; the Pioneer Arts and Historical Society in McRae; the Midway Museum, the Historic Dorchester Academy/Museum of African American History and Seabrook Village, all in Midway; the McDaniel-Tichenor House in Monroe; Jack Hadley Black History Memorabilia in Thomasville; the Odum Library at Valdosta State University; and the Ochopee Regional Library System in Vidalia.

“The Connecting to Collections Bookshelf provides museums, libraries and archives essential instructions on how to rescue treasures of yesteryear that they hold in trust,” said Radice. “These bookshelves, once they are all distributed, will touch institutions around the nation.”

The IMLS Bookshelf was made possible by a cooperative agreement with the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) with support from the Getty Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. It is part of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a strategic initiative by IMLS to address the challenges described in *A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America’s Collections*.

The report concluded that:

■ 190 million objects need conservation treatment,

- 65 percent of collecting institutions have damaged collections due to improper storage,
- 80 percent of collecting institutions lack an emergency plan for their collections and trained staff to carry it out, and
- 40 percent of institutions have no funds allocated in their annual budget for preservation and conservation.

Most recipients have small budgets and staff and have demonstrated an urgent need for this permanent resource.

The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for living collections. It addresses topics including the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness and culturally specific conservation issues.

Based on the enthusiastic response to the bookshelf, IMLS will offer a third round of competition to distribute additional bookshelves. Applications can be submitted to AASLH between Jan. 5 and March 9, 2009, at [www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf/](http://www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf/).

For more information, please contact Terry Jackson at [jackson@aaslh.org](mailto:jackson@aaslh.org) or 615-320-3203.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the institute, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov). ▶▶

## Two talking book centers to merge

The North Georgia Talking Book Center at the Cherokee Regional Library in LaFayette will merge with the Rome Subregional Library, part of the Sara Hightower Regional Library System.

By the end of the year, the North Georgia Talking Book Center will become an outreach center for its current 10-county service area, while the Rome Subregional Library will provide all reader's advisory and customer services. Circulation services will move to the Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS) in Atlanta. ▶▶

## Agnes Scott library news and notes

The McCain Library at Agnes Scott College welcomed Leslie Porter (soon to be Leslie Mathews) as user education librarian. She is managing instruction, reference and Web services. Her background in graphic design and her skills in collaborating with students on instructional movies and podcasts are great additions to undergraduate library services at the school.

McCain Library also recently implemented a Purple Bike Program. Agnes Scott's college color is purple, and in support of the Scottie Green Team's push to promote alternative transportation, three bikes may be checked out at the library by students, faculty or staff.

They offer students without cars a nice way to bike into Decatur or to a MARTA rail station for a subway ride to other parts of Atlanta. ▶▶

## Valdosta State news and notes

The Master of Library and Information Science Program at Valdosta State University was recently approved to host a chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society. The VSU chapter was installed at the Annual Meeting of the American Library Association in Anaheim, Calif., on June 28. There was a full contingent from VSU attending: Dr. Wallace Koehler and Dr. Elaine Yontz from the MLIS Program, Emily Rogers from Odum Library, MLIS alumni Lori Lester and Ruth Hayden, and current MLIS students Christopher Baker and Jennifer Yontz-Orlando. Dr. George Gaumond accepted the charter for our Beta Beta Mu chapter, the newest chapter in more than 20 years.

Dr. William F. Meehan, III has joined the MLIS faculty at Valdosta State as assistant professor. Meehan comes to Valdosta from New York City, where he worked as a rare book cataloger and collection supervisor for Arader Galleries. He has prior experience teaching at several colleges, most recently in the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University. Meehan graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, and holds a master's degree from the University of Delaware and a doctor of arts degree from Middle Tennessee State. His Master of Library Science degree is from Indiana University.



Sutherland

Sonja Sutherland has been appointed instructor of library science and reference librarian at Odum Library, Valdosta State University. ▶▶