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## Valdosta State News and Notes

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- 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.imls.gov](http://www.imls.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. ▶▶

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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.



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