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McGhee (right) accepts the award from Thomas.

Atlanta student wins Archives' award

Acting Archivist Adrienne C. Thomas has announced the winners of the National Archives' "Excellence in Genealogy" Awards. The essay contest was held to celebrate both the 75th anniversary of the National Archives and the Fifth Annual National Archives Genealogy Fair. The awards recognize significant achievements in genealogy research, based on genealogical records from the National Archives. The first-place \$1,000 award went to Myron McGhee of Decatur, circulation specialist with the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University. He is also a student in Valdosta State University's MLIS program. McGhee's essay, "The Use of National Archives Holdings for Genealogical Research," traces his family's ancestry using federal, state and local government records. »»

Gwinnett names design contest winner

The Gwinnett County Public Library has announced the Gwinnett Reading Festival Design Contest winner. Library officials invited artists to create a fresh look for the Gwinnett Reading Festival. The contest is conducted annually to give the festival a new, artistic look each year. "The Gwinnett Reading Festival Design Contest is a great opportunity for a local artist to make a substantial and lasting impact on our community," said Nancy Stanbery-Kellam, executive director for the Gwinnett County Public Library. The 2009 contest winner is Nhiani Halim, a resident of Lilburn and graphic design student at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Honorable mention was awarded to Linda Hunt Nay of Dacula. The Gwinnett Reading Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Duluth Town Green. »»

IMLS taps Henderson to attend conference

Francine I. Henderson, research library administrator for the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History, a special library of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, was selected by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to attend the national conference "Stewardship of America's Legacy: Answering the Call to Action" in Buffalo, N.Y., in June. Henderson is one of more than 70 representatives of small- and medium-sized museums and libraries nationwide invited to participate based on their leadership in the profession and in their communities. "I am honored to be selected to be part of this national forum, because the preservation and conservation of our nation's historical documents and artifacts deserve national attention," said Henderson. IMLS is hosting this forum in cooperation with Heritage Preservation, the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, and the Art Conservation Department of Buffalo State College, State University of New York. »»

Woodruff Library prepares for renovation

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center closed to the public in May to prepare for the major interior renovation that will transform the library space into a 21st century learning environment. Woodruff reopened on June 1 with a temporary entrance and temporary service locations. Interlibrary loan participation will continue throughout the renovation.

From September to December, archival research and reference services will be relocated and limited due to construction in the Woodruff Library Archives & Special Collections Reading Room. Researchers planning a trip to the Woodruff Library Archives in the fall are strongly urged to make research appointments by contacting archives staff at archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052. As construction unfolds, the Woodruff Library will continue to share additional service changes online at: www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp. For more information, call 404-978-2067 or e-mail renovation questions to libraryrenovation@auctr.edu. »»

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Susan Curtis, head of reference at the UGA Libraries in Athens, retired June 1 after 30 years of service. Kristin Nielsen will serve as interim head of reference while a national search is conducted. »»