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

Technical College System of Georgia announces mergers

On July 1, the Technical College System of Georgia merged nine colleges into four. These are changes in the college name only; all campuses and their programs remain open with regular classroom schedules just as they were prior to the merger. No library staff was lost due to the merger. The librarians at the effected colleges worked tirelessly to make the transitions smooth ones and to ensure that all procedures and policies were consistent across merged campuses. As a result of the mergers, libraries are reporting an increase in intra-library loans.

Southeastern and Swainsboro Technical Colleges have merged to become the new and improved Southeastern Technical College. Jane Summey is the director of library services. They can be found on the Web at <http://library.southeasterntech.edu>.

www.westgatech.edu/library.

Four additional schools will merge into two in 2010. Griffin and Flint River Technical Colleges are expected to become Southern Crescent Technical College in early 2010. Valdosta and East Central Technical Colleges are planned for merger in July 2010.

The new West Georgia Technical College resulted from the merger of West Central and West Georgia Technical Colleges. Mary McClung is the director of library services and she supervises a staff of seven. The library can be found online at

In October, several of the library directors and librarians will present a COMO panel discussion about the library mergers entitled "Let's Get Together and Feel Alright". ▶▶

Chattahoochee Technical College was created through the merger of Appalachian, Chattahoochee and North Metro Technical Colleges. Chattahoochee Tech's new library can be accessed online by visiting www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library. The Library's social media links can be found at http://delicious.com/NMTC_Librarian/ctc_social. Barbe Moore is the director of libraries for the merged colleges.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College is the result of the merger of Coosa Valley and Northwestern Technical Colleges. Their new Web address is www.gntc.edu/library; the librarians blog about all things library at <http://gntclibrary.blogspot.com>. Linda Floyd is the library director and Karen Kwiatkowski is the assistant library director; together the two will supervise a staff of 12.

