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Kennesaw State News and Notes

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Georgia Southern news and notes

In late October, Henderson Library's Associate Dean Ann Hamilton served as a citizen ambassador on behalf of libraries as part of a People to People trip to South Africa.

Head of Information Services Jocelyn Poole interviewed Bongwiwe Nkabinde, now public library manager in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the September 2009 issue of *The Journal of Pan African Studies*. Nkabinde recounted her struggles as a black librarian under apartheid.

Collection Development & Assessment Librarian Jonathan Harwell delivered a paper on the ethnohistory of Quakers in Savannah and Statesboro at the Southern Anthropological Society's annual meeting in Savannah in late February and will do a presentation on "OARS: Toward Automating the Ongoing Subscription Review" at the Acquisitions Institute at Timberline Lodge, Portland, Ore., in May.

Recent collections coming into Special Collections for boxing and inventorying have been those of late Georgia Southern personnel. The papers of history professors Frank Saunders (expert on Georgia history) and David Ward (expert on Alabama history) are now in process, and the papers of Kirbylene Stephens, for decades the secretary to the president, have been completed. ►►

Kennesaw State news and notes

The Center for Conflict Management at Kennesaw State University in partnership with the Paulding County Library and Chattahoochee Technical College hosted The Big Read during March. We worked with the library and with other community groups to encourage a love for education and reading in the region. KSU is one of 269 nonprofits nationwide participating in The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the

The Library

by Terra Elan McVoy

New York loneliness in my mouth
like a pungent cheese to savor —
the sun slanting
on the empty floor.
No one waiting for me to meet
them,
no one will be waiting
for me to come home —

I remember
three little girls,
three canvas bags,
their seams pulled tight,
heavy with books.

And this —
Mike Bailey and his
dark denim jacket.
Three hours of Dungeons and
Dragons
I neither follow
nor enjoy.
Emerging into the sunlight,
still it is a surprise
— this afternoon will not end
in kissing.

And, always —
the long mural of indigo and violet
unfurling the length
of the children's room —
an expanse my small hand moved
over,
languid and satisfied,
like that of a woman
dangling her fingers
to trail in the water
from the edge of a boat, rowed
by someone she loves.

It does not take long:
59th Street subway,
fast walk a few blocks,
and then the anonymity of
fluorescent stacks
becomes a familiar, deep pool
in which I am fully submerged.
I am only
a hand, lifting,
choosing,
not this one but that —
finding and then not finding,
and finding something else.

For hours I am
lost.
Found.
Dissolved.

Nowhere else has solitude ever
been so pleasing
— so soothing and luxurious.
Nowhere else grants this comfort-
ing power
to enter,
pause,
and disappear. ►►

Decatur-based author Terra Elan McVoy composed this poem in honor of the new Tucker-Reid H. Cofer branch of the DeKalb County Library. She read it to the crowd at the opening ceremony for the branch on Jan. 25. McVoy's latest book is Pure.

Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for The Big Read is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

We read *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, a Georgia author, as well as a selection of complementary books, such as *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd and *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson. For more information about The Big Read events sponsored by The Center for Conflict Management at KSU, please visit our Web site at www.kennesaw.edu/conflict or contact Shauna Carmichael at 770-423-6299 or bigread@kennesaw.edu. ►►

University of Georgia news and notes

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Special Collections Libraries Building took place on Jan. 28. The construction schedule is about 18 months. It will house three Special Collections Libraries:

- Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library
- Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies
- Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection

The building will be named in honor of Richard B. Russell Jr.



The atrium of the Special Collections Libraries Building

These Special Collections libraries are currently housed in the Main Library, which does not provide adequate space, climate or security. The move to this new building will free up 50,000 square feet of space in the Main Library, which is needed to provide space for our general collections and study space for our students.

The cost is \$46 million, two-thirds of which comes from the state, and one-third from private sources. We have also raised \$7 million for program endowments. ►►

Ingram Library of UWG news and notes

E. Lorene Flanders has been appointed professor and dean of libraries at the University of West Georgia, and

Chris Huff has been appointed associate professor and associate dean of libraries. Flanders was appointed director of University Libraries at West Georgia in 2005. Huff was appointed systems librarian at West Georgia in 1994 and associate director of University Libraries in 2009.

Miriam Nauenburg has been appointed instructor and serials and electronic resources cataloger at the University of West Georgia. Nauenburg holds the MLIS degree from Wayne State University and the B.A. in English and biology from Eastern Michigan University. She served as interlibrary loan and serials librarian for Orchard Lake Schools prior to her appointment at West Georgia and previously held library positions at Ashland Theological Seminary and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a member of the American Library Association and the American Theological Library Association.



Catherine Hendricks, Ingram Library, University of West Georgia, recently received an award from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board at the Georgia Archives.

Catherine Hendricks, coordinator of proposal development for Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia, received the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board's Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records at the Graduate Level award for her thesis *Creating Community in the Jim Crow South: A Study of an African American Neighborhood in Powder Springs, Georgia, 1930-1960*. Hendricks received the M.A. in history and a graduate Certificate in Public History from the University of West Georgia in 2008 prior to joining the Ingram Library staff. She holds the Master of Social Work and the Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Georgia, as well as the Bachelor of Arts from Mercer University.

Dr. Patterson Toby Graham, director of the Digital Library of Georgia, presented the 2010 Charles Beard Lecture at the Irvine Sullivan Ingram Library, University of West Georgia, in February. The lecture, "The Civil Rights Digital Library: Documenting America's Struggle for Racial Equality" honored Charles Beard's leadership in the development of GALILEO.

The Civil Rights Digital Library, built by the Digital Library of Georgia and its partners, is an online archive of historical news film from the civil rights era and a virtual library portal of national scope. It is the most ambitious and