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Georgia Southern news and notes

Zach S. Henderson Library teamed with Statesboro Regional Library to celebrate National Library Week in April. Events included a free showing of "The Hollywood Librarian" in the regional library's Isabel Sorrier Room on April 15 and a lecture on the history of libraries in Bulloch County by local historian Roger Allen on April 17.

The library has acquired the research papers and recordings compiled by English author Michael Gray during the writing of his book on Georgia blues legend Blind Willie McTell, one of the earliest blues performers to record. McTell lived for many of his formative years in Statesboro, home of Georgia Southern University, and he is famous for his distinctive guitar playing and such classic songs as "Statesboro Blues" and "Broke Down Engine." Mr. Gray published *Hand Me My Travelin' Shoes: In Search of Blind Willie McTell* in England in 2007, and an American edition was released in 2009. ▶▶

Georgia Southwestern State news

The James Earl Carter Library on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University (GSSU) in Americus hosted two events this spring as part of its Events @ the Library program. On March 30, Events @ the Library presented a reading by Jeff Newberry, an English professor and author from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton. GSW faculty, staff and students came out to hear Newberry read poetry from his book, *A Visible Sign*. On April 14, Events @ the Library, along with GSSU's International Student Association, presented "An Asian Celebration Featuring the Nippon Book Collection." The Nippon Books are a collection of 100 books awarded to the library by the Nippon Foundation. The program included presentations on Japan and tea ceremonies, demonstrations on the history of and how to wear kimonos by Chico English and JinYoung Lee, and a calligraphy station where attendees could have their names written in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. ▶▶

Georgia State news and notes

Library Journal has added Georgia State University (GSU) librarian Jason Puckett to its highly regarded list of "Movers & Shakers." The March 2010 issue of the magazine recognizes new leaders like Puckett, who will guide libraries through their changing role in the 21st century. Puckett is a tireless promoter of the open source citation manager Zotero and teaches the Georgia State community about this software during instruction sessions that he hosts each semester. Puckett has created

an internationally recognized online guide for using the software on the Georgia State University Library's Web site. Puckett also produces a monthly podcast called "Adventures in Library Instruction" with two colleagues.



Puckett

GSU has announced the following appointments: Amy Harris is now the undergraduate services librarian; Tricia Clayton is now the collection services librarian; Dr. Jill Anderson is the new history librarian; James (Cliff) Landis is the new Web services librarian; Laura Carscaddon is now business librarian; and Dr. Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh is now sociology librarian.

GSU has also partnered with *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* to house *The Atlanta Journal* and *The Atlanta Constitution's* photographic archives, a donation that will add thousands of images to the photographic collection in the GSU Library. ▶▶

Middle Georgia Tech news and notes

The library staff at Middle Georgia Technical College (MGTC) in Warner Robins hosted its first-ever Poetry Day celebration April 28. The celebration involved poetry readings by members of the Georgia Poets Society and a collegewide poetry contest. Members of the Georgia Poetry Society participating in the Poetry Day celebration at MGTC were Ron Self of Columbus and J.C. Reilly of Atlanta. Each poet read several selections of their own work to the crowd of students, faculty and staff.

After the readings, Dr. Dumont Bunn, MGTC Library director, named the winners of the poetry contest, which was open to faculty, staff and students during the month of April, which is National Poetry Month. Entrants were asked to submit free verse and haiku poems. Winners were picked for each poetry type and may be viewed from www.middlegatech.edu/students/library. ▶▶

University of Georgia news and notes

Frances Mayes, author of the best-selling memoirs *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany*, has announced the donation of her personal papers to the University of Georgia Libraries. The gift was announced March 30 when Mayes was on campus to give a talk, "Living Under the Tuscan Sun," sponsored by the UGA Libraries to celebrate Mayes' donation.

"Many, many people have enjoyed reading of Frances

Mayes' adventures in Italy, and we are excited to present this opportunity for the university community to hear her personally," said William Gray Potter, the university librarian and associate provost. "More so, we are thrilled that she has trusted us with preserving her papers and look forward to sharing them with her fans and scholarly researchers alike."

A native of Fitzgerald, Ga., Mayes divides her time between Italy and North Carolina. She is also the author of travel memoirs *A Year in the World* and *Bringing Tuscany Home*; *Swan*, a novel; *The Discovery of Poetry*, a text for readers; and five books of poetry. ▶▶

creation of Speaker Murphy's office, the focal point of the university's \$8 million library renovation funded by the Georgia Legislature in 2008 in honor of Murphy's service. "We knew we needed to catalog this material to meet the needs of an exhibit curator," Durham said. "Not only is there information in these files that would help inform the exhibit, but there are photographs and pieces of paper that will be replicated for display in the exhibit." The construction project will be completed in 2011.



Murphy

University of West Georgia news, notes

Processing of the papers of Thomas B. Murphy (1924-2007) in the University of West Georgia's Ingram Library's Special Collections has been completed. With the work of four graduate assistants from the university's public history program, the collection has been arranged into 245 boxes or 121 linear feet of files from the late House speaker's office.

According to Head of Special Collections Suzanne Durham, the project was a priority in light of the re-

Murphy served in the Georgia House from 1961-2003, and he was speaker of the Georgia House from 1973-2003. Murphy donated his papers and the contents of his state Capitol office to the university when he left office. Under the terms of the donation, the university agreed to re-create his office on its campus. The collection, spanning the years 1967 to 2003, contains material from Murphy's time as speaker as well as some material that predates his speakership. The finding aid for the collection is available in PDF format at <http://libguides.westga.edu/content.php?pid=33218&sid=272238>. For information, contact Suzanne Durham at sdurham@westga.edu. ▶▶

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