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Georgia Library Spotlight: Thomas University Library, Thomasville, Georgia

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GLA SPOTLIGHT

Thomas University Library Thomasville, Georgia

The Thomas University Library is located at the center of a small, private university in scenic Thomasville, Georgia, the City of Roses. Thomas University began as Birdwood College in 1950, later changing its name to Thomas College. In 2000, Thomas College became Thomas University, a four-year co-educational university that serves the post-secondary educational needs of south Georgia and north Florida.



Thomas University's motto is "Education that Engages, Empowers, and Transforms." The TU Library strives to uphold this motto by offering traditional library services coupled with the latest in instructional technology.

The TU Library offers full collections of research materials, specialized databases, popular fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, journals, CDs, and DVDs. The library also has small specialized collections including a children's and young adults' collection in support of the university's education programs, a manga and graphic novel collection, a career development collection, and its newest, a collection that focuses on preparing students for exams, such as the GACE and the GRE.

The library features a variety of comfortable reading areas to encourage both quiet and collaborative study environments. There are three computer labs; two are for general use and one is a film studies lab equipped with Mac computers.

The TU Library is the home of the Student Technology Help Desk, which offers support with a wide range of technology problems. The

TU Library also hosts "TU Talks," an exciting educational method of sharing information about a variety of interesting topics from shark tooth hunting to pioneer nursing programs. In addition, the Library is the meeting place for various academic clubs and hosts the annual release of the *Nighthawk Review*, a student literary publication.

The library staff endeavors to provide a dynamic learning atmosphere that is conducive to research. The staff also supports the academic needs of students, faculty, and staff by providing training and resources to promote personal and professional transformation. Student and faculty interactions in the library are very hands-on, offering personal service that is tailored to each individual's requirements. The Thomas University Library is the place to be on campus. Students are in and out throughout the day seeking that quiet place to review notes after class, find resources needed for that paper due next week, and receive assistance from a helpful staff that meets every information need.

If you would like to learn more about the Thomas University Library, please visit <http://www.thomasu.edu/library>.