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## Georgia Library Spotlight - Reese Library, Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia

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# GLA SPOTLIGHT

## Reese Library Georgia Regents University

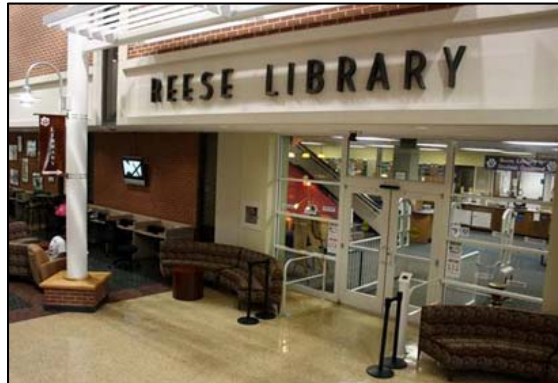
Georgia Regents University's Reese Library provides access to a broad range of learning resources in various formats inside and outside the boundaries of the traditional classroom.

Reese Library traces its roots to the library of the Junior College of Augusta. In 1960, the library was relocated to a remodeled warehouse building on the present campus which was then Augusta College (renamed Augusta State University in 1996).

In 1972, a gift from Katherine Reese Pamplin, a member of Augusta College class of 1936, and her husband, Robert B. Pamplin, provided the catalyst for the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to approve funds for a new \$2.5 million library building. The building was named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas Reese, the parents of Mrs. Pamplin. Construction of the three-story library building began on February 27, 1975, and Reese Library opened on January 6, 1977. The Reese Library now hosts a collection of more than 700,000 books in addition to print periodicals, audiovisuals, government publications, and historical collections. Access to more than 300 databases, provided by the state-wide GALILEO consortium, offers patrons additional electronic information resources.

Reese Library supports the GRU mission of advancing knowledge and enriching the lives of students, faculty, and staff. As such, the library

frequently provides cultural programming to cater to the diverse academic interests of its patrons. In January 2013, Reese Library will proudly host the *Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience* exhibition



presented by the American Library Association, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Baseball Hall of Fame. Other programs, such as their 50<sup>th</sup> Federal Depository Library Program Anniversary celebration, National Voter Registration Day,

and International Education Week, have secured Reese Library's reputation as an involved campus and community resource.

The diversity of resources and programming is only rivaled by the people of Reese Library. Faculty and staff are highly devoted, customer-oriented professionals who provide quality service and support to patrons. Reese Library is continuously voted as the No.1 study destination by students and was recently ranked No.1 in student satisfaction by recent graduates.

As of January 8, 2013, Reese Library joined the Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library to form the University Libraries of Georgia Regents University, as part of the consolidation of Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University. The expected growth of Reese Library should only improve the level of service and access patrons have come to expect.

For more information about Reese Library, please visit <http://www.aug.edu/library>.