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KSU Campus officials broke ground on a $4.4 million dollar renovation for the Horace W. Sturgis Library on October 9, 2013. This was during Founders Week, celebrating the university’s 50th anniversary. Plans include upgrading the mechanical/electrical infrastructure and repurposing the space on the ground and first floors.

OwlSpace2, a new student study area located on the ground floor, opened to the public on October 30, 2013.

A big welcome to our new library staff! Jin Xiu Guo, MLIS, graduated from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, is the Assistant Director for Technical Services. Her research focuses on institutional repositories, technical services workflows, and information seeking behavior. She is the president of CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) Great Mid-Atlantic Chapter for 2013-2014.

Also, Jin was part of a group of speakers on behalf of CALA to attend the 2013 Chinese Library Annual Conference in Pudong, Shanghai on November 7–9, 2013. The conference was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of the People’s Republic of China and organized by the Library Society of China. The speakers from the United States contributed ten presentations on the topic of “exploring and practice of innovative services in U.S. libraries.” Jin presented on “Engaging undergraduates in scholarly communication through institutional repositories.”

Nicole Strayhorn is a new Library Technical Paraprofessional I in the Technical Services Department. She has worked in three law firm libraries, one corporate library, one hospital library, and now two academic libraries. When she is not providing service in the library, she enjoys reading and drawing.

Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui, Associate Dean/Director of Library Services and Professor of Library Science, and Jennifer Young, Systems Librarian, presented “Six Thinking Hats for Effective Brainstorming and Problem Solving.”
Meetings” at the University System of Georgia’s Annual Computing Conference at Rock Eagle on October 25, 2013. “Six Thinking Hats” was also Dr. Golian-Lui’s topic at the SELA (South Eastern Library Association)/SCLA (South Carolina Library Association) Conference, November 13–15, 2013 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Hyun Chu Kim, Cataloging Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science and Asian Studies Liaison, attended the 2013 Overseas Koreanology Librarian Workshop from Oct. 13–19, 2013 in Seoul, Korea. The workshop was organized by the National Library of Korea and twenty Korean Studies scholars and librarians from major universities from ten countries participated. Hyun Chu presented “An Overview of Korean Studies Collection at Horace W. Sturgis Library” at the workshop.

Michael Luther, assessment librarian, presented at the Student Affairs Assessment Conference October 15, 2013 at Emory University. Additionally, Luther attended the Southeastern Library Assessment Conference, October 21–22, 2013 in Atlanta.


The Sturgis library had eighteen presenters at COMO this year, including Eli Arnold, Sandra Barclay, Linda Bristol, Kiara Bynum, Ashley Dupuy, Linda Golian-Lui, Ana Guimaraes, Ashley Hoffman, Hyun Chu Kim, Alan Lebish, Michael Luther, Olga Russov, Chris Sharpe, Rita Spisak, Amy Thompson, Mary Wilson, and Jennifer Young. As the pre-conference GALILEO keynote speaker, Ashley Dupuy, Assistant Director for Instructional Services, discussed the topic “Personal Marketing and Career Management.”