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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Kennesaw State University

Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) and Kennesaw State University (KSU) will be consolidating into one university, Kennesaw State University, in 2015. The Johnson Library staff from SPSU and the Sturgis Library staff from KSU have been having potluck lunches and various meetings to get to know one another. Staff from both libraries are looking forward to working with each other.

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The Sturgis Library has had a busy spring semester. In February the library had Blind Date with a Book. Staff members selected a variety of books, wrapped them in valentine paper, and patrons picked their “blind date” book. Patrons were asked to rate their “date” and enter a raffle drawing.



At the end of February during midterms, the Happy Tails Therapy Dogs visited the library to help students relieve stress. Students also made their own “stress balls” using balloons and sand.

The library had a special Dr. Seuss book display to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday in early March. The library staff got into the spirit of Saint



SPSU & KSU Librarians – “Let’s Consolidate”

Patrick’s Day by having a limerick writing contest. Three limericks were selected and the campus chose the best poem. Eli Arnold, Information Commons Librarian, won the contest.

To celebrate Women’s History Month, the Friends of the Library sponsored a lecture by KSU history professor, Dr. Elsa Nystrom, “Mad for Speed: Women Racers of the Brass Age, 1900-1912.” Dr. Nystrom’s discussion was based on her book about female racer Joan Newton Cuneo, *Mad for Speed: The Racing Life of Joan Newton Cuneo*.



For Poetry Month, the Friends of the Library invited poet Earl Braggs to do a poetry reading. Braggs is a professor of English at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. For Money Smart

Week @ your library, Christopher Dehner from the KSU ITS Information Security Office talked about identity theft. During National Library Week the Friends of the Library had a used book sale. The Sturgis librarians celebrated National Library Worker Day with a breakfast for the staff. On Monday and Tuesday of that week, the library unveiled four "Read" posters featuring the student assistant staff.

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Two Sturgis Librarians were presenters at the Research on Teaching and Learning Summit, held at KSU on February 7. Dr. Linda Golian-Lui's topic was "Using De Bono's 6 Thinking Hats for Creative Thinking, Effective Decision Making, Engaged Meetings, and Faster Problem Solving." Johnny Woods presented "Up Close & Personal: Harnessing Online Forums for Collaborative Dialog in the F2F Environment."

Librarian Rita Spisak presented a poster, "Beware the Book-Censorship," at the KSU

Conference on Literature for Children and Young Adults, March 26-27. Librarian Cheryl Stiles gave a brief presentation, "The Art of the Chapbook," at the National Graduate Student Writing Conference at the University of West Georgia in March. She is completing her doctoral degree in English at Georgia State University.

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Three Sturgis employees graduated with new degrees in December:

Johnny Woods, Distant Education Librarian, Master of Instructional Design & Technology.

Chris Sharp, Government Documents Librarian, Master of Public Administration.

Carey Huddelstun, Cataloging & Public Services Assistant, Master of Library and Information Science.