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

## University of West Georgia

Shelley Rogers, Senior Cataloger and Associate Professor at Ingram Library, University of West Georgia (UWG), has been granted tenure effective at the start of the 2014-2015 fiscal year.



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## Ingram Library and Houser Walker Architecture Receive AIA Georgia Award

AIA Georgia, an association of The American Institute of Architects, awarded a 2013 Georgia AIA Citation Design Award to Houser Walker Architecture of Atlanta and the Ingram Library and Tom Murphy Archives at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton. The award of architectural distinction was presented “in recognition of commitment to the design profession and the pursuit of architectural excellence.” Steven Raike, AIA, served as the Design Awards Jury Chair. Submissions were evaluated on creativity, design excellence, and for innovation beyond the current trends of form and image making. Hank Houser of Houser Walker Architecture served as principal architect on the project. The design and construction team included TVS Design, the Jaeger Company, Sykes Consulting, Minick



**Martha Murphy Long, daughter of former Georgia Speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas B. Murphy, at “White Gloves” tours**

Engineering, Parrish Construction, and Avient Museum Services, which designed interpretive exhibits highlighting Georgia House Speaker Tom Murphy’s life and political career. Lorene Flanders, Dean of Libraries, and Michael Conley of the university’s AEC Project Services joined Hank Houser and other members of the firm at the awards ceremony, held in Columbus, Georgia in October.

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## Commemoration of Georgia House Speaker Tom Murphy’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The University of West Georgia’s Irvine Sullivan Ingram Library and its friends organization, the Penelope Melson Society, commemorated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the late Thomas Bailey Murphy, former Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, who was born in Bremen, Georgia on March 10, 1924. Following Murphy’s death in 2007, the Georgia General Assembly honored him by appropriating \$8 million to renovate Ingram Library and replicate his iconic State Capitol office within the facility. The Murphy Office was dedicated on April 19, 2012 in a ceremony attended by every living speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and former governors Roy Barnes and Sonny Perdue. The Sunday afternoon event drew some 130 members of the Murphy family, Capitol staffers, state representatives, and members of the university community. Speaker Murphy’s Chief Aide, Steve Anthony, Class of 1973 spoke, and

Representative Calvin Smyre of Columbus gave a powerful statement concerning Speaker Murphy's mentorship of him as a newly-elected legislator. Elected in 1974 as the youngest member of the Georgia House, and appointed floor leader by Governor Harris for the 1987 session, Smyre was the first African-American leader in the House since Reconstruction. He has served as president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators since 2006. Smyre attributed his success during his forty year legislative career to Speaker Murphy's willingness to place him in positions of learning and leadership.

Ingram Library's Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections hosted White Gloves tours during the afternoon. The event showcased a selection of books, photographs, and archival materials representing the breadth and depth of the collections. Highlights included a 1579 early English printed bible, an 1887 prospectus promoting the mineral and timber riches of Tallapoosa, Georgia, a 1999 memorandum

written by then U.S. Congress member Bob Barr pertaining to the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton, and a 1917 photograph of the Fourth District A&M football team. The event was organized by the Head of Special Collections, Blyne Olivieri, with assistance from UWG graduate student Brian Crews. Participants in the white gloves event interacted with graduate students who answered questions about the items and tours into the storage areas were given.

On Monday, March 10, ninety visitors enjoyed cupcakes in the Ingram Library lobby in honor of the Speaker's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, beginning an annual tradition to reach students and involve them in exploring why the Murphy Office is replicated on campus, and how Murphy's leadership changed Georgia and the nation.

For more information about the University of West Georgia, Ingram Library, go to <http://www.westga.edu/library/>