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## News - Kennesaw State University

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

**Kennesaw State University**

A vote by the Kennesaw State University (KSU) community has named the first KSU live owl “Sturgis” after Horace W. Sturgis, the first president of the university. Though, the library was named Sturgis first! Dr. Horace W. Sturgis initiated the building of the current library. Due to this and his love for libraries, the library was named for him in 1990. “Sturgis” the owl is in the family of the Great Horned Owl. Hoot! Hoot!



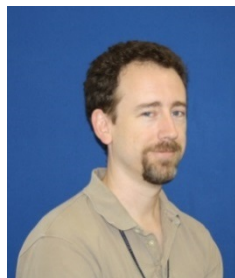
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Martha Henry-Croom, the Assistant Director of Access Services at the Horace W. Sturgis Library,



has retired after twenty-five years at the library. Ms. Henry-Croom, originally from Dayton, Ohio, received her MLS from Clark Atlanta University.

Over the years, she has worked in circulation, reference, and instruction. Martha has served on several state library committees during her tenure at KSU. The library staff will miss Martha, and they wish her the best.



Jon Hansen has been selected as the new Assistant Director of Virtual Services. Mr. Hansen has been the Interim Assistant Director since the retirement

of Mary Platt in September 2013. He started his career at Sturgis as the government documents librarian in 2001. In 2009, he became the digital commons librarian.

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Jin Guo, Assistant Director for Technical Services, did a presentation entitled "Consolidation: a Transformation of Collections, Facilities, Services, and Organizational Cultures" at the 2nd International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology in Shanghai, China, June 3–6. The conference was jointly organized by Tongji University and the American Library Association's International Relations Office at Tongji University, Shanghai, China.



Linda Golian-Lui, Associate Dean/Director of Library Services, and Sandra Barclay, Special Formats Cataloging Librarian, participated in the ALA Annual Conference Round Table Showcase in June. They shared, "How to Eat an Ugly Frog and Love It: Practical Advice on Managing Workplace Priorities." The idea for the showcase came from the Sturgis Library Professional Book Club selection—*Eat That Frog!*—authored by Brian Tracy.

The 2013 co-chairs of the Atlanta Emerging Librarians were selected to present a Conversation Starter at this year's ALA Annual Convention in Las Vegas. Lindsay Cronk



(Lyrasis), Melissa Perez (Georgia State University), and Ariel Turner (Kennesaw State University), presented on their 2013 experiences, including the planning and marketing of events, free tools to improve and digitize programming, and methods of assessing your programming and marketing. Benji Barton (Brenau University) also contributed to the presentation's content, though he was unable

to attend in person. You can see the ALA Connect page regarding their presentation at <http://ala14.ala.org/node/15503>

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For the last several years, Assistant Director for Graduate Library Services/Librarian, Cheryl Stiles has been active as a Cobb County and KSU Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer and trainer. CERT is a nationwide preparedness program supported by FEMA and by the US Citizens Corps. At the end of July, Cheryl attended a week-long training session at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Maryland. She hopes to train many additional volunteers at KSU, in Cobb County, and throughout the state. You can find information about the CERT program at: <http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>.