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As of January 6, 2015, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted for the consolidation of Southern Polytechnic State University and Kennesaw State University. Officially, the libraries are now the Kennesaw State University (KSU) Library System with the L.V. Johnson Library at the Marietta campus and the Horace W. Sturgis Library at the Kennesaw campus. The consolidation will not be completely operational until the fall semester.

Both of the KSU libraries have recently hired new employees.

Kennesaw Campus:
Starting with the back row in the above photograph: Christina Holm is the new Undergraduate Education and Liaison Coordinator Librarian. Olga Koz is the Graduate Education Librarian. Laura Aycock is the new Undergraduate Sciences Librarian. Kimberly Mascara Starts is the Strategic Budget, Library Technical Professional II. Khyle Hannan is the Learning Commons Librarian. Amanda Albert is the Distance Learning Librarian. Caralia “Cara” Galagher is the new Interlibrary Loan & Information Desk Assistant, Library Technical Paraprofessional I.

Marietta Campus:
Ying Chen is the Reference, Hive Lab, and Embedded Librarian. Kelly Ansley is the Reference and Instruction Librarian.

Several of our librarians have had sessions accepted at the ACRL Conference, March 25-28, 2015 in Portland, Oregon. Michael Luther, Assessment Librarian, will be doing a poster session on “Toward Total Library Assessment.” He was also an ACRL Early-Career Librarian Scholarship winner. Olga Russov, Assistant Director for Strategic Budget will be discussing “Consolidation of University Libraries: Vendor Relations, Licensing, and Budgeting Issues.” Amanda Albert, Distance Learning Librarian, will be on the panel, "Getting Started with Academic Library Value: Strategies for Initiating Conversations, Expanding Thinking, and Taking Action." Ariel Turner, Automation and Batch Cataloging Librarian, will be presenting the paper, "Implementation of Batch Cataloging: A Case Study." Sandra Barclay, Special Formats Cataloging Librarian, and Chris Sharpe,
Government Documents Librarian, will be presenting, "Fun with Plastic Sheeting!: Exercising Your Emergency Plan."

Ashley Dupuy, Assistant Director for Instructional Services, Chris Sharpe, Government Documents Librarian, and Eli Arnold, Reference Librarian at Oglethorpe University, will be doing a presentation at the LOEX Conference in Denver, Colorado, April 30-May 2, 2015. Their topic is “Three Classes on Tap: Brewing Library Instruction through Collaboration”.

Alan Lebish, Associate Director of Library Services, made the suggestion for a new Georgia Library Association (GLA) interest group at the Mid-Winter Meeting in January 2015. The GLA executive board approved the new group, the Library Facilities Interest Group. Alan will be 2015 chair.