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

Kennesaw State University

On April 1, 2016, the Kennesaw State University (KSU) Library System will hold a conference on Transforming Libraries for Graduate Students. The one-day conference features fifteen panels with presenters from eight states and the District of Columbia; panels will address services, instruction, and spaces developed by libraries to support graduate education and scholarship. Planned as a southeast regional conference, the event has attracted interest from across the country. Registration ends on March 18, 2016. More information is available on the conference website:

<http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/gradlibconf/>



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The Kennesaw State University (KSU) Library System is proud to be hosting a TEDx Conference at the Sturgis Library on April 16, 2016. The conference will be held throughout the first floor of the Horace W. Sturgis Library. There will be three different sessions consisting of performers and presenters that are KSU students, faculty, and staff members. Throughout the day, there will be food, games, and activities, as well as a question and answer period for presenters and performers.

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Cheryl Stiles, Interim Director Graduate Library and Librarian Associate Professor, created a pilot project for a one-year professional writing



group for the KSU Library System staff that will begin this spring. It is for anyone who is a writer or who aspires to be one. The program will cover writing reviews, professional articles, and scholarly essays. Where to publish will also be a topic. At the end of the program, participants will be expected to have written at least three publishable pieces.

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Part two of the Sturgis Renovation was completed in January! The first floor renovations include group study rooms and collaborative technology rooms created to provide students a place to engage in collaborative and cooperative study in small group settings. There are larger presentations rooms that can be reserved by faculty and staff for review sessions, seminars, and other events.

The center of this floor includes a large area with tables and booths. Another space contains a large data wall for students and professors to do collaborative projects.



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The KSU Library System has four new staff members. Barbara Wood is the new graduate

librarian for the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. Barbara comes to us from the University of Miami where she worked as the education librarian in the school of medicine. Prior to that, she worked as the public services librarian at the University of South Florida College Of Medicine. Steven Gayle is our new administrative associate I, Sturgis Library and Global South Project. Steven was a video editor for a Salt Lake City, Utah, television station before working at KSU. Rick Goodin, Sturgis Library technical paraprofessional I, technical services, has worked at Calhoun Community College, Athens State University, and the Sirsi Corporation (now SirsiDynix). He recently volunteered as a cataloger at the Emory University Pitts Theology Library. Christopher Morris, library technical paraprofessional, information desk & GIL/ILL Support, has worked several years in the Georgia Cobb County Public Library System and at the University of Michigan Library.



Steven Gayle, Barbara Wood, Christopher Morris, and Rick Goodin