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Georgia Library Spotlight - Athens Technical College Library

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Athens Technical College Library

Athens Technical College, established in 1958, is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia. Athens Technical College has served citizens by providing quality educational programs in a ten-county service area. It offers over 150 program specializations in business, health, technical, and manufacturing-related areas. The total enrollment for FY15 was 5,889 students, and there are 250 full-time employees.

The college's libraries are located at campuses in Athens, Elberton, Monroe, Greensboro, and at the Athens Community Career Academy. Services are provided by three librarians, three support staff, and fifteen student assistants. Holdings consist of 40,000 print volumes as well as the electronic resources of EBSCO e-books (130,000 titles) and Films on Demand (23,000 titles), in addition to the GALILEO databases.

The library's new makerspace, The TecknOWLogy Nest, is a lab and development space with software and equipment supporting 3D printing, multimedia design, mobile and game development, video production, coding/programming, electronics, and other technologies. The purpose of the TecknOWLogy Nest is to support and enhance learning by sparking students' interest in emerging technologies. The name ties in "technology,"

"know," and "owl"—the college mascot. "Nest" gives students a safe space to learn and explore. The librarians are devoted to providing a welcoming environment for learning, teaching information literacy through interaction and collaboration, collection development to support Art to Welding curricula, and digitizing the college archives.

The library is also collaborating with the college's Center for Teaching and Learning to digitize and make available old photos and other materials in GEAR, the Georgia e-Resources Archive and Repository.

To find out more, visit the Athens Technical College Library website at: http://library.athenstech.edu or contact Carol Stanley, director of library services, at cstanley@athenstech.edu or 706-355-5020.

Pictured above is the Athens Campus Library located on right side of Dr. Kenneth Easom Administrative Building built in 1996.