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## Georgia Library Spotlight - Ogeechee Technical College Library

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# GLA SPOTLIGHT

## Ogeechee Technical College Library

Ogeechee Technical College (OTC) is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) serving Bulloch, Evans, Screven, and surrounding counties. Established in 1986, Ogeechee Technical College is a public institution of higher education that contributes to the economic, educational, and personal growth of the individuals and the communities it serves. It offers over 120 programs in business, health, industrial/natural resources, and personal/public health. The total enrollment for academic year (AY) 16 was 2,872 and the college employs 160 full-time and numerous part-time employees.

The library offers its students a warm welcome, 61 computers, printing of assignments, over 8,000 books, over 40,000 items on GALILEO, 36 magazine subscriptions, assistance with technology, and research classes. However, as more and more students are doing research at home and reading from a computer, it is challenging to maintain consistent use of the small library.



Librarians decided that teaching research skills to various classes was not going to be enough. They sent e-mails to instructors and asked for suggested events the library could host to enhance their curriculum. One faculty member responded that she would like to get her Early

Childhood Education students involved in book character activities, so the library planned a pumpkin character-making activity. A local store donated the pumpkins and gourds, and the library supplied the paint.

It was such an inspiration to watch college students be creative. Once the pumpkins were painted, library staff displayed them in the library and later took them to a local nursing home to be used as decorations for their fall festival. Many of those same students return regularly to the library to work on homework or to simply say, "hello."

To learn more about its services and activities, please visit the Ogeechee Technical College Library website at: <http://www.ogeecheetech.edu/library-home>.