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News - Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus

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

Georgia Southern University Armstrong campus



In November 2017, the librarians of Lane Library at Georgia Southern University, Armstrong campus, brought the books out of the library! They were presented for students to check-out in front of a popular on-campus dining facility, The Galley.

This Pop-Up Library, a first for Lane Library, was an outreach event aimed at re-familiarizing people with the library and the various materials it offers. It was held just before the students' Thanksgiving break, so that students would have reading materials while at home. In addition to books, other materials displayed were DVDs and periodicals. The library does not circulate its periodicals, but several students were amazed that the library carries



them. This is exactly the type of student the librarians hoped to interact with at the Pop-Up.

Three employees staffed the booth, 62 students stopped by, and 34 items were checked out. This program was held right before final exams, so many students

complained that they could not check anything out because they were too busy studying. Lane Library will tweak this program and offer it during midterm exams during the spring semester, to determine if that better meets the students' needs. It was an easy, no-cost program to execute, so it may be offered twice this spring!

Also in November 2017, Lane Library partnered with the Learning Commons at Georgia Southern University, Armstrong campus, to hold its Dog Day program. This was held during



final exams, so there were many stressed-out students in attendance! Therapy Dogs International provided the stress-relieving, furry volunteers, who provided two solid hours of therapy.

Four dogs braved the rain to attend the program, which drew 203 students. The students (and staff!) are looking forward to the return of the pups during spring semester.

Lane Library also provided outreach to the Savannah K-12 school community during the fall. In November (yes, another November 2017 event!), two separate but identical cataloging workshops were held for the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's media specialists, which drew 12 participants. These interactive, hands-on workshops prepared the

specialists for cataloging in RDA format. The school system's online catalog will be updated this year, at which point all of its bibliographic records will change from AACR2 format to RDA.

Middle school students from Savannah's St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School visited Lane Library to learn how to evaluate sources of

information, search for credible resources on the internet, and learn when and how to cite sources using MLA style. Twenty students from the sixth through eighth grade, accompanied by their school librarian and parent chaperones, participated in various information literacy activities with a reference and instruction librarian.