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Horace W. Sturgis Library

Summer Semester 2007

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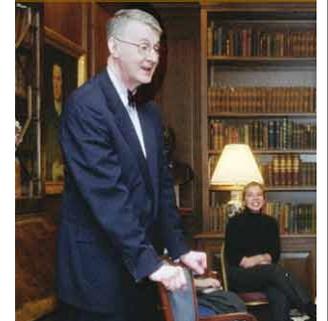
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A Message from Mr. Williams

In all my years as a librarian, and those have been many, I have always noticed how much people learn from and enjoy programs and exhibitions about books. I take great pleasure in the delight I see in people when they encounter rare and beautiful books.

Whatever changes may occur to the physical format of a book, the substance stays the same. Likewise, though a library must change as times and technology change, the heart of a library remains the same: the heart of a library is the *book*.



Robert Williams, Assistant Vice President for Library Services (above)

New Acquisitions: The Harriet C. Graham Collection

The Bentley Rare Book Gallery is the new home of the Harriet C. Graham Collection. Mrs. Graham, a 92-year-old African American woman and a Cobb County legend, has worked tirelessly over the years to collect newspaper clippings, letters, and other documents that trace the African American experience in modern times. Dr. Joyce Moore, Mrs. Graham's daughter, and Dr. Jerome Ratchford, Interim Dean of Student Success, donated the collection on Mrs. Graham's behalf to Sturgis Library.



Dr. Joyce Moore (left) and Mr. Williams (right) at the introduction of the Graham Collection.

The Harriet C. Graham Collection was the focus of the library's February 2007 Black History Celebration and was enjoyed tremendously by the attending audience. We are very appreciative to Mrs. Graham, Dr. Moore, and Dr. Ratchford for donating such an educational and worthwhile collection to the library. The collection, a testament to one woman's dedication and perseverance, will now be available to future generations studying the lives and contributions of African Americans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

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Special Events at the Library: "Book Art: Art in Books, Books as Art"

From June 7 through July 26, 2007, the Horace W. Sturgis Library will host "Book Art: Art in Books, Books as Art," an exhibit honoring the many hidden artistic treasures of the Bentley Rare Book Gallery. The exhibit will highlight the artistic elements of book history, including illustration, engraving, ornamentation, gilt trim, fore-edge painting, typography, book jacket design, decorative bindings, gift books, and marbled papers.

The exhibit is open to the KSU community and the general public. Instructors may schedule guided tours for their summer classes by contacting Rita Impey-Imes at rimpeyim@kennesaw.edu or (770) 423-6535. Guided tours will also be available to visitors.

Sturgis Library Art Gallery Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs: 11am - 3pm
Weds & Thurs: 7pm - 9pm
Saturday: 1pm - 4pm



How May We Help You?: Library Instruction Classes

You probably know Sturgis Library provides access to a wealth of resources for academic research and personal enrichment. But did you know the library offers classes on using our resources?

Librarians Tanji Gibson and Cheryl Stiles, who coordinate library instruction at Sturgis Library, have created a schedule of open classes for students, faculty, and staff. "This is an excellent way to become familiar with our library and learn about all the great resources and services we provide for the KSU campus community," Ms. Gibson says. "We cover various databases, the library catalog, and other special services. These sessions are informal and allow the student, faculty, or staff to ask specific questions relating to their research."



(Above) Librarian Tanji Gibson

Faculty members and other small groups may also request instruction sessions during which the reference librarian/instructor focuses on the specific research needs of the course or the group.

For guidelines on requesting a course- or group-focused instruction session, please visit the library instruction page at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/services/bibinstrinfo.htm>.

For a list of open instruction classes for summer 2007, please visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/services/bibopenSummer07.htm>.



(Above) Librarian Cheryl Stiles

New and Trial Databases at Sturgis Library

We welcome and encourage faculty and staff feedback regarding new and potential database acquisitions. Please visit and bookmark the library's new and trial databases page, <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/resources/findadatabase.htm>.

Listed below are some databases currently on trial:

History Reference Online Complete: an extensive, full-text online collection of nearly 550 reference titles. Trial ends June 20, 2007.

EconLit with Full Text: contains all of the indexing available in EconLit, as well as full text for more than 400 journals. Also covers six types of records: journal articles, books, collective volume articles, dissertations, working papers, and book reviews. Trial ends July 12, 2007.

Computers & Applied Science Complete: covers the research and development spectrum of the computing and applied sciences disciplines by providing indexing and abstracts for more than 1,300 academic journals, professional publications, and other reference sources from a diverse collection. Full text is also available for more than 500 periodicals. Trial ends July 12, 2007.



Spotlight on Achievement: Ethical Leadership

Being a leader isn't just about being in charge. Anyone can develop good leadership qualities, such as confidence, candor, and responsibility. To build and enhance their own leadership abilities, many Sturgis Library staff members have enrolled in the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character's Ethical Leadership Certificate Program.



Amy Thompson, ELC Program Graduate (above)

The program teaches attendees about their most valuable resource for creating a better future: themselves. "I learned so much about myself," says Amy Thompson of the library's Interlibrary Loan Department. "The program helped me choose my degree program of organizational communication. I also enjoyed the time I spent with other KSU employees. The program was fourteen months in length when I was enrolled, and that time gave us an opportunity to bond," she explains. "I now have a network of people from all around campus whom I met through the program."

To learn more about the ethics and leadership certificate programs, please visit the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character at <http://siegelinstitute.org/>.

Library Sponsored Events: Focus on Literature and Young People

Sturgis Library and the Bagwell College of Education recently co-sponsored the seventeenth Annual Conference on Literature for Children and Adolescents. This year's conference, entitled "Multiple Literacies for the 21st Century Reader," was organized as a two-day event. March 27 was the Early Childhood and Elementary Focus Day, followed by the Middle Grades and Secondary Focus Day on March 28.

The conference keynote speakers were Jim Aylesworth, Pete Hautman, and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Other featured authors who spoke at the two-day event were Mary Anna Evans, Gladys "Nyagus" Gikiri, Keven Lynch, and KSU's own Aaron Levy.

Conference attendees took part in breakout sessions highlighting the dynamic potential of children's and young adult literature in our era of advanced personal technology and increasing cultural diversity. The following are just a few of the many informative sessions offered during the conference:

- ◆ "Creating Safari Adventures for Children"
- ◆ "Literacy through Photography: Children Explore their World through Photography and Writing"
- ◆ "Promoting the Use of Hispanic Literature in the Classroom"
- ◆ "Mixing It Up! Books, Curriculum, and Technology"



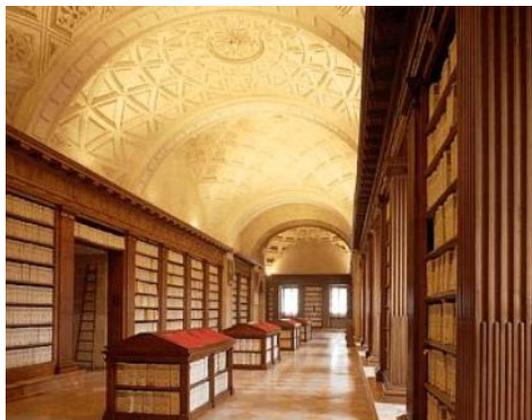
Dr. Alice Snyder (center) introduces Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (right) at the Annual Conference on Literature for Children and Adolescents.

The conference's first sponsor, Mr. Robert Williams, and Sturgis Library believe strongly in the great role literature can play in young people's lives. Mr. Williams' dedication to children's literature is reflected in the library's outstanding DiFazio Children's Literature Collection, a treasure for readers both young and young at heart.

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Sturgis Library is also proud to be the new home for a set of quality prints and books from the General Archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain. The collection was donated by Dr. Robert DeVillar, Director of the Center for Hispanic Studies in the Bagwell College of Education, who received the items as a gift from the Director of the General Archives of the Indies during a December visit to KSU.

We're grateful to both Dr. DeVillar and the General Archives of the Indies for their generous donation to the library's collection.



(Above) The General Archives of the Indies, Seville, Spain. (Public domain image)

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library (FOTL) have been busy lately! You may have visited the semi-annual FOTL Book Sale in the library lobby. Faculty, staff, and other Friends donated the books and other materials for the sale, and the selection of items was incredible. The library and FOTL want to thank everyone who helped make the book sale a success!



(Left) Students browse for bargains and hidden treasures at the FOTL Book Sale.



(Right) Students enjoy a much-needed coffee break during exams, courtesy of the FOTL.



Coffee, Anyone?

The FOTL made a splash by providing free coffee to library patrons during spring semester exams. "The courtesy coffee station was very successful," says FOTL Chair Rita Spisak.

Join the FOTL and Support Your Campus Library

Any Georgia resident eighteen years of age or older who joins FOTL can check out up to three books at a time from Sturgis Library with the FOTL Special Borrower's card. The card is nontransferable and must be accompanied by a picture ID to check out books. Due to licensing restrictions, the FOTL membership does not include off-campus access to online library resources. FOTL membership forms are available at the Circulation Desk or online at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/about/fotl.htm>.

Kennesaw State University is a comprehensive, residential institution with a growing student population approaching 20,000 from 132 countries. The third largest university out of 35 institutions in the University System of Georgia, Kennesaw State offers more than 60 graduate and undergraduate degrees, including a brand new Doctorate of Education in Leadership.