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In a strange twist of life imitating art, there's even one Flight 815 passenger who wrote a novel called *Bad Twin*. The popular character Sawyer was seen reading the manuscript in his reading chair (a salvaged airplane seat), and viewers were curious. So a real-world publishing company later published the book, and Macon State College added this unique title to its collection—and to Sawyer's reading chair in the display.

Sawyer's area also contains a reproduction of his tent, Oceanic Airlines water bottles and blankets, and a replica of his bizarre reading glasses, patched together from two pairs salvaged from the wreckage.

"My original idea," says Haywood, "was to draw attention to some classic library books. And also to the second floor of the Library. We used to occupy just one floor, and even a couple of years after our renovation, some folks don't seem to be aware that the library now has two floors. Since a few of us at the Library are *Lost* fans, the idea sort of snowballed. But what better way to get patrons to check out the upstairs than to provide them a recreation of the Survivors' beach camp, Dharma stations, and even a model of the infamous Smoke Monster!"

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Library has plans for events, contests, and give-aways throughout the fall semester. "All of the books in the Exhibit are available for check-out," says Haywood, "even if it's the Stephen King book under the polar bear's paw!"

Additional photos of the display can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/maconstatecollegelibrary/sets/72157622092833534/>. »»

Valdosta State news and notes

Linda Most has been appointed Assistant Professor of Information Studies in the Master of Library Science Program at Valdosta State University. Linda received her Bachelors degree in English from Goucher College in Baltimore. She holds the Master of Science in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University and the Master of Arts in History from Florida Atlantic University. Prior to beginning her doctoral studies she worked as a reference librarian at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore and as the Business Reference Librarian for the Palm Beach County Library System in Florida. »»



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Woodruff Library news and notes

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center is undergoing a major interior renovation that will transform the Library space into a 21st century learning environment. Library operations are continuing throughout the construction project, with a temporary entrance and Lower Level service area in use until January.

Until December 2009, archival research and reference services will be relocated and may be limited due to construction in the Woodruff Library Archives & Special Collections Reading Room. Researchers planning a trip to the Woodruff Library Archives this fall are strongly urged to make research appointments by contacting Archives staff at archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052.

As construction unfolds, the Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University will continue to share additional service changes at <http://www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp>. For more renovation information, call 404-978-2067 or email libraryrenovation@auctr.edu. »»

Athens Regional news and notes

With environmental concerns on everyone's minds, the Athens Regional Library System has taken steps to "go green" as a library system. ARLS branches began offering reusable book tote bags for sale in August. The tote bags, which are just the right size to hold books and other library materials, are bright blue with the slogan, "Buy the bag. Borrow the books," printed on the front and back. They sell at branches for \$2 each. Plastic bags, formerly available at check out desks all the time, are now only available at the libraries on rainy days. "We feel that we are taking a step in the right direction," said Athens Regional Library System Director Kathryn Ames. "Americans throw away an average of one billion plastic bags every year, and each one can take 1,000 years or more to break down. We want to do our part to help reduce the number of bags thrown away each year and protect our environment."

The move toward reusable bags coincided with the System's participation in the Georgia Public Library Service's "Kill-A-Watt" loan program. Each of the System's branches has the Kill-A-Watt toolkits available for checkout. "We are pleased to have these toolkits available to our patrons," Ames said. "Now people can find out how much energy they use at home and have the information they need to make decisions that could save energy and reduce their utility bills."

In an era where technology is constantly evolving, it is



In July, patrons at the Athens-Clarke County Library got to tour and experience the ultimate recycling project — the Society for Georgia Archaeology's ArchaeoBus. The ArchaeoBus, or "Abby" for short, is a mobile classroom designed to teach students throughout the state about archaeology through hands on activities. In its past life, Abby was the Athens-Clarke County Library's Bookmobile.

more important than ever for libraries to help their patrons keep up. The Athens-Clarke County Library has found a unique way to help patrons – and staff – navigate the twists and turns of the information superhighway with a new series of presentations on technology called "Tech Tips." The "Tech Tips" series covers current software, technology and social media trends. The Library encourages patrons to attend during their lunch hour to learn new skills to enhance their careers and personal lives. The series was created by Karen Douglas, technical assistant and trainer with the Athens-Clarke County Library. Since April, the Library has offered "Tech Tips" presentations on Twitter, Facebook, Photoshop, Delicious: Social Bookmarking and Skype. Other scheduled programs include YouTube and eBay.

Luisa A. Vázquez-López has been named the Pinewoods Library Branch Manager. Luisa worked with 4-H prior to joining the library staff. Pinewoods was named a finalist in the Best Small Library in America earlier this year for its service to the Latino community. Jackie Elsner has been named the Oconee County Librarian. She was the children's librarian for Athens for 20 years. Oconee County has branches in Watkinsville and Bogart. Clare Auwarter, formerly Oconee County Librarian, is now Assistant Director for Development and is concentrating her effort on grant writing and the Athens-Clarke County Library Endowment Fund.

The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library will present its 14th annual Café Au Libris event on Friday, Oct. 9 at the library. This year's event will feature Rita

Dove, former U.S. poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner. Dove will be available to sign books and chat in an informal atmosphere. Books will be available for purchase, and all proceeds will benefit the Athens-Clarke County Library. Light refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 706-613-3650, ext. 344. ►►

DeKalb County news and notes

The DeKalb County Public Library broke ground for two library expansions in one month. Ceremonies were held Aug. 14 for the Hairston Crossing branch in Stone Mountain and on Aug. 27 for the Salem-Panola branch in Lithonia. The facilities are two of 12 county libraries being expanded or built with \$54.5 million using bond funds that were approved by voters in November 2005. ►►

Ohoopsee Regional news and notes

The Ohoopsee Regional Library System, along with the Ohoopsee Regional Council of the Arts and Southeastern Technical College, hosted Key Ingredients: America by Food, a traveling exhibition of the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibit explores the connections between Americans and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve, and present at table – while exploring the historical, regional, and social traditions that merge in everyday meals and celebrations. The exhibit began Aug. 8 and concluded Sept. 20. ►►



Friends member Roger Durling, regional board chairman Larry Threlkeld and Assistant Director Dana Peeler of the Ohoopsee Regional Library System work to help set up a portion of Key Ingredients: America by Food.