Ms. Orlean has been a staff writer for The New Yorker since 1992. She has contributed articles to numerous other publications and is author of several books including The Orchid Thief and The Bullfighter Checks Her Makeup. Read more about Ms. Orlean on page 5.

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Welcome to Academic Year 2014-15

The 2014-2015 academic year is upon us, and we hope it will be as exciting as 2013-2014! Consider these highlights from our most recent annual report:

• Our institutional repository has been growing by leaps and bounds since we migrated last year to the Digital Commons platform. Digital Commons contains 5,691 faculty or student items as of April 2014, covering 426 disciplines as defined by Digital Commons. The items include research papers, spreadsheets, dissertations, audio/visual files, and photographs.

• Items in Digital Commons have been downloaded 153,321 times during FY 2014, many of which were done by people in foreign countries. There were more than 500 downloads in each of the following: the UK, India, Canada, Australia, and Brazil each performing more than 500 downloads during FY 14.

• Digital Commons features a conference management component that facilitates the steps involved in receiving presentation proposals, reviewing the proposals, accepting and rejecting proposals, and publishing conference proceedings. During FY 2014, nine conferences were created in Digital Commons on behalf of Georgia Southern faculty. Several additional conferences are in the process of being transferred to Digital Commons.

• Digital Commons also features a journal publishing component. During FY 14, numerous journals were initiated by faculty for publication in Digital Commons and are in various stages of development, including The International Journal Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, The Georgia Educational Researcher, The Coastal Review, The Journal of Student Success in Writing, and The National Youth at Risk Journal.

• We have begun creating metadata and displaying in Digital Commons photographs of items in the National Tick Collection, which has been hosted by Georgia Southern since 1990.

• We cataloged 24,380 new items for the collection, including 10,003 print items, 8,682 electronic items, 5,507 microform items, 188 audiovisual items and 9,385 Government Documents.
• A total of 3,425 gifts were added to the collection. An additional 4,290 gift items were received and will be evaluated for retention as they are processed. Two notable gifts were received from William Schubert (University of Illinois-Chicago emeritus) and Edmund Short (University of Central Florida emeritus). To date we have processed a total of 3897 monographs from their donations, and will soon begin examining their personal papers and manuscripts.

• Special Collections added images from 14 collections to CONTENTdm for easy discovery and viewing on the web. Examples of collection include: Historic Statesboro Photographs, Historic Georgia Southern Photographs, the Sheet Music Collection, Bulloch County Railroad Slides and Orders, Charles Herty and Turpentining, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Slides, Geechee Country Churches Photographs, Marvin Pittman and a Legacy of Educational Excellence, Peace Officers Association of Georgia Publications, and the Bulloch County Historical Society’s “Rambling through Bulloch County” newsletters. These collections are comprised of a total of 915 items currently available online for the general public.

• The annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy celebrated its tenth anniversary in fall of 2013, and attracted about 275 attendees from all over the country. Feedback from attendees is extremely positive, and the conference’s national reputation is growing. Henderson Library appreciates its partners in coordinating the conference: faculty from the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the College of Education, the Department of Information Systems, and staff from the Division of Continuing Education.

• We mounted several exhibits highlighting resources in our collections that related to various campus events, programs, or national observances. Among the most notable exhibits were American Education Week, Banned Books Week, National Poetry Month, historical postcards from our Special Collections, and a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health’s establishment as the first public stand-alone public health school in the state.

• We continued our tradition of inviting the local therapy dog organization to bring their animals to the Library’s atrium for an hour during the afternoons of final exams week. Dozens of students each day appreciated the chance to relieve some stress and have some fun with the animals.

• Come see us 2014-2015 and partake of what we have to offer: a wide range of educational, cultural, and entertaining resources!

- Dean Bede Mitchell
Janisse Ray was the featured speaker on June 19 in Georgia Southern’s Nessmith-Lane Conference Center during the fifth annual Farm to Table Dinner hosted by the Friends of Henderson Library in partnership with the Statesboro Main Street Farmers Market. Ray shared insights from her award winning book The Seed Underground, described by one reviewer as “an important book that should be required reading for everyone who eats.” An NPR interview with Kai Ryssdal describes the book as taking “readers to farms and neighborhood gardens around the country where people are cataloging and cultivating the seeds their families have planted for generations…. one way to preserve varieties of fruits and vegetables for the future.”

Georgia Southern’s Executive Chef Kevin Case presented a multi-course gourmet meal prepared from locally grown ingredients including those grown from heritage seeds described in Ray’s book accompanied by a choice of wines. During dinner Chef Case talked briefly about how the exceptional taste of each course was achieved.

The evening began with cocktails at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Attendance was the largest ever, and attendees were highly complementary of the event. Ticket sales enhanced library resources available to the Georgia Southern community. “The Henderson Library Farm to Table partnership with the Main Street Farmer’s Market uses the region’s natural resources to support an educational one,” said Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Zach S. Henderson Library. “The funds we raise via the Farm to Table Dinner will help Henderson Library better support Georgia Southern University’s continually growing research agenda. Our faculty and students are exploring exciting new
means of enhancing our nation and world’s quality of life, and they need rich information resources and library services to achieve their mission.”

Ray sold and autographed copies of her books after her presentation. Before and after dinner Henderson Library’s own Information Services Librarian Rebecca Ziegler supported the library through the sale of her art works created from found objects. Raffle tickets for gift baskets were available before the dinner for a drawing after dinner.

Michael Braz also autographed copies of the carillon CD he created to raise funds for the Library. The carillon is housed in the library, and it chimes on the hour and half hour throughout the year. Before he retired, Dr. Braz played carillon concerts at noon weekdays during regular terms. Autographed copies of the CD are available from the Library office (912.478.5115)

Find more information about Janisse Ray at http://janisseray.weebly.com/.

The 2014 Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series at Georgia Southern University will be hosted by the Zach S. Henderson Library and feature nationally known journalist Susan Orlean, on Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

Ms. Orlean has been a staff writer for The New Yorker since 1992, and has contributed articles to Vogue, Rolling Stone, and Esquire, among others. She is the author of several books, including The Orchid Thief, a profile of Florida orchid grower, breeder, and collector John Laroche. The book formed the basis of the Spike Jonze film “Adaptation,” a fictionalized account of a drug production operation. Her previously published magazine stories have been compiled in two collections, The Bullfighter Checks Her Makeup: My Encounters with Extraordinary People and My Kind of Place: Travel Stories from a Woman Who’s Been Everywhere. Her most recent monograph is a biographical history about the dog actor Rin Tin Tin. Ms. Orlean is currently working on a book that explores the history, power and future of endangered institutions, told through the lens of her investigation into the 1986 arson that nearly destroyed the Los Angeles Public Library.

Her presentation is free and open to everyone. Copies of many of her books will be on sale in the lobby, and Ms. Orlean will sign books after the lecture.

The Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series began in 2001. It is funded by an endowment in honor of the late Norman Fries, the founder of Claxton Poultry. In his more than 50 years in business, Fries built the company from a one-man operation into one of the largest poultry production plants in the United States.
HENDERSON LIBRARIANS PARTNER WITH STUDENT ATHLETE SERVICES

Information Services Librarian Lisa Smith, and Librarian and Head of Access Services Fred Smith were part of the SUCCESS program in June. This is a new initiative of Student Athlete Services. The SUCCESS program, or Stepping Up to College as Confident, Efficient Successful Students, is a six day orientation program for entering freshmen on athletic scholarship.

Fred gave a short introduction to the Library while Lisa discussed the many services Henderson Library provides to help students succeed. Lisa then took them on a tour of the facility.

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