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Feeling nostalgic? You can now browse through the *Reflector*, Georgia Southern’s yearbook from 1926-1989! (No issues were published during 1929 and 1934, most likely due to the Depression.) The *Reflector* includes great photographs of dances, buildings, organizations, sporting events, etc. Some of the best photos featured in the yearbooks are the serendipitous ones. Pictured here are students enjoying the snow throughout four decades. Times may change, but playing in the snow is a timeless activity! Print copies of the yearbooks are also available in Special Collections and on Reserve at the Circulation Desk. Limited quantities are available for purchase through the Library’s administration office. Visit this link now to start viewing: https://archive.org/details/georgiasouthern
The faculty and staff of Zach S. Henderson Library congratulate Ashley Lowery, Digital Collections Specialist and recipient of a Merit Award of Excellence for 2016. Ms. Lowery was recognized at the Staff Service & Awards of Excellence Ceremony held Thursday, January 7th in the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University.

Hosted by the Staff Council of the Department of Human Resources, the Staff Service & Awards of Excellence Ceremony recognizes staff members for their years of service to Georgia Southern University. In addition, Classified and/or Administrative Professional employees are selected from campus nominations to receive the Merit Award, which is based upon their commitment to go above and beyond to provide excellent customer service to our campus. Recipients are presented with a medallion and a monetary award of $1,000.

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Without a doubt, Ms. Lowery stands out as a staff member and colleague. Her commitment to providing great customer service benefits the entire Georgia Southern community. Moreover, she exceeds expectations by regularly researching and presenting at conferences, webinars, and other professional outlets in the fields of librarianship and higher education. Ms. Lowery uplifts the Library and the University through exceptional service and scholarship, and is a most worthy recipient of a 2016 Merit Award of Excellence. Congratulations, Ashley!

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by Paolo P. Gujilde, Coordinator of Collection Development

Orion Harrison, retired librarian at Henderson Library, donated books, films, and music-records to the library. Last year, through Mr. Harrison’s family and bequest, the library received over 8,000 items including over 2,500 films and over 4,000 books of varied genres and academic disciplines. This collection has enhanced library resources and expanded the library’s film collection and popular book titles. Additionally, Mr. Harrison’s donation has provided materials for library exhibits such as the Star Wars: Cover to Cover exhibit this past Fall 2015.

We are working on processing these items for you to browse and borrow. For now, you can start checking-out the film collection located on the second floor of the library in the Browsing section.

The library faculty and staff would like to thank Mr. Orion Harrison for his service and donation to Henderson Library. Thank you, Orion!

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Henderson Library celebrates its donors

On the evening of Friday, January 15, 2016, the Zach S. Henderson Library held its annual celebration of donors and supporters in the George Burford Lorimer Reading Room. In addition to those who contributed funds and resources to Henderson Library during 2015, honored guests included Interim President Jean Bartels and First Gentleman Terry Bartels, and Dr. Jonathan Bryant, Professor in the Department of History.

Attendees enjoyed hearing Dr. Bryant’s remarks about his new book *Dark Places of the Earth: The Voyage of the Slave Ship Antelope*. In this work, Dr. Bryant traces the story of the Spanish slave ship Antelope, captured off the coast of northern Florida in 1820. The ship’s almost 300 African captives were considered illegal cargo under American laws, but with slavery still a critical part of the American economy, it would eventually fall to the Supreme Court to determine whether or not they were slaves, and if so, what should be done with them. *Dark Places of the Earth* vividly recounts the eight-year legal conflict that followed, during which time the Antelope’s human cargo were mercilessly put to work on the plantations of Savannah, Georgia, even as their freedom remained in limbo. *Dark Places of the Earth* restores the Antelope to its rightful place as one of the most tragic, influential, and unjustly forgotten episodes in American legal history. In addition to explaining the historical significance of the case, Dr. Bryant spoke about the process he followed in researching the incidents, and singled out Henderson Library and the Georgia Archives for special praise.

Dean of the Library Bede Mitchell expressed his appreciation to everyone who provided support to Henderson Library during 2015, since such support enables the Library to aspire to be transformational. Dr. Mitchell quoted current American Library Association President Sari Feldman: “It is through the transformation of library organizations that library professionals can continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek to transform their lives through education and lifelong learning.”
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