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Henderson Library’s First Student Open House

Henderson Library held its first Student Open House on Tuesday, April 12 from noon until 3:00 pm. Over 100 students visited the required stations located throughout the library and learned about our services of locating and evaluating sources, helping with formatting proper citations, borrowing from library networks and many other useful services. All those that completed the tour were treated at the last station to cokes (donated by Coca Cola) pizza and candy. A big thank you to all faculty and staff who assisted with this learning experience!

Our next Open House will be September 1, 2016!
On April 1, 2016, the Zach S. Henderson Library welcomed Mr. Clement Chu Sing Lau as the new Associate Dean of the Library. Clement comes to us from his most recent position as Associate Librarian for Technical and Collection Services at Hong Kong Baptist University Library in Hong Kong. In this senior leadership position, Clement reported to the University Librarian and managed the library division responsible for collection development, acquisitions, cataloging, gift exchange, serials, electronic resources management, collection maintenance, technical processing, bindery and repairs, and materials budgeting. He hired, supervised, and evaluated five professional staff and twenty-seven support staff. He also oversaw library assessment and the liaison librarians program. As a member of the library’s senior management team, he participated in strategic planning, and in formulating and administering library policies.

Clement played a key role in library facilities management, including the planning of a remote storage facility and the construction of a new learning commons. He served as the library’s representative to the Hong Kong Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC) Integrated Library System Working Group, and the JULAC Distributed Print Journals Project.

Before joining Hong Kong Baptist University, Clement was the Associate Director for Technical Services and Administration at the University of Baltimore Law Library. He was responsible for managing the law library budget, technical services operation and planning, collection maintenance, personnel recruitment and training, facility maintenance, and technology. He was also involved in the University and Law School’s strategic planning, budgeting, and staff training efforts, as well as University System of Maryland Libraries’ consortium projects. Between 2009 and 2013, he implemented several initiatives associated with the new law library’s construction. They included the application of Radio Frequency Identification technology to the new library, withdrawal of library materials (over 120,000 volumes), and surplus books donations, in addition to assisting with space planning and design, collection de-selection and the overall library move.

Clement earned his Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. He also holds master degrees in non-profit organization management, in business administration, and in management information systems, all from the University of Maryland University College. In addition to his leadership positions at Hong Kong Baptist University and the University of Baltimore Law Library, he has served in librarian positions at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Trinity College in Washington, D.C., and Mount Vernon College, also in Washington, D.C.

As the Associate Dean of the Library, Clement will assist the Dean in all aspects of leading the Zach S. Henderson Library. He will have particular responsibility for project management and library assessment.
It is good to come home! I am excited to return to the United States and join the Zach S. Henderson Library after spending the last 27 months working abroad. Before joining the Henderson Library, I was the Associate Librarian for Technical and Collection Services at the Hong Kong Baptist University Library in Hong Kong. After completing my initial 2-year contract, I decided to return home and embark on the next adventure where I could stay closer to my family.

The decision to return to my birthplace, Hong Kong to work was not an easy one, especially for someone like me who has spent the last 30 some years studying and working outside of Hong Kong. It was also a difficult decision because my family remained in Maryland when I was working overseas and flying around the world 3-4 times a year to visit my family was tough. However, this adventure was worthwhile because I was able to spend time with my aging parents who live in Hong Kong and gain new perspectives on my profession.

While working and living in Hong Kong was an exciting journey, I look forward to making a transition from the Asian culture to the Southern culture, and hope this change will be another amazing adventure of the next stage of my life. There is always something new to learn and I am looking forward to contributing to the success of the Henderson Library and Georgia Southern University.
Late last year, Dr. and Mrs. Keith Johnson donated a first edition copy of *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are retired educators from Appling County, Georgia and both are alums of Georgia Southern University. This donation adds a valuable and significant piece of American literature to Zach S. Henderson Library’s collection. *The Awakening* can be accessed through the library’s Special Collections. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. and Mrs. Keith Johnson for the donation.

**About the Book:**

*The Awakening* by Kate Chopin is a classic piece of American literature published in 1899. At the time of its publication, the book became controversial and scandalous for its mature themes especially from a woman’s perspective. This resulted in the book being pulled from and debated at some libraries and schools. The novel fell into obscurity for many years until its reemergence in the 1960s and 1970s with the rise of the women’s movement across the country. Through that, *The Awakening* and its author, Kate Chopin, are considered revolutionary and groundbreaking for its upfront discussion of marriage and sexuality.
NEW FACULTY: JESSICA GARNER

Jessica Garner is the new Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Henderson Library. Jessica began her library career in Statesboro after earning a BA in English from Georgia Southern (’06). She worked full time at the Statesboro Regional Library while earning a MLIS from Valdosta State (’09). Jessica returns to her alma mater from the Live Oak Public Libraries system, where she worked in Hinesville and Savannah in a range of capacities, most recently as the head of Technical Services at the Bull Street library.

Jessica performed Interlibrary Loan as part of her Technical Services duties at Live Oak, whereas Interlibrary Loan is part of Access Services at the Henderson Library. Much of the work is similar, but there are some substantial differences too. The nature of the material requested varies greatly, for one thing. The other big change for Jessica is she used the World Share interlibrary loan software at Live Oak. Henderson Library uses ILLiad software instead, but Jessica is already well on her way to mastering the intricacies of ILLiad.

Jessica is a fitness enthusiast as well as a book lover. She lives in Statesboro with her husband, Scott, and son, Atticus.

ZACH’S SUSTAINABLE SEEDS

Readers of this newsletter may remember that Henderson Library has a seed library. Most of the seeds are considered “heirloom,” that is, old and somewhat rare. Our selection is designed to make sure we are not in competition with commercial seed sellers. We give the seeds out, and we ask patrons to return some if their crop is successful.

Zach’s Sustainable Seeds has two types of heirloom tomatoes, one variety of watermelon, and poppies. Also, from the Campus Community Garden, we have a small quantity of tomato and watermelon seeds. Another out of the ordinary seed that we have is milkweed. The monarch butterfly must have access to milkweed to sustain their lifecycle, and is now in decline. We encourage the planting of milkweed to support the monarch population. The seeds are at the checkout desk on the second floor. Patrons will typically get one packet of seeds with planting instructions.

Long time Friends’ member Rosemarie Stallworth-Clark got great results using some of our turnip seeds, as you can see from the photo (above) that she sent us!
In April, Henderson Library again housed the Sustainability Showcase during the GS campus’ No Impact Week. Exhibits showcased the work and results of the recipients of the FY2016 Center for Sustainability Grants.

Projects ranged widely, from a solar golf cart, to aquaponics, to an FMAD stitch shop. Henderson Library had a display table as well, having received a grant last year for one water bottle filling station for each of our four floors. Since their installation at the end of the fall semester, over 20K bottles have been saved from the waste stream!

To wrap up the Showcase, the closing reception and the Green Eagle Awards ceremony took place on April 21 at which time the FY2017 grant winners were announced. The CfS received 31 proposals from 9 academic departments and five additional units, requesting $783,038 in funding for FY2017. The Sustainability Fee Committee selected 18 of these proposals for full or partial funding, for a total of $251,310.

Henderson Library will benefit from one of those 18 proposals:

**Henderson Lighting Controllers to Take Advantage of Daylight Savings, Facilities Services**

*James Grigg – Director of Operations, $4,950*
On April 28, Henderson Library hosted two events aimed at teaching students how to make wise financial choices. The two events came during Money Smart Week, an annual public awareness campaign founded by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002 that was designed to help consumers better manage their finances. Both public and academic libraries, schools, and organizations throughout the country participate by offering programs throughout the week.

This year, Allissa Lee, assistant professor of Finance in the College of Business Administration, gave a presentation to a group of students. Dr. Lee gave an interesting presentation that focused on topics such as managing spending and developing realistic budgets, controlling credit, and saving money in order to accumulate long-term wealth. The presentation was interactive and students attending the event often participated in the discussion.

Later during the day, personal bankers Judd Skinner and Charlene Boyd from Wells Fargo also gave a slide presentation. This presentation was specifically aimed at teaching positive and negative effects of credit. A large number of students attended Wells Fargo’s presentation, in addition to faculty and staff as well. After the event, Mr. Skinner and Ms. Boyd answered questions from the audience and had a table set up to answer individual questions as well. The library also served pizza after the event, courtesy of Pizza Hut.

The feedback after each event from students was extremely positive, with several students encouraging the library to continue hosting the event each year.
Thank you for your continued support. If it is time for you to renew, a tax-deductible contribution to one of the Henderson Library funds sponsors special events & projects that contribute to the communities of Georgia Southern University & Bulloch County. Using the following list, you may earmark your contribution for the area of your choice.

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0623  Friends of the Henderson Library Fund
3515  Library Book Fund
0738  Patrons with Disabilities Fund
0569  Henderson Library Memorials
3288  Naomi Davis McElveen Library Art Fund
3258  Veronica Davis Derst Library Endowment
3589  Bede and Carrie Mitchell Library Endowment
0930  Marvin Goss Special Collection Fund

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