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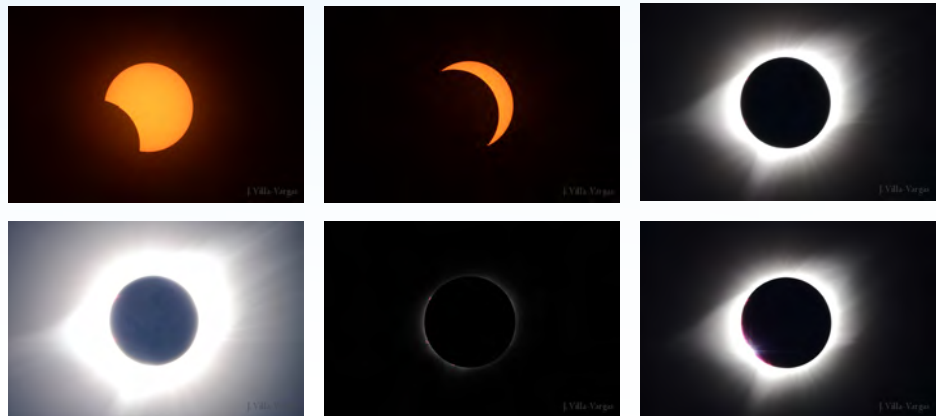
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UPDATE

Please join us as we view an exhibition of
10 original photographs of the American Solar Eclipse.

by astronomer Jorge Villa-Vargas
Georgia Southern Department of Physics

Reception: MON October 23 at 6 p.m.

Henderson Library room 1300



Welcome to FY 2017!

We are looking forward with anticipation to a new school year that leads us to a “new school,” i.e., the new Georgia Southern University! We hope 2017-2018 will be as busy, satisfying, and productive as 2016-2017, when we:

- recruited a new Head of the Information Services Department, Leslie Haas, who assumed her duties August 1, 2017;
- hired Nikki Rech to serve as an Information Services Librarian, effective January 1, 2017;
- invited Billy Glasco to become Special Collections Librarian, effective November 1, 2017;
- participated in the implementation of the statewide GALILEO Integrated Libraries (GIL) Consortia online library management system, Alma/Primo, providing extensive leadership as one of three Vanguard libraries that carried out systematic design and testing work that was adopted by the rest of the USG libraries;
- completed the digitizing of the full run of the student newspaper The George-Anne, dating back to the 1920s, and archived it our publicly accessible Digital Commons Institutional Repository;
- participated in the formal planning for consolidation with Armstrong State University in January, 2018. We and our counterparts at Armstrong’s Lane Library developed recommendations for transitioning to the new Georgia Southern University Libraries system, all of which have been approved by the President’s Consolidation Implementation Committee;
- fully implemented our Data Driven Acquisitions plan to more wisely spend funds by purchasing specific requests of faculty and students. Approximately 74% of materials purchased as demand driven requests were used at least once;
- launched Kanopy, a streaming video platform in January 2017. Kanopy extends our demand-driven acquisitions initiatives through licensing films including documentaries, instructional videos, and professional development films. In the first six months of use, Kanopy films have been played 204 times;
- moved 18,307 government documents volumes to the Automated Retrieval Collection storage in order to increase space for students in library;
- received 4,063 donated in-kind gifts;
- continued adding content to the Digital Commons Institutional Repository - a total of 10,322 new items were contributed, and the IR experienced 611,310 downloads and 182,251 metadata hits for a total of 793,561 item uses. At the conclusion of FY 16/17, the total number of works contributed to the IR is 35,266. Since inception, the IR has experienced 1,607,068 downloads and 501,198 metadata hits for a total of 2,108,266 item uses.
- added four new conferences and three new journals to the institutional repository during FY 16/17;
- relocated the Government Documents unit from the Information Services suite to a larger work space on the bottom floor, near the shelving for the government documents legacy collection;

- hosted a collection of rare books and manuscripts from the Remnant Trust (Texas Tech University) relating to the history of individual liberty and human dignity. First or early editions of such canonical works as Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan* and Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* were exhibited in the Library, and ten classes from various departments (History, Philosophy, English, and International Studies, enrolling more than 200 students) were able to use selected titles in their classrooms. The visitor log at the exhibit was signed by 134 faculty, students, and visitors. In addition, the exhibited collection was the basis of a special series of free public lectures offered by faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences;
- participated in the annual Money Smart Week in April with two panel events geared toward student financial success. The first panel, "The Empty Wallet Diaries: Everyday Stories and Practical Advice from the Inside," consisted of upper classmen (and library student employees) Nigel Brown, Keyani Loftin, Joshua Johnson, and Miranda Swaim. The panelists shared everything they had learned, and everything they wish they had known, regarding budgeting, savings, banking, credit, debt, and student loans while attending college. Documents Library Technical Assistant, Monica Van Wagenen served as moderator and shared savvy shopper tips throughout the event. The second panel, "You and Your Money: Who's Using Who," consisted of local experts in finance – bankers Shante Clesca, Shonda Wilkerson, and Coultlen Hauser from Wells Fargo, Molly Sisson from Synovus Securities at Sea Island Bank, and Georgia Southern finance professor, Dr. Allissa Lee. This panel served to formally advise students of the need to take control of their finances now as they are starting out on their own;
- adopted the Credo Information Literacy Modules for use in our instructional services for students. Stronger information literacy and critical thinking skills lead to higher student retention, and the InfoLit Modules provide high quality instructional materials that are aligned with the Association of College and Research Libraries' information literacy learning outcomes. There are 60 videos, tutorials, and quizzes that can supplement existing lessons and address gaps in classroom or online teaching. The modules provide:
 - consistent baseline materials that easily scale across multiple courses or campus-wide
 - customizability for specific courses
 - knowledge checks for monitoring student progress
 - resources to embed directly into a Learning Management System
 - ADA compliant resources

Finally, I am proud that Library faculty members presented or published 26 conference papers or professional journal articles addressing cutting edge trends in academic libraries and best practices for achieving our mission to support the teaching and learning of Georgia Southern faculty and students. Ultimately, it is the library faculty and staff who make a library great, and I salute the work of all Zach S. Henderson Library personnel. Please visit us, and find out what these folks can do for you!

W. Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Library

NEW FACULTY: LESLIE HAAS, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF RESEARCH SERVICES

Leslie Haas has been an academic librarian for over 25 years. Before coming to Georgia Southern University as the new Head of Information Services, she worked in the United Arab Emirates for five years at Zayed University. She started her library career as a business librarian at Texas A&M and went on to work for different libraries in different administrative roles. In addition to her MLS from the University of Arizona, she has a MEd from Loyola University Chicago and is currently working on her EdD from the University of Liverpool. Outside of work she enjoys traveling, reading and riding herd on her two cats. This is her first time living in the South and she is looking forward to exploring a new part of the country.



Leslie Haas, new Department Head of Research Services, on a trip to Ethiopia

ZACH'S SUSTAINABLE

SEEDS



Monarch butterfly

As Friends probably already know, the Henderson Library has a seed library - Zach's Sustainable Seeds. If you want heirloom seeds to plant, you just go the Checkout Desk on the second floor and ask. If your crop is successful and you have new seeds to spare, we would appreciate your bringing some in and adding them to our collection.

For fall and winter gardens, we have

- Hungarian Blue Poppy
- De Cicco broccoli
- Seven Top turnip greens
- Purple Top White Globe turnips
- Georgia Green collard greens
- Milkweed

BULLOCH COUNTY READING FAIR

by Clement Lau, Associate Dean of Henderson Library

Bulloch County hosted its second annual **Community Reading Fair** on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Statesboro High School. Zach S. Henderson Library participated by donating books, distributing promotional materials, and answering questions related to library services at the information booth. As part of its core mission, Henderson Library was there to promote independent lifelong learning and its community services. Henderson Library's presence at the Carnival also signifies its commitment to advance Georgia Southern University's mission and vision.

As stated in its flyer, this Fair is “*designed to creatively get our youth and young adults hooked on reading through the collaboration of members from the community and educators. It is also designed to inspire and encourage students to read during the summer months when they are out of school.*” The Fair was staffed by volunteers from local schools, businesses, and community members.

Like its inaugural event, this was a success. Shortly after doors opened at 10 AM, students, parents, children, and visitors filled the hallways, auditorium, and gym of the school. The Fair offered many carnival-themed book stations, fun activities, games, inflatables, rides, music, food, giveaways, shows, free books, and learning information. Some highlights of this year's fair included “*Mama Peg Tells Gullah Stories*” recited by Olyvia Davis, an African dance and drumming performed by the **Abeni Cultural Arts** from Savannah, and puppet shows by the **Family Literacy Initiative**. Based on my personal observation, this event was enjoyed by many students and families from Statesboro and surrounding communities.



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.

- 0212 Henderson Library Fund
- 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 for Nursing
- 0930 Marvin Goss Special Collection Fund

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