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## Georgia Southern Professor Makes \$11,000 Donation



Dr. Sandra Peacock, Chair and Associate Professor of the History Department, has a reference set of books valued at \$11,000 to the University Foundation for use by the Zach Henderson Library. *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, a 61-volume set described by the London *Times* as the "the publishing event of 2004," has 60,000 pages containing 50,000 biographies of notable figures in British history, and 60 million words.

"I first used the DNB when I was a graduate student starting to work on my doctoral dissertation," said Peacock. Her advisor had suggested she consider writing a biography of a 19th century woman scholar named Jane Ellen Harrison. "The DNB was the first place I looked for information." Henderson Library Dean Bede Mitchell thanked Peacock for her generosity. "This is a remarkably valuable resource for anyone interested in British history."

The DNB is shelved in the reference section and is available for consultation by Georgia Southern students, faculty or other Henderson Library patrons.

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## Branan Foundation Gives to Patrons With Disabilities Study Room

The Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation has given \$15,000 to the Georgia Southern University Foundation to benefit a study room in the renovated Henderson Library for patrons with disabilities. The gift will enable us to offer sophisticated learning-assistance equipment and furnishings suitable for wheelchair users. Pictured are Jenny Gentry, Wachovia Bank and GSU class of 1981; Thomas Coghill, Wachovia Bank; Lydia Whitman, Wachovia Charitable Services; Bede Mitchell, Dean of Henderson Library; Bill Sutton, Wachovia Trust; and Ann Hamilton, Associate Dean of Henderson Library.



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## Fund Raising Raffle to Benefit Library Book Endowment

In order to raise funds for Henderson Library's book endowment, the Friends of Henderson Library are raffling a 27-inch flat-screen television. Tickets for the drawing are \$3 or two tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held at 9 a.m. on the last day of National Library Week: Friday, April 15.

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## GALILEO Releases User Survey Results

The following announcement comes from Karen Minton, Virtual Services Librarian, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia:

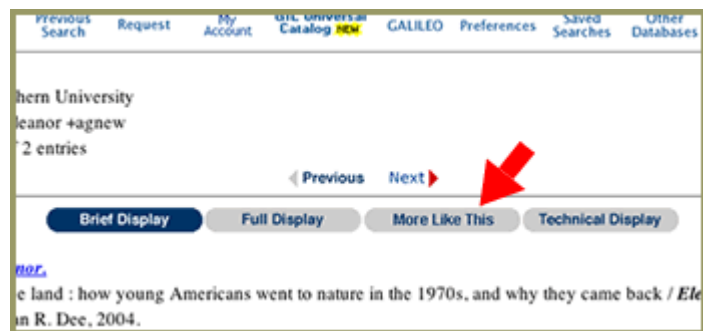


Each year GALILEO invites users to participate in an online survey that includes questions about the content and functionality of the GALILEO site and asks for suggestions for improvement. The 2004 survey was conducted November 9-15 and was completed by 623 respondents. The survey report is now available in the Assessment section of [About GALILEO](#).

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## More Like This - New Online Catalog Search Feature

Henderson Library's Voyager catalog has a new search feature that will expedite finding related publications. When viewing the results of a search, note the "More Like This" tab appearing between the "Brief Display," "Full Display," and "Technical Display" tabs. By selecting More Like This you may choose to see records of other books on the same topic or books by the same author.



Click on graphic for enlarged view of entire screen.

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## Updates to ICPSR Web Site



The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research has upgraded its [web site](#). The changes include:

- a radically improved download interface
- tab-based navigation
- an update notification service
- a new versioning system to describe files
- new study-level documentation files
- a revised help system.

ICPSR maintains and provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction, and offers training in quantitative methods to facilitate effective data use. Henderson Library manages Georgia Southern University's ICPSR membership.

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## Bulloch County Material in Special Collections

Most of [Henderson's Friends](#) are residents of Bulloch County and may be interested in accessing - or contributing to - our holdings in the culture and history of this county. We do not compete with the [Statesboro Regional Library](#) in local genealogical volumes, but we are proud of what we do possess. The 10 boxes of the Bulloch County Historical Society which are deposited here contain documents, photographs, letterboxes of local businesses, and papers of the Anderson and Rushing families. It is a varied and extensive collection reaching back to the Civil War. One small item, for example, is the loyalty oath signed by Confederate soldier Jesse Metts in 1865. Documents include letters, shares of stock, plats, deeds, fi fas, and even long-outdated IOU's. Other organizations represented among our collections are the American Legion (for World War I), the Board of Education, the Community Relations Council (of the Civil Rights Era), the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Retired Teachers Association. Prominent people whose papers reside in Special Collections include Smith C. Banks, Leodel Coleman (for World War II), Ida Mae and Bertha Hagin, Shields

Kenan, Dr. Kemp Mabry and Commander William M. Rigdon. Business records include those for the old F.N. Carter Store in Portal (site of the Turpentine Festival) and the 118 ledgers of the E.A. Smith Grain Company from 1912-1960. We have the research materials for a sociological study of Statesboro done by a University of Chicago scholar in 1954, as well as the only known copy of the local Populist newspaper The Silver Dollar (1896). In short, Henderson Library has original material which would be of interest to anyone interested in Bulloch County. Online access is available at <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/specialcollections/main.html>

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