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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

We are proud of all that the Zach S. Henderson Library does to support the academic endeavors of Georgia Southern faculty and students, and we are very grateful for your support in achieving our mission. I hope you enjoy reading the latest news, and please let us know if there are particular topics you would like addressed in future issues. Go Eagles!

Dean Bede Mitchell
The Library’s third annual Farm to Table Dinner was a rousing success. The food prepared by Executive Chef Kevin Case and the catering staff did an outstanding job with the menu. As each course was presented Chef Case spoke briefly about why the dish was chosen from those served at Monticello and the local source for ingredients. For example, the greens served with the pork and cornbread course were sweet potato greens from Relinda Walker’s farm. As everyone was savoring the chocolate chip bread pudding made from Sugar Magnolia Bakery bread, author Damon Lee Fowler began a presentation based on his book Dining at Monticello. Colorful slides brought to life the creation of dishes from farm to table in Jefferson’s day. As one happy participant put it, the 2012 Farm to Table Dinner was “the best yet.”

The menu included lemongrass and basil mojitos (The Herb Lady) for the pre-meal reception, vermicelli soup (Hunter Cattle), Tupelo honey glazed pork roast with sautéed sweet potato greens and corn bread (B&G Honey Farms, Hunter Cattle, Freeman’s Mill), grilled pears on bed of arugula and buckwheat greens with blue cheese crumbles with toasted walnut, dressed with tarragon vinaigrette (Healthy Hollows Farm, Walker Organic Farms, Southern Swiss Dairy, The Herb Lady), olive oil poached beef tenderloin served with Carolina gold rice and southern peas (Hunter Cattle, The Herb Lady, Anson’s Mill, Walker Organic Farms), and caramel bread pudding with salted caramel and chocolate sauce (Southern Magnolia, Southern Swiss Dairy). Each dish was beautifully presented by the wait staff. Chef Case’s comments contributed to lively discussions of the dishes as they were consumed by enthusiastic participants.

Damon Lee Fowler led the group back in time as he showed slides of Monticello’s gardens as they may have looked when Jefferson planned them. In describing Jefferson’s plan, he explained how Jefferson was a forerunner of today’s locavore movement. He showed the route vegetables took to the kitchen, and talked in detail about how and where food was cooked. He described how recipes used in that kitchen were handed down through the women in Jefferson’s family. The slides of the dining room and the information about how food and wine were served were especially interesting.
Fowler has visited Monticello several times, and he was able to describe how the relatively recent addition of original furniture and the restoration of the walls to their eighteenth century color make the dining room a bright, welcoming room.

The combined efforts of the Friends of Henderson Library, Chef Case and the catering staff, and Damon Lee Fowler led to an evening to remember for everyone who attended. Guests included President Brooks Keel and First Lady Tammie Schalue, retired faculty member Dr. Betty Lane, and Friends of Henderson Library president Laura Wheaton and her husband Dr. Patrick Wheaton. Funds raised during the dinner will be used to purchase library resources to support Georgia Southern teaching and research.

**DR. WILLIAM H. SCHUBERT CURRICULUM HISTORY COLLECTION**

_by Sonya Shepherd, Library Assessment Officer_

Dr. William H. Schubert, Professor Emeritus in the College of Education and University Scholar in the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), responded enthusiastically to an invitation from Dr. W. Bede Mitchell, Dean of Georgia Southern’s Zach S. Henderson Library, to contribute a sizable portion of his collection of books and papers to Henderson Library. The Dr. William H. Schubert Curriculum History Collection includes Dr. Schubert’s own publications, which thus far includes 16 books, over 200 articles, chapters, reviews, poems, and another 250 papers and presentations at scholarly and professional conferences. It will also include approximately 4000 books on diverse realms of education, philosophy, literature, psychology, and social theory, as well as hundreds of files of letters, documents, conference proceedings, course syllabi, and dissertations. These materials should constitute an excellent repository of materials for scholarly use by Georgia Southern faculty, graduate students, and scholars from many other places.

Professor Schubert adds with enthusiasm, “I am grateful for the work of the staff of the GSU Library, especially Dean Mitchell, Dr. Sonya Shepherd, and Mr. Charles Skewis. I appreciate, too, the support of faculty and administrators in the College of Education. I also thank my student assistant, Audrey Xu, for her help in my Library office. I hope that my contribution will encourage other scholars or even scholarly associations, to contribute their holdings to the GSU Library. This and other contributions could make GSU a major center for the study of curriculum history.” Schubert goes on to say, “In a time when too many libraries are discarding books and documents that have great research potential, Dean Mitchell and GSU have the foresight, imagination, and know-how to create spaces that offer great potential for curriculum scholarship of the future. I commend this and am glad to contribute to it.”
SPOTLIGHT ON HENDERSON LIBRARY BENEFACtor:
RICHARD CHAMBERS
by Bede Mitchell, Dean

Richard Chambers is Systems Support Specialist in Georgia Southern’s NCR laboratory. Dean Bede Mitchell chatted with Richard about his support of the JSTOR Arts and Sciences, an electronic database offering high-quality, interdisciplinary content to support scholarship and teaching. The JSTOR digital archive includes more than 1,500 leading academic journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work.

Richard, a couple of years ago you took steps to ensure that Georgia Southern students and faculty had access to the JSTOR Arts and Sciences collection, an electronic resource of full-text articles dating back many decades. What did you do and why did you do it?

The NCR Project is a software development project extending and enhancing a point of sale software that NCR Corporation donated to the university in 2002. I have been the Principal Investigator for the NCR Project for ten years and NCR pays royalties to the University based on NCR’s sale of the software. At certain points in time, these royalties have been used to support some University needs. Looking around, I thought that providing the Henderson Library some additional resources and facilities would be the most appropriate use of some of these royalties. I see a library as one of the main pillars for any community including a university community. University research requires access to information to see what other researchers are doing and what has been done. Flowing from that image of the library as the knowledge center and repository for a university and seeing how my student workers preferred articles and materials online rather than in physical books, I thought a digital archive would meet a number of needs of both students and faculty. After you and I discussed the concept with several of your knowledgeable staff members, I selected additional modules to complement the JSTOR archives the library already held. Probably the deciding factor was that the JSTOR archive was more like a physical acquisition, what was purchased would remain with Henderson Library if the library came under budget pressures and decided to stop the yearly JSTOR updates. The JSTOR archive also seemed to be in line with a number of initiatives at the university including the building of the public health and nursing programs as well as the college of liberal arts and the college of education. Finally, I had been using JSTOR for a year or two and liked the features it provided for searching articles and following citations.
And since then thousands of Henderson Library users have done research in that collection, including you. How has the collection been helpful to you?

I have found the JSTOR archive helpful in my classes in the Ed.D. program at the university. I have also enjoyed being able to browse the JSTOR archives finding papers that were published years ago by people who were key in the advancement of several areas of scientific knowledge. And it is interesting to read papers published in the late 1800s and early 1900s some of which are quite jarring when compared to what would be written now. Reading these old papers gives me a sense of history, that the people whose names I have come across actually existed. It also gives an idea as to how the standards of a proper journal article have changed. And it gives an idea of how impermanent knowledge can be, that what is accepted as truth at one time is later revealed to be a half truth or perhaps no truth at all.

Your generosity and support of Henderson Library are greatly appreciated!

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND
by Ann Hamilton, Associate Dean

For a number of years, the library has been the site of the University’s welcoming reception during Fall Family Weekend. This year in response to requests from parents that they have more time with faculty, Fall Family Weekend was planned in a completely different formal. Campus units were encouraged to reserve tables along the pedestrian between the Russell Union and the Library. On Friday, September 28 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm tables lined the walkway. Faculty and staff showcased the work of departments and displayed student projects. Students, parents, and alumni chatted with University community members as they explored the exhibits.

The library participated in the exciting event in several ways. A book sale on second floor drew more attention than it had during the previous week. Exhibits featured some of the materials that are part of Special Collections and promoted the new Discover research service. A table outside Foy Building was used to share self-guided library tours, promote Discover, and encourage visitors to walk further along the pedestrian to visit the building students call both the Henderson Hilton and Club Henderson. In front of the library, library faculty members Debra Skinner and Bob Fernekes used iPads to show visitors what Discover actually looks like on a computer screen. Those of us who participated enjoyed the opportunity to talk about library services, and several visitors made a point to stop back after visiting the library to say how much they enjoyed their visit. One mother took a picture of her daughter with the library in the background to share with another daughter who attended Georgia Southern while the expanded/renovated building was under construction.

Ann Hamilton, Associate Dean, staffs the table at Fall Family Weekend
The Henderson Library acquires a substantial number of popular books throughout the year. There are bestselling fiction books, self help books, books on public affairs, photography books, and all of the sorts of books you might expect to find at a public library. As they are processed for use, they are shelved near the Checkout Desk on the second floor. All are in the catalog, but if you would like to browse the new titles, make a point to stop by this Browsing Collection. Also shelved there are the newly acquired academic books.

Keep in mind that our Lorimer Collection is another source of popular reading material, but from a different era. This collection is an eclectic mix given to us by Mrs. Huldah Mingledorf. It is shelved on the fourth floor in a special area on the parking lot or north side. As part of the gift, we were given money to provide decorative (and very comfortable!) furniture. There is even an electric fireplace to provide just the right atmosphere for parlor reading.

The Henderson Library contains close to 500 DVDs which can be checked out for one week. While most are of an academic nature, there are a number of popular movies as well. You can search the catalog for them or you can browse the titles we have. They are arranged by call numbers just like the books. Ask at the Checkout Desk on the second floor.

Community members may use all Henderson Library online resources when in the Library. There is a special area on the second floor which allows non-affiliated patrons to log in. Children accompanied by adults are free to use these computers too. Provisions have been made for community users to establish printing accounts at the Checkout Desk. Both community users and students who have children find it helpful to use this “Family Space” as we call it, especially on weekends. Just look for the “Family Space” signs.

The Henderson Library is one of a small number of libraries nationally to make use of an unusual method of storing little used materials. It is called automated storage, and we call our version the Automated Retrieval Collection, or ARC. The method is more cost effective than building additional space for traditional shelving. It is more convenient for patrons and Library personnel than off site storage. The ARC contains thousands of metal bins which are full of books. A separate computer systems knows which materials are in which bins. When an item is selected for use, a machine retrieves the bin and delivers it to an unloading station. If you would like to view the ARC, please feel free to ask at the Checkout Desk. It is very rare that we cannot find someone to take a minute to show it to you and demonstrate how it works.