GGC Library
Faculty/Staff Newsletter

February Outreach: Blind Date with a Book

Bring a little mystery and surprise into your life. During the month of February, we will be hosting "Blind Date with a Book", a month-long display event where everyone is encouraged to look beyond the cover and discover the treasures within. Each book will be carefully disguised, with only hints to guide your selection. Stop by our display table in the Main Library to checkout the mystery. We hope you find a new love!

Database Trial: World Politics Review

We are currently running a database trial for World Politics Review. This monthly-updated database covers foreign policy, international politics and foreign affairs. Please take some time to review this database and let us know if World Politics Review is right for you and/or the students at GGC. Please forward any feedback to Lisa Jones. This trial will end on February 29, 2016.

Technology Lending Update

Last semester we introduced a new service: checking out laptops and iPads, both short-term and long-term. It’s safe to say that it has been an overwhelming success, and we are considering purchasing more to meet the demand. Encourage students to use this service, whether they need it for a few hours or a week. Faculty and staff are also eligible to borrow!
Featured Collection: Springer Book Archives

This semester’s Featured Collection is a recent addition to our electronic collection, the Springer Book Archives. This collection offers thousands of eBooks of works published from 1842 to 2004 and is one of the largest collections of STEM books in the world. The Springer Book Archives will enable you and your students to explore research of the past in an electronic format. The collection includes eBooks on various subjects including behavioral science, biomedical and life science, chemistry and material science, earth and environmental science, engineering, humanities, social sciences and law. Access to these eBooks is available through the GGC GIL-Find Catalog.

Tutors Across Campus (TAC) in the Library

This semester, the Library will be participating in the AEC Writing Center’s Tutors Across Campus (TAC) initiative. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:00pm, a writing tutor will be in attendance on the 2nd floor near the Reference Desk to help students develop research-based writing: assisting with idea development, evaluating and selecting sources, drafting and appropriate citation. Students should be able to easily transition from finding resources with our reference librarians to planning and drafting essays with a writing tutor.

IEEE Xplore® Digital Library

The GGC Library is pleased to announce a change in subscription to the IEEE Xplore® Digital Library from the IEEE Computer Society Digital Library.

Our subscription to IEEE Xplore includes access to over 3.5 million full-text documents, including IEEE journals, magazines, conferences and standards, as well as IET journals, magazines and conferences with a backfile to the late 1800s for select titles. IEEE Xplore covers broader areas of technology than the IEEE Computer Society Digital Library did and features a more intuitive user interface. IEEE Xplore includes coverage in areas beyond Information Technology, such as Life Sciences and Chemistry. It also features the impact of technology on other fields such as business, criminal justice and education.

For more information about our subscription to IEEE Xplore, please contact Patti Lee, Head of Research Services, at plee@ggc.edu or 678-407-5361.

Contribute to the GGC Archives

We would like your help in collecting the history of the college. In your position, if you produce or have access to materials that should be saved for posterity, send them to the GGC Archives! Items we are interested in preserving include: pamphlets, invitations, programs, brochures, photographs, promotional materials and other give away items.

Please help the Library document the history of GGC by sending these materials to the attention of Catherine Downey at the Library Circulation Desk. If you have questions, feel free to contact Catherine Downey or Gene Ruffin.

GeneralSpace, Our Digital Repository

GeneralSpace is a program designed to gather and disseminate the digital scholarship and creative output of Georgia Gwinnett College. In addition to preserving the digital and intellectual output of the institution, this institutional repository provides members of the GGC community with a permanent outlet for their endeavors to be discovered, cited and recognized throughout the world. GeneralSpace provides increased visibility for your scholarship. Each item receives a persistent identifier that makes it easy to keep CVs, websites and portfolios current.

Contact Catherine Downey for more details on how you can become a contributor.
Affordable Learning Georgia Workshop, February 19, 2016

Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) provides a one-stop service to help USG faculty and staff identify lower-cost, electronic, free and open educational resources (OER), building on the cost-effective subscription resources provided by GALILEO and the USG libraries.

ALG is hosting a free one-day workshop “Reimagining the Textbook: Creating and Using New E- and Open Formats” on February 19, 2016 at Middle Georgia State University. Registration and additional information is available at http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/events/reimagining_symposium

Additional upcoming and archived ALG training events can be found at http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/events/training

For additional information, please contact either:

♦ Cathy Hakes, Director of the Office of Research, Sponsored Programs & Accreditation and ALG Campus Champion
♦ Patti Lee, Head of Research Services and ALG Library Coordinator

Wordstock II Coming in April

In case you missed it, during National Poetry Month last April, the Library organized an informal poetry reading session. The poetry reading was held in the Student Center and attended by over 50 students, faculty and staff. Since last Spring’s poetry reading was such a success, we are planning another for this semester on April 6, 2016. We will again be partnering with the AEC Writing Center to host this event in a new venue, the Heritage Lecture Room in the Library. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up and read or recite their poetry. Be on the lookout for signups, coming in March!

How to Donate Materials to the Library

The GGC Library gladly accepts donations with the following stipulations: all donations of materials, including books and DVDs, will be evaluated for addition using the same criteria as purchased materials. The Library does not accept donations with conditions as to their disposition or location. We retain the right to dispose of any unneeded materials and cannot legally offer appraisals or valuations of donations for tax purposes.

Contact Lisa Jones or drop items off at the Circulation Desk.

Staffing Updates

Join us in welcoming our newest library staff.

David Smith, Library Assistant I, Access Services

David is a native Gwinnettian who studied literature and philosophy at the University of Georgia and University of Chicago. He speaks fluent Norwegian and works on the side as a translator. He usually works evenings and weekends behind the Circulation Desk at the GGC Library.

Stephanie Bennett, Library Assistant I/Help Desk Supervisor, Information Commons

Stephanie formally worked as a librarian at the Gwinnett County Public Library. In her spare time she enjoys Doctor Who, all things astronomy and various miscellaneous nerdy nonsense. She finds that her spare time today, however, is limited to about two minutes due to chasing after her three year old daughter. Stephanie is really excited to be joining the GGC Library team.
Services for Faculty and Staff

Material Purchase Requests

Need a DVD for your class? Think your students would benefit from supplemental reading? Missing an important title from your field? Submit your request for new materials through our online form.

Course Reserves

Faculty may put items on course reserve for use in the Library or electronic reserve for use on campus or off. For more information, please consult our Course Reserves Guide.

Your Library Account

If you have not done so, please stop by the Circulation Desk to fill out a patron registration form. You will be given a PIN to help you login to your Library Account, where you can view and renew any library materials you have checked out.

Information Literacy Instruction

Our librarians can work with you to design course-specific, tailored library class sessions that support the research needs of your students for assignments, presentations or term papers. To schedule a session for your class, please fill out the electronic request form available on our website.

GIL Express and Interlibrary Loan

Through the resource sharing initiative GIL Express, all GGC students, faculty and staff have access to eligible circulating print material at USG libraries. In addition, materials not available at the GGC Library or through GIL Express may be requested through Interlibrary Loan.

Ask us how you can have items delivered to GGC!

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