Hello Colleagues,

On behalf of the GGC Library I want to welcome each of you back to what promises to be another exciting year for the College and for the Library in particular. I am pleased to introduce the Fall 2015 Newsletter. Inside you will find useful information regarding Library services as well as interesting articles on new endeavors such as the Affordable Learning Georgia initiative and the Kaufman Oral History Project.

Please take a few minutes to peruse the pages of this newsletter. In it you will find helpful information about resources, services and the people who make the Library such a special place.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gene Ruffin

New at the Circulation Desk!

You already knew you could check out books and DVDs, popular fiction and non-fiction as well as course reserve materials at the Circulation Desk, but there’s more! This semester, we’ve started lending anatomy models for use within the Library!

Some of the models available are an articulated skeleton, an eyeball, an arm, a leg, a spine and a brain. All models check out for 2 hours within the Library.

In the next couple of weeks we will also begin lending iPads and laptops! We have 10 of each; one-half will be available for 4 hours within in the building and the other half will be available for 7 day check out.

Kaufman Oral History Transcripts Now Available in General Space

In October 2013, the Library, Public Affairs and the Office of Educational Technology conducted an oral history of Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman, GGC’s charter president. The two-session interview covers topics from Dr. Kaufman’s childhood to his time at West Point and service in Vietnam and how all of those experiences led him to take the position as president of “unnamed state college” and help shape it as he did. Dr. Jennifer Stephens interviewed Dr. Kaufman and Dusty Dye of the Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia consulted and oversaw the transcription of the interviews.

The transcripts may be found in our digital repository General Space.
Services for Faculty and Staff

Material Purchase Requests—new form!

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—new form!

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. Ask us how you can have items delivered to GGC!

In addition, materials not available at the GGC Library or through GIL Express may be requested through Interlibrary Loan.

Affordable Learning Georgia

Looking for low or no cost textbook options? Take a look at Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG), which is:

♦ A University System of Georgia (USG) initiative to promote student success by providing affordable textbook alternatives

♦ 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

(Source: Affordable Learning Georgia, About Us, accessed 8/20/2015)

If you are interested in developing your own electronic textbooks for your courses, there is a way to do this as well. Through Affordable Learning Georgia's Textbook Transformation Grants, full-time faculty have the opportunity to transform their textbooks into affordable, no-cost and open educational resources—and you receive compensation for your efforts.

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

Featured Collection: Popular Reading

Please come by the Library to visit our popular reading collection! Located on the 1st floor near the Circulation Desk, you will find a variety of popular fiction and non-fiction offerings. It’s like visiting your favorite bookstore right here on campus!

Remember the Library cheerfully accepts donations from faculty and staff. Please bring in your favorites to share with others!
Meet our New Acquisitions Librarian, John Stephens

John comes to the GGC Library from a position as ILL Coordinator at Mercer Atlanta and, prior to that, worked at the Main Library at the University of Georgia. John has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in German, from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His graduate work includes a Master of Arts in German from the University of Georgia, and a Master of Science in Information Studies and Graduate Certificate in Digital Content Management from the University of North Texas.

As Acquisitions Librarian, John will be responsible for all acquisitions activity, including ordering faculty requests. Please stop by the Library and welcome John to GGC.

New EBSCO eBooks App

The Library now offers all of our EBSCO eBooks on your tablet or smartphone through the EBSCO eBook app! This new app enables easy discovery and download capabilities from the GGC EBSCO eBook collection. Titles are now available 24/7 on most devices. Please visit the EBSCO website for more information.

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 J. Downey at the Library Circulation Desk.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Catherine Downey or Gene Ruffin.

Request for Display Ideas

The Library is seeking ideas for displays. Are you planning a major class project or paper and want to have the Library curate a collection of resources for you and your students? Do you have a special interest in a certain genre or subject? Let us know! Displays we have done in the past include Banned Books Week, National Poetry Month and GLBT Book Month. Please send any ideas for displays to Kat Greer.

Contribute to the Library Fund!

You can now contribute to the Library Fund when you make a gift to the "We Are GGC" campaign. Simply enter Library Services Fund, ID# 64001.