Welcome from the Dean

As the new Dean of Library Services, I am very excited and pleased to be here! During my interview in October I witnessed the palpable energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to student success evident in the library and all over campus, and I knew I wanted to be a fellow partner and collaborator!

Kaufman Library has been committed to student success since its inception and continues to seek ways to meet student and faculty learning, teaching, and research needs. In this newsletter you will read about various ways this is being done including new resources available for checkout, information gained via the LibQUAL+® survey, student event participation, etc.

Your feedback regarding library resources, services, and space is always welcome. Please contact me or drop by the Library Administration Suite. I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Barb Mann
Dean of Library Services

GIL-Find Makeover Coming in May

The GIL-Find catalog will be getting a new look at the end of the semester. The new, responsive interface will combine robust searching features with modern usability and design expectations. To demonstrate the new interface and to answer your questions about library services, we will be scheduling open informational sessions starting in late April.
LibQUAL+® Survey Results

Over 1300 students, faculty, and staff took the LibQUAL+® library survey in the fall, providing valuable information for Kaufman Library moving forward. Some preliminary data from the survey shows that the most common concerns are related to the library website, access to electronic resources, and library spaces for study and collaboration.

There were also 552 comments posted on the survey. About half of the comments were extremely positive regarding the service provided by library staff, with typical comments saying, "Y'all are lit!" and "very great service." Areas of concern addressed by the comments include poor wireless, need for more study spaces/rooms, noise levels, better printing services, current hours, and more access to laptops/computers. Most comments regarding resources were positive. The library staff will be producing a more detailed report for the campus and will be following up on the data gleaned from the survey with more specific assessments, such as focus groups and more targeted short surveys, so as to better address campus concerns.

As a side note, the majority of student incentive prizes have been given out to the randomly-selected winners, but we are still trying to reach a couple of winners who are not answering their winning notifications. The LibQUAL+® survey is a valuable first step in developing a strong assessment model as we move forward.

New Library Services

Calculators and White Board Kits
The library is now circulating TI-83 Plus graphing calculators and white board kits consisting of dry erase markers and an eraser. Calculators and white board kits may be checked out for four hours and renewed once for a total of eight hours. Please stop by the Circulation Desk for more information.

Claw Card Machine
A machine for loading money onto Claw Cards was installed in the library on February 15. The machine is located on the first floor by the photocopier and DVD section.

Mobile White Boards
Coming soon! To better meet student study space needs, we will be adding mobile white boards to all three floors of the library. We encourage library users to move them around as they see fit.

Student Engagement Activities

Grizzly Days “Spin to Win”
As part of Grizzly Days at the beginning of fall semester, we hosted a “Spin to Win” activity in the covered area just outside of the library entrance and around 236 students participated. Through this activity, students were able to learn about library services and win a Kaufman Library t-shirt or various school supplies.

Screamnights Haunted Library Movie Night
During October, we partnered with Greenlight Activities Board to host a scary movie night in LVIS. One of the films selected was from our streaming resource Kanopy.
Student Engagement Activities (cont.)

Valentine’s Craft Table
During the week before Valentine’s Day, we made available crafting supplies on our display table for students to make Valentine’s letters. The Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) also contributed supplies for the table and collected letters for a local extended care facility.

#bookfacefriday
A type of photo that has fun with strategic book placement, “bookfaces” are posted on Instagram every Friday by libraries around the world and are a periodic feature on our account @ggclibrary. Feel free to submit your own “bookface” photos, and we’ll repost them.

Wordstock IV Returns in April
The library’s annual poetry festival Wordstock will return on Tuesday April 3, in celebration of National Poetry Month. Reader sign-up will begin in March, and students are encouraged to present their original poetry. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend the event, to witness the creativity unleashed at GGC. Wordstock IV will be held in the Heritage Lecture Room from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Upcoming Displays/Exhibits
- Brain Awareness Week with Dr. Rebecca Cooper (March 12-16)
- Gwinnett Bicentennial Exhibit (April 2-26)
- CREATE Symposium Art Display (April 2-26)
- Money Smart Week with the Office of Financial Aid (April 21-28)

Services for Faculty and Staff

Course Reserves
If you are interested in putting course materials on reserve in the library, please consult our Course Reserves Guide or contact Stephanie Bennett.

Donations
If you have materials that you are interested in donating to the Library, please contact Bethany Nash.

GeneralSpace, GGC’s Digital Repository
GeneralSpace is a program designed to gather and disseminate the digital scholarship and creative output of Georgia Gwinnett College and provides members of the GGC community with a permanent outlet for their endeavors to be discovered, cited, and recognized. Contact Catherine Downey for more details on how you can become a contributor.

GIL Express and Interlibrary Loan
Materials not available at the Kaufman Library may be requested through GIL Express or Interlibrary Loan. Ask us how you can have items delivered to GGC!
Services for Faculty and Staff (cont.)

Your Library Account

You may check your library account online at gilfind.ggc.edu to view your current loans and renew eligible loans. If you are a new staff or faculty member, please stop by the Circulation Desk to fill out a patron registration form.

Faculty Publications in the Library Collection

We are always proud to add the published works of GGC faculty and staff to our collection. Please let us know of your publication by filling out the materials purchase request form located on the library website under services.

The following items with GGC faculty or staff contributors have been added to the Kaufman Library collection since July 1, 2017:


Staffing Updates

Barbara J. Mann, Dean of Library Services

Barbara J. (Barb) Mann comes to Georgia Gwinnett College with 21 years of experience as an academic librarian, 12 of them in library administration. She began her career as a reference and instruction librarian at Emory University. While not an Atlanta native, she moved to the metro area while in high school. She has published and presented on a variety of topics including information literacy, federal and international government and non-governmental information, assessment, and distance learning. While at the University of Maryland University College, in addition to her library administration position, she also served as an adjunct associate professor/adjunct professor, teaching a distance learning library research methods course through the Graduate School. Barb received her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. She is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. Barb may be reached at 678-407-5178 or bmann@ggc.edu.
Staffing Updates (cont.)

Joye Cauthen, Acquisitions Librarian
Joye joined the Collections team as the Acquisitions Librarian last fall. Before that she served as Administrative Assistant III for the library administrative office. She loves her work to expand important resources that help our students reach their fullest potential and is thrilled to serve the library in this way. Joye holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University and is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. Joye may be reached at 678-407-5096 or jcauthen2@ggc.edu.

Leslie Wilson, Administrative Assistant III
Leslie joined us at the Kaufman Library in January 2018 with a strong background in corporate communications and a passion for all forms of effective and creative expression. Working for many years as an Executive Producer for major corporate clients across the country, she has executed strategic sales meetings for Coca-Cola, coordinated new product launches for Eli Lilly, and helped to develop new branding campaigns for Honda Power Equipment, to name a few. Leslie is whole-heartedly a life-long learner, and she truly finds joy in expanding her horizons and cultivating her mind with enriching experiences. She is enthusiastic to be working in the library and finds Georgia Gwinnett College to be a stimulating environment in which she is surrounded by limitless innovation and inspiring diversity. Leslie may be reached at 678-407-5118 or lwilson20@ggc.edu.

Sala Shierling, Reference Librarian
Sala joined the library as a part-time reference librarian in October of 2017. Formerly of Agnes Scott College and Emory University, she is a seasoned reference and instruction librarian with 15 years of experience in higher education. For the last five years she worked with Kindergarten – 8th graders at a metro-Atlanta school which ignited a love for children’s literature, sparking a writing hobby, and renewing her passion for guiding students (of any age) through the information gathering and evaluating process. Sala received her Master of Library Science from Florida State University. She may be reached at sshierling@ggc.edu or at the reference desk on the second floor of the Kaufman Library.

Kimberly High, Library Assistant I
Born and raised in Georgia, Kimberly is a current resident of Loganville. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Psychology. Her love for books, knowledge, the opportunity to learn, and the learning environment led her interest to library science. In her free time, Kimberly loves to read, journal, and exercise. She currently serves as a part-time library assistant in Access Services.

Stephen Antczak, Library Assistant I
Stephen Antczak has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Kennesaw State University and is currently taking an online Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Kentucky. He has had numerous articles published by NextAvenue.org, a PBS-affiliated web site, as well as published short stories in paperback and hardcover anthologies, small press magazines, and for other web sites. He currently serves as a part-time library assistant in Access Services.
Scholarship and Creative Activities


Cauthen, J. B. (2017, October). *Storytelling, its value in the classroom*. Poster session presented at the Teaching and Learning Summit, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.


