Santa and his Elves need YOUR help!

Share the gift of learning this Holiday season with the residents of ATLANTA CHILDREN’S SHELTER
A day shelter for homeless children

Gift Items:
* Adult and Children Books
* Building & Stacking Toys
* Books/Markers/Stickers
* Back Packs
* Coloring Books/Crayons/Puzzles
* Arts & Crafts Supplies
* School Supplies
* Videos with Educational/Positive Themes for Ages 2 – 16

Please place items in the library’s donation boxes-located in the rotunda. Donations will be accepted through December 17th.

For additional information please contact Staff Activities Committee members:
Karen Manning (404)894-4523 or Jackie Boyd (404)894-4521

DECEMBER Birthdays

DECEMBER 2
Sonia Roy

DECEMBER 5
Brian Mathews

DECEMBER 7
Katherine Norris

DECEMBER 9
Cathy Carpenter

DECEMBER 11
Bridgette Westbrooks

DECEMBER 17
Carolyn Gill

DECEMBER 20
Miriam Drake

Shedonna Williams
Information Procurement

Please congratulate and welcome Rubye Cross into her new position as Periodicals Librarian in the Information Procurement Department. Rubye interviewed for the position on November 10 and will officially start in her new position December 1. She has 16 years of experience in libraries, with 10 years in serials work. Rubye completed her MLS degree in May of this year from Clark Atlanta University, and also holds an M.A. in Business Management from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Any questions about the status of periodicals, please feel free to ask Rubye.

Special Formats & Maps

Special Format and Maps Department would like to wish each department within the library the best of the up and coming holiday season

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Introducing SMARTech

Scholarly Materials And Research @ Georgia Tech

SMARTech, the university digital repository established by the Digital Initiatives and Systems departments, was launched in August 2004. Progress so far:

- 8 communities and 11 collections established within SMARTech
- 145,500 hits for the month of October
- 3051 accessible items within the repository
- 2571 IPST project report records migrated & edited from the IPST catalog
- 1864 individual authors
- 404 Technical Reports from GVU entered by Digital Initiatives
- Received self-submitted items from Center for Assistive Technology & Environmental Access, Center for Experimental Research in Computer Systems, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, College of Architecture, and College of Management
- Created partnerships with School of Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Human Center Computing. Will receive items from the HCC & ECE DSpace implementations in Spring 2005.
- Provide training & documentation to departments for self-submission

Currently, we are developing a method for making electronic theses and dissertations available through SMARTech. We have received a grant to purchase 2,700 dissertations from UMI ProQuest for the years 1968 – 2003 and to digitize the pre-1968 dissertations held in our collections. SMARTech is being harvested by Google, and will soon be searchable by Google Scholar.

Find out more about SMARTech at http://smartech.gatech.edu
New Faces

Brian Mathews
Brian joins Information Services Department as the Distance Learning Services and Mechanical Engineering Librarian. Brian previously worked as a reference and instruction librarian at the George Washington University’s Virginia Campus, where he served a liaison to the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Brian also served as interim web services coordinator for the library system. Aside from his reference responsibilities, Brian also contributed to marketing, assessment, and strategic planning initiatives.
Prior to GWU, Brian worked at the University of Central Florida Library in both the reference and circulation departments. He started as a student assistant discharging andreshelving books, then worked as a circulation desk supervisor and finally as a member of the Ask A Librarian reference team.
Outside of work, Brian attempts to play golf and is a fan of college sports. He also dabbles with web development and computers and is an avid reader ranging from the classics to cyberpunk.

Kent Woynowski
Kent joins the Archives Staff as Digital Collections Archivist from the Digital Manuscript Program of the National Library of Medicine, where he worked on Profiles in Science (http://www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov/), a digitization project of the papers of prominent twentieth-century biomedical scientists and public health figures such as former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, and Nobel laureates Linus Pauling and Francis Crick.
Kent earned his bachelor’s degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and his master’s degree in library science, with an emphasis in archives, from Simmons College in Boston. He has also taken courses at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, and the College of Information Science & Technology at Drexel University in Philadelphia.
Kent and his wife Leslie have relocated from the Washington, DC area and are making themselves at home in Atlanta.

Christine de Cantanzaro
Christine de Catanzaro joins the Archives Department as Access Archivist. Here is a little more about Christine:
I came to the archival profession about eight years ago, after a career as a musician and music historian. I’m a Certified Archivist with training from the Georgia Archives Institute and the University of South Carolina. I have a B.A. in Modern History from the University of Toronto, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Music History from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. Before coming to Tech, I worked in the Special Collections Department at Georgia State, first in the Popular Music Collection and later as one of the processing archivists. I am married to Jay Bolter, Wesley Professor of New Media in LCC, and we have one 14-year-old son, David. When I’m not working, I enjoy music, gardening, and traveling with my family.
Mark Your Calenders!

The Library’s Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 16 from 3pm - 4:30pm in the Neely Lobby and Gallery.

For all those creative souls who participated in the Halloween costume contest, thank you for your contribution to a fun day. We hope that this is the beginning of a great tradition and that many more will find their costume next year.

We are pleased to announce that the costume judges were hard pressed to make a decision. There were many excellent entrants and several quite creative. In the judges’ opinion, those that come closest to parody of real life at Ga Tech deserved the award. It was a close call, but Marion the Librarian (Stephanie Morris) won out over the Ga Techie student (Joel Linderman) and the fictional character Heidi (Crystal Renfro) by just an inch. So, first place went to Stephanie.

Judging contests like this always makes me wish I had several first place awards. Hopefully next year we’ll need even more.

Thanks again to all the participants.

Rich Meyer

2004 LibQUAL+ Survey Results

The “2004 LibQUAL+ Survey” results, executive summary, comments & Library responses is available at: http://www.library.gatech.edu/about_us/libqual/.

The “Comments & Library Responses” information for several areas is not available as yet and will be posted when it’s ready. The 2003 data is still available. The link is found at the bottom of the 2004 Executive Summary page.

Brown Bag Offerings

OOD offers a series of FREE lunchtime presentations/lectures on a variety of topics of interest to the campus community. http://www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/brownbag.asp