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## A Word from the Dean



*Diane Dates Casey*

### What's New at the University Library?

Although the sultry days of summer linger, the Fall Trimester at Governors State University is well underway. The University Library and its staff are here to assist you with your class assignment and research needs. The library is your one-stop shop for assistance in your academic endeavors. With expert library staff available to help you with your search for information, Writing Center tutors to give assistance on focusing your topic, computers with all of the software you're looking for, you can only come out a winner.

What's new in the library? We have two new members of our library staff – Michel Nguessan (the Digital Applications and Systems Librarian) and Pam Taylor (Library Technical Assistant I in Acquisitions/Serial). Art-o-mat resides in its new home close to the library entrance. Purchase small pieces of original art created by artists worldwide, and packaged in cigarette pack-sized boxes. Art-o-mat Tokens can be bought for \$5 at the Circulation Desk. Speaking of Circulation Desk, it will be replaced during the month of October.

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## Library User Satisfaction Survey

*Beth Hansen*

There is still time! Your opinions really do matter to us. If you haven't already filled out the Library's 2005 User Satisfaction Survey, please go to the Library

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website at <http://www.govst.edu/survey/> and share your opinions with us. After you fill out the survey, be sure to enter the weekly drawing for a \$50.00 Borders Gift Card. Drawings are being held in the library each Monday at 4 p.m. from September 29 through October 31. You need not be present to win. Please enter only once!

The last library survey took place during Fall Trimester, 2003 and we are still working on some of the suggestions made at that time. Changes that were made as a result of your opinions from the last survey include the following:

- Covered drinks are now allowed in the library
- Library closing time was extended to 10:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday
- Sunday hours were changed to 1–5 p.m.
- Areas in the library were designated for Quiet Study and for Group Study
- More instructional workshops are offered on a regular basis
- The Interlibrary Loan form was revised to make it easier to use and to provide more information about how Interlibrary Loan works
- VCRs for viewing videos were moved to a more private location
- Many outdated volumes were withdrawn from the collection
- A Large map of the library was created & located near the front door
- Photocopiers were replaced with new & improved models
- Washrooms were refurbished
- We're working on providing printing capability for laptops
- We're working on getting increased funding for new books & videos

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## Library Welcomes New Employees

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

**Pam Taylor**

Pam joined our team in the Acquisitions Department in August. Her primary responsibilities include ordering materials for the University Library, coordinating gifts to the library, and managing the book sale materials. She has a BA in Psychology from GSU and has taken classes at South Suburban College and Moraine Valley Community College.

She was a kindergarten teacher and currently supplements her free time by working at the Midlothian Public Library. Pam is also a licensed foster parent. Her hobbies include the hobbies of her 7 children, genealogy, reading, camping, and collecting frogs – not real ones!



### **Michel Nguessan**

Michel joined the library as its Head of Library & Academic Technology in July. His responsibilities include coordination of digital applications development, library systems, and supervision of library computer support. In addition to his Master of Science in Library Information degree, he also holds a Master's Degree in Software Engineering, a Ph.D. in French Linguistics, an MA in English Linguistics, and a BA in English Literature & Linguistics.

His previous positions include Digital Librarian/Research Assistant at Windsor Public Library; Systems Analyst at Spicer Corporation in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; Project Analyst at Dn & Bradstreet in Canada and Translator at Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria. Michel has 2 children Sandra (7 years old) and Linda (5 years old). His hobbies include reading, writing, storytelling, and jogging.

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## **Fond Farewell After 30 Years of Service**



On August 31, Josephine Wiater retired from the University Library. Jo, as she is known to most of the staff and her many friends, had been with the Library for 30 years. She began as stacks supervisor in the Circulation Department and retired as a Library Technical Assistant III in the Catalog Department. She was active in beautifying the library, looking for posters and working with our Serials and Acquisitions Librarian, and the

Director's Office on getting the posters framed and up on the walls.

Jo has been married to her husband, Richard, for 44 years. They have 3 daughters, Lisa, Laura, and Kim, and a son, Adam. They also have 3 grandchildren. Jo and Richard are planning a trip to Canada upon retirement. Jo also plans a trip to California for a Paul McCartney concert later this year; she is an avid Beatles and Elvis fan! Definitely a child of the 60's!

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## **New Business E-Books Available in NetLibrary**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

As a result of a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant awarded by the Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White in the amount of \$4,000, we now have new electronic books in the area of business. The books can be viewed by going to the Databases A-Z Listing and selecting NetLibrary. Lydia Morrow Ruetten was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

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## **Library Auction**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

The University Library is continuing to accept donations for a Library Auction. Items to be auctioned include coffee table books, figurines, and other items the library has received as gifts that cannot be added to the collection. Monies from the auction will be used for programs to showcase the National Library of Medicine's traveling exhibit, "Changing the Face of Medicine," which the library is honored to host April 25-June 8, 2007. Please drop off your gift items to Lydia Morrow Ruetten in the library. All donations will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

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## **Book Sale**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

The library has two bookcases of book sale materials. Hardbound books cost \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$.50. Feel free to stop in and browse. New items are added weekly.

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## **GSU Library Mugs**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

Since the library is allowing covered beverages (except at the computer stations), we are offering covered mugs for \$5.00. The mugs are available in black or white, and come with a coaster. Both items sport the new library logo, website address, and reference desk phone number. The cafeteria generously agreed to provide a coupon for one free 16 oz. regular coffee or fountain drink. In addition, if you bring your library mug to the cafeteria for 16 oz. regular coffee or fountain drink purchases, you will be given a \$.20 discount (\$.75 rather than \$.95). Mugs may be purchased at the Library Reference Desk.

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## **New Research Tools Implemented**

*Paul Blobaum*

The University Library is in the process of implementing two powerful research tools which will revolutionize library research at Governors State. The first tool is a federated search engine provided by Webfeat, a search platform provider located in Seattle, Washington. The Webfeat search engine is currently in beta testing and can be accessed by clicking the icon on the "Journals/Databases A-Z" pages. A federated search engine will enable the library researcher to conduct an information search across most of the library's databases and the catalog through a single search engine.

The second research tool anticipated later in 2005 is a link resolving tool, which will enable the researcher to link from an icon in search results records lists directly to the needed resource's end location. Full text articles will be cross linked from a variety of vendors and locally archived GSU resources, and to interlibrary loan request forms if the material is not available locally. We

anticipate that researchers may be able to spend less time hunting for library materials, and more time studying them!

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## Grants Information Service

*Paul Blobaum*

The Library's Grants Information Service enters its third year this fall. This service provides faculty and staff with a variety of information services including email alerts of grant opportunities, and librarian consultation services for researching grant opportunities. More information, including a brochure, can be found at [www.govst.edu/library/grant](http://www.govst.edu/library/grant) . Complete the survey form if you would like to be added to the email alert list, or if your interests have changed.

### Library Awarded \$7,000 ICCMP/CARLI Grant

The Library was recently awarded \$7,000 in collection development funds from the CARLI (formerly ICCMP) consortium. Paul Blobaum, Assistant Professor and Health Professions librarian was the author of two proposals which partnered with other academic libraries in Illinois to develop subject specific research resources.

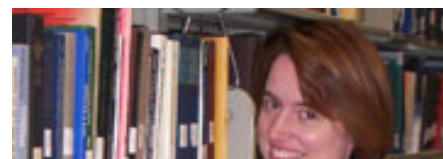
The first grant, "Health Disparities," is for \$4,000, and is part of a partnership in developing statewide collections in the allied health professions subject area. Collection development activities at the University Library will focus on recent books, which address health disparities, minority health, barriers to healthcare, and cultural competencies in healthcare professionals, with focus given to subjects related to the College of Health Professions programs at Governors State.

The second grant is part of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources partnership, to develop resources, which will enhance research in the field. Three thousand dollars was awarded to Governors State to build a collection of research materials for GLBT health services research, and the information needs of healthcare professionals working with GLBT persons.

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## Who's in the Stacks?



*Susan Bell*

Hearing strange noises in the stacks? Especially the J's through the Z's? Don't be alarmed. It's just the Information Organization Services staff taking inventory. This year we are able to take inventory with a laptop and a bar code reader, just like they do at Walmart. So if you see a friendly face out there with a bar code reader in hand, don't be alarmed, it's just one of us taking inventory.



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## Ten New Titles for Fall 2005

*Helen Benos*

### **THE ANXIETIES OF AFFLUENCE**

Critiques of American Consumer Culture, 1939-1979  
Daniel Horowitz  
HC110C6.H577 2004

### **BILL CLINTON**

An American Journey  
Nigel Hamilton  
E886.H361 2003

### **EVERYDAY GENIUS**

Self-Taught Art and the Culture of Authenticity  
Gary Alan Fine  
NH32.5.A78F56 2004

### **LIFESTYLE MARKETING**

Reaching the New American Consumer  
Ronald D. Michman, Edward M. Mazze, and Alan J. Grece  
HF5415.I27M535 2003

### **THE NEW DIVISION OF LABOR**

How Computers are Creating the Next Job Market  
Frank Levy and Richard J. Murnane  
HC110.CY6H577 2004

### **PULP FICTIONS OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND**

Essays in Popular Romance  
Nicola McDonald, Ed.



PR321.P85 2004

**THE SECOND CITY**

An Almanac of Improvisation

Anne Libera

PN2071.I5S43 2004

**SHAME AND GUILT**

June Price Tangney and Ronda L. Dearing

BF575.S45T36 2002

**SIMPLY BETTER**

Winning and Keeping customers by Delivering What Matters Most

Patrick Barwise and Sean Meehan

HG5415.335B37 2004

**THROUGH THE SCREEN DOOR**

What Happened to the Broadway Musical When It Went to Hollywood

THOMAS S. HISCHAK

ML1711.H42 2004

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