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A Word from the Dean

What's New at the University Library?

Fall Trimester is well underway. Already students are busily at work in the University Library on homework and research assignments. Some bring their own laptops and enjoy the free wireless access to the Internet; others take advantage of the many up-to-date computer workstations. During the summer, the number of workstations jumped by a dozen. By the end of October, Microsoft Office 2007 applications will be available on the library's fifty-four public workstations. Our librarians are in the process of revising their subject pages on the library website with more information about how to find different types of information in a specific discipline or subject area.

Congratulations are in order for Associate Professor and Librarian Paul Blobaum who was recently elected President of the Faculty Senate. Moreover, Professor Blobaum was chosen to participate in the first Regional ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication set for December 5-7. Assistant Professor and Librarian Michel Nguessan will be moderating three sessions at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in Seattle, WA from Oct. 24-26. Additionally, Dr. Nguessan will be presenting a paper at the International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, & Society in Boston early next year.

New Databases in Library

Students and faculty should check into the University Library’s exciting new databases: CQ Researcher, Proquest Accounting & Tax with Standards, MarketLine Business Information Center, ISI Emerging Markets, Historical Statistics of the United States, Tests in Print, and Sage Criminology. Each of these databases is accessible through the “Journals and Databases A-Z” page on the Library’s website.

CQ Researcher

CQ Researcher is noted for its comprehensive reporting and analysis of issues
in the news, with coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. Each report provides an introductory overview, background and chronology of the topic, an assessment of the current situation, tables and maps, pro/con statements from members of opposing positions, and bibliographies of key sources.

**Proquest Accounting & Tax with Standards**

International in scope, this database includes authoritative journal literature in accounting, tax, and related topics such as auditing, compensation, pensions, and financial management, and merges this with the full text of the most-used accounting standards, interpretations, and other authoritative texts from the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). This database is available through Proquest.

**MarketLine Business Information Center**

MarketLine offers over 10,000 Company Profiles, more than 2,000 Industry Profiles, and over 50 Country Profiles. Company Profiles include overviews, business descriptions, company history, executive listings, product listings, locations, news and commentary. In many cases, a Company Profile also includes a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). Industry Profiles offer data on key industrial and consumer sectors across the world’s leading economies and contain historical and forecast market values, market segmentations, company and/or product market shares, major trends, and analysis. Country Profiles give you quick access to country data points, trends and analysis, including a description of the country’s economic performance and GDP, assessment of the potential for development, and analysis of the country’s business environment.

**ISI Emerging Markets**

Emerging Markets offers more than 15,000 local and international sources providing access to information from more than 83 emerging markets in Asia, Oceania, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

**Historical Statistics of the United States**

Eleven years in the making, Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition, reflects 30 years of new data, with topics ranging from migration and health to crime and the Confederate States of America, each placed in historical context. Users can not only view data, but are able to graph individual tables, and create customized tables and spreadsheets.

**Tests in Print**

Tests in Print is a comprehensive bibliography of all known commercially available tests that are currently in print in the English language. TIP provides vital information to users including test purpose, test publisher, in-print status, price, test acronym, intended test population, administration times, publication date(s), and test author(s). Tests in Print also serves as a cross reference and companion to The Mental Measurements Yearbook. Both databases are available through EBSCO.
Criminology


Friends Corner

Friends of the GSU Library

Ralph Ginn

To all the faculty, students, and community of Governor's State University - Find out what's the hottest group on campus; it is the Friends of the Library. Our programs, events and social gatherings will stimulate your intellect and help the University Library continue their quest.

Friends Quilt

Susan Bell

The Friends are handcrafting a bookshelf quilt to hang prominently in our library. Remember a certain occasion or honor someone special by making a donation of $50. If you have a favorite piece of material to be used, we would be happy to use it (3” by 12” minimum please). If you would like more information, check out our website at: www.govst.edu/library/friends or contact Susan at 235-7500. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Lighted Magnifier

Lydia Morrow Ruetten

Don’t see as well as you used to? Well, we don’t either! The Friends have lighted magnifiers at the reference desk for a donation of $8. There are several designs to choose from and they make great gifts.

Friends of Mysteries

Becky Nugent

Please join The Friends of Mysteries on Tuesday, October 16 at noon in the cafeteria annex to discuss Possession by A.S. Byatt. Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, author of Contemporary Feminist Historical Crime Fiction will lead our discussion. This literary mystery is on reserve at the University Library. One reader describes Possession as “combining poetry, romance, and a detective story.” This reader continues, “while the subject is academic, the prose is lively and engaging and you can’t wait to see what will happen next.” Please join us for a lively talk. If you are really, really interested in this book, you may want to read A.S. Byatt’s Possession: A Reader’s Guide by Catherine Burgass. Friends of Mysteries is sponsored by the Friends of the GSU Library and meets
monthly during the academic year. Come and help us select our next mystery.

**Children’s Authors Wannabes**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

At our August meeting we had Matt Ambre, an illustrator, bring in lots of his art work and shared with us his experiences working with authors. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23 at noon on the Library Balcony. We have invited a local publisher to give us insights from the publisher’s point of view.

**Novel Writers**

*Valerie J. Nicholas-Hughes*

Are you crafty and creative?

Do you have a quirky sense of humor?

Do you have a flare for the dramatics?

Are you a hopeless romantic?

Is your flight of fancy for science-fiction, suspense, and mystery?

Let’s get together and explore the possibilities of becoming Knock-out Novel Writers.

For more information, contact Val at (708) 235-7502 or V-Hughes@govst.edu.

**Friends of the GSU Library (FGSUL) Historical Society to be Formed**

*Eric Nicholson*

Do you have a passion for historical inquiry? Is there something you always wanted to know or tell about your personal, family, local, regional, national, ethnic, sacred, or natural heritage? Do you sometimes wonder how the disciplines you study, practice, and profess came to be what they are today? Would you care to share your quest with the rest of us?

A university library is an invaluable resource for the collection, preservation, arrangement, and dissemination of historical information. Perhaps a few good friends working together can help the Governors State University Library resource inform our wider communities with the rich legacy of our shared pasts.

FGSUL has formally approved of this interest grouping so the first formative meeting will be held on the balcony in the library from 12 to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9. “Let’s make a little history!” Please contact Eric Nicholson with any ideas you want on the agenda of our inaugural discussion. I can be reached at (708) 235-7508 or e-nicholson@govst.edu

**Art Show/Book Sale**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

The Friends hosted an art show and book sale on September 19.
Approximately 75 people attended and $137.86 was raised during the book sale and $70 in two new memberships. Faye Zalecki displayed her works and donated an “item of choice” to the highest bidder at our future auction. Thanks Faye and everyone that attended making this a great success!

And the Winner Is...

Diane Dates Casey

Congratulations to Sarah and Charlie Wegley on winning the Welcome Week contest.

Sarah and her son, Charlie, set up the library table as a race track which included various library services. As a result, the library staff enjoyed a yummy pizza party. Thanks, Sarah and Charlie!

Who am I?

Nancy Shlaes & Erin Engelbrecht

As the library reviews donations to the archives department, we occasionally come across an item that requires your assistance.

If you think you know who it is, please email us at l-refere@govst.edu! The archival maven says they were taken in 1985.

Free Computer Workshops

Helen Benos & Linda Geller

The library is continuing the tradition of offering free computer workshops to the faculty, staff, and community of Governors State University. We will be
offering Basic and Intermediate Excel, PowerPoint, APA Style Citations, and Formatting Papers in APA Style. In addition to the aforementioned workshops, we will be offering some new and exciting workshops such as Learn About Facebook & YouTube, What are Blogs? & Create a Blog, and What are RSS Feeds? & Subscribe to an Aggregator.

The workshop schedule is updated frequently and can be accessed from the library’s homepage.

Please join us in D2401B from 2 to 4 p.m. for the workshop of your choice.

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**Citations Formatted Automatically with RefWorks**

*Paul Blobaum*

The library subscribes to RefWorks, a web-based bibliography and citation database manager. RefWorks’ Write-N-Cite feature enables you to write research papers in the correct publication format, using citations from your own personal database folder. Personal citation databases are created by exporting citations from online databases such as the GSU Library Catalog, or databases such as CINAHL and Academic Search Premier.

More information, Quick Start guides, and online narrated tutorials are available on the RefWorks Information Page on the library’s Journals/Databases A-Z list.


OFF CAMPUS (GSU Faculty, Staff, and Students only): You will need a Group Code, available upon request.

Online tutorials are available on the RefWorks web page under.

The next library workshop for RefWorks is on November 14.

Questions? Contact Paul Blobaum, Assistant Professor [p-blobaum@govst.edu](mailto:p-blobaum@govst.edu)

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**Ten New Titles**

*Helen Benos*

CRIMINOLOGY
An Interdisciplinary Approach
Walsh, Anthony, & Lee Ellis
HV6025.W3653 2007

EXPLORATION IN CRIMINAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
Clinical Syndromes with Forensic Implications
Schlesinger, Louis B., Editor
HV608.E885 2007

GLOBAL CHALLENGES
War, Self-Determination and Responsibility for Justice
Young, Iris Marion
JZ1318.Y582007

HULL-HOUSE MAPS AND PAPERS
Residents of Hull-House
HV4196.C4H76 2007

INFORMANTS AND UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATIONS
A Practical Guide to Law, Policy, and Procedure
Fitzgerald, Dennis G.
KF9665.F584 2007

LOOK BOTH WAYS
Help Protect Your Family on the Internet
Criddle, Linda
HQ784.I58C752006

MESSAGE CONTROL
How News is Made on the Presidential Campaign Trail
Skewes, Elizabeth A.
JK528S57 2007

POLICE TECHNOLOGY
Foster, Raymond E.
HV7936.A8F67 2005

SHADOWED LIVES
Undocumented Immigrants in American Society
Chavez, Leo R.
JV6926.S26C43 1998

TARGETED
Homeland Security and the Business of Immigration
Fernandes, Deepa
JV6483.F47 2007

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