Letter from the Dean

Hello Colleagues,

I am pleased to introduce the Spring Issue of the GGC Library Newsletter. As with this Fall’s issue you will find the Spring edition packed full of useful information regarding library services. Please review it and if you have any questions use the hyperlinked contacts or contact one of us.

One article I would like to point out covers the new Affordable Learning Georgia initiative, which is investigating ways to identify, promote and create quality affordable educational resources for USG faculty and students.

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 about the Library or its services please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gene Ruffin
Information For New Faculty

My Library Account
At this time, all new faculty and staff must have their library account manually created in our system. At your convenience, 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. Here you can renew any items that you have checked out as well as lookup the GALILEO password (required for off-campus access to library resources).

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 our electronic request form.

Course Reserves
Faculty may put items on course reserve for use in the Library or electronic reserve for use on campus or off. Stop by the Circulation Desk to fill out the required forms or submit the electronic forms 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 the circulating print material at all USG libraries. You may search at other USG institutions via the Universal Catalog.

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

Spring Hours

Main Library
- Monday – Thursday: 7 am – 10 pm
- Friday: 7 am – 6 pm
- Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm
- Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm

B Info Commons
- Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 6 pm
- Friday: 8 am – 4 pm
- Saturday: Unstaffed
- Sunday: Unstaffed

The Den (A-1510)
- Monday – Thursday: 7:45 am – 8 pm
- Friday: 7:45 am – 4 pm
- Saturday: 7:45 am – 11 am
- Sunday: Closed
For the month of February we will be featuring a display on the film *Selma* and the events that it portrays. Referring to recent controversy about the historical accuracy of the film, we are encouraging students to do their own research and fact-checking by consulting relevant print and electronic resources. Along with the physical display, which features items available for checkout, we have a [Selma LibGuide](#) that links to several electronic databases where students can find resources for their research.

Please encourage your students to visit the display and to consider films such as *Selma* and the historical events that inspire them.
Looking for low or no cost textbooks options? Take a look at Affordable Learning Georgia.

Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) 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

- A California State University-MERLOT partner benefit service

(Source: Affordable Learning Georgia, About Us, accessed 2/5/2014)

In December 2014, ALG sponsored an invitational Symposium on the Future of the Textbook 2014. The symposium archive includes presentations on An Economic Analysis of the Market for Textbooks (PDF), Affordability and Student Success (PDF), Open Education: The Moral, Business, & Policy Case for OER (PDF), and case studies from USG institutions.

For additional information, contact Gene Ruffin, Library Dean and ALG Campus Champion or Patti Lee, Head of Research Services and ALG Library Coordinator.
Who’s New?

Angela Dixon, Reference Librarian
A returning Grizzly, Angela previously worked as a Library Assistant I in Access Services. She holds a M.L.I.S., a B.S. in Technical and Professional Communication, and an A.A.S. in Electronics Engineering. Before pursuing her second career as a Librarian, Angela worked for 14 years as a Broadcast Engineer.

Lydia Hofstetter, Resource Management Librarian
Lydia joined our Collections Department at the end of October. She comes to us from Georgia Northwestern Technical College. Lydia holds a M.L.I.S. from University of Alabama and a B.A. in History from Oglethorpe University.

Rebekah Fannin, Library Assistant I
As a former Student Assistant, Rebekah is thrilled to be returning as a Library Assistant I. She graduated in December from GGC with a B.S. in Psychology and plans to begin her Masters in Library and Information Science this Fall.

Contact Us

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Library Website!
The library website is looking a little different nowadays. We’ve added some new features, such as a single search interface on the landing page and a re-organized site layout. We hope these changes will result in both improved usability and functionality. Look for even more changes as we hope to continually implement improvements.

Faculty Purchase Requests!
Interested in requesting an addition to the collection at GGC Library? Send an email to Head of Collections Vicki Parsons. Please include as much information as possible on the title, author, edition, and any pertinent notes, so we’re sure to know the exact item you are requesting. Also add a brief explanation as to why you are requesting said item. You will be notified very quickly of the dispensation of your request. Become an active participant in the collection at YOUR Library!