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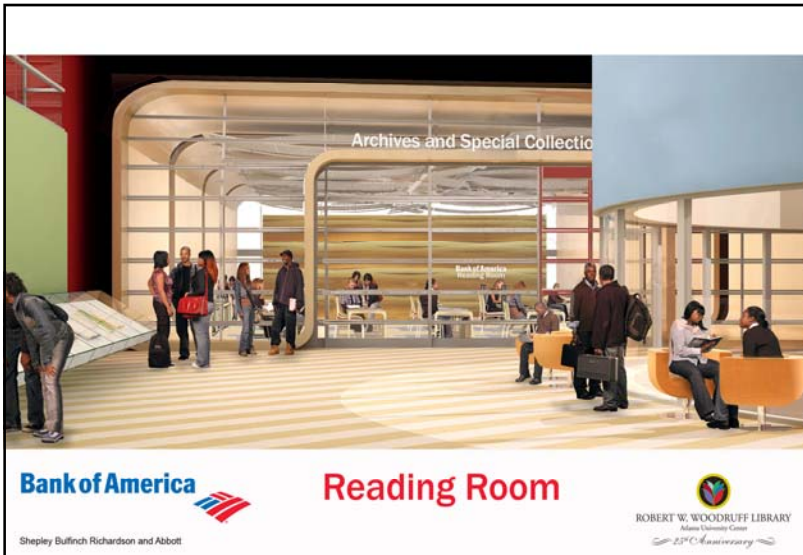
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Woodruff Library Launches 25th Anniversary Celebration with \$1 Million Gift From Bank of America!



Conceptual drawing of the upgraded Archives & Special Collections Reading Room

Kenneth D. Lewis, chairman and chief executive officer of Bank of America Corp., today announced a \$1 million donation from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center (AUC).

Lewis announced the gift during a celebration marking the Library's 25th anniversary. Woodruff CEO and Library Director **Loretta Parham** and Board of Trustees Chair and **Spelman College** President **Dr. Beverly D. Tatum** accepted the gift on behalf of the Library's Board of Trustees, its staff, member institutions and the students and faculty they serve. **Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin** was special guest speaker for the event.

Parham said the \$1 million gift, which will be used to upgrade the Archives and Special Collections areas, will allow the Library to take a major step in its efforts to create a 21st century teaching and learning environment for Atlanta University Center students and faculty.

"The information seeking behaviors of the 21st century student require different resources and spaces for instruction and research," she said. "This generous gift from Bank of America will allow us to start the improvement of Library spaces, specifically the Archives & Special Collections reading room. Historically, the AUC has served as a touchstone for social, intellectual and economic progress within the

City of Atlanta. It is fitting that Bank of America's contribution will support enhancements to the Archives & Special Collections reading room that makes historical records and artifacts chronicling those activities accessible to the public."

With the theme, "Preserving the Past for the Future," the Library will celebrate its heritage in coming months with activities that provide opportunities for collaboration with AUC students and faculty.

On April 23, 2007—25 years to the day the Woodruff Library of AUC was dedicated—the Library will sponsor a celebration designed to encourage the AUC community to share in commemorating this 25-year collaboration of the member schools.

Anyone interested in planning or participating in anniversary activities should contact Adrian Carver, Communications Manager, at acarver@aucr.edu or 404-978-2114.

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CAU's Delta Sigma Theta Chapter Donates Collection to RWWL Archives



It's all smiles for Curator of Archives and Manuscripts **Andrea Jackson** (far left) and the ladies of CAU's Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta as they celebrated the donation of the organization's historical documents and artifacts to the Woodruff Library's Archives & Special Collections.

On January 22, Clark Atlanta University's Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., became the first AUC fraternity or sorority to designate the Archives & Special Collections of the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) as the new home of its historical documents and artifacts.

Founded in May 1931 on the campus of Clark College, Sigma Chapter was the first Delta Sigma

Theta chapter established in the South. The scrapbooks, photos and other memorabilia in the initial collection donated to RWWL Archives & Special Collections chronicles decades of Sigma activities.

Ashley Walton, current Sigma Chapter president said the group decided to donate the items after learning how RWWL's Archives and Special Collections could

preserve the documents, while also providing public access to anyone interested in learning more about Sigma Chapter.

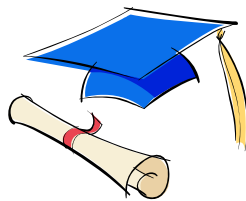
"Delta Sigma Theta has a strong alumni membership in the Atlanta area and we hope our sisters will visit the Archives and view Sigma Chapter's collection," said Walton. "We also hope other AUC Greek-letter organizations will follow our lead and donate their historical items to the Woodruff Library Archives."

Andrea Jackson, RWWL's Curator of Archives and Manuscripts, helped facilitate the Chapter's donation and believes the collection will be a valuable research tool.

"We are excited that the ladies of Sigma Chapter are donating their archives documenting seventy-five years of service to the AUC community," she said. "We hope this is the first of many archives established at Woodruff by Greek organizations."

WOODRUFF SCHOLARS

Roni Glover, Reference Librarian/Coordinator, successfully defended her dissertation, completing the final requirement for a doctorate in Social Work Education with an emphasis in public health from Clark Atlanta University. Her dissertation focuses on social support and its influence on the delay of treatment among African-American lymphoma patients considered for bone marrow transplantation.



In March, an article authored by **Meredith E. Evans**, Curator of Printed Materials in Archives & Special Collections, will appear in the international journal *The Serials Librarian*. The article,

"Digitization of African American Publications," focuses on using digitization to preserve historical documents chronicling the African American experience.

Woodruff CEO & Library Director **Loretta Parham** and Assistant Director for Planning & Assessment **Carolyn Hart** recently co-authored, "Redesigning Services at The Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, Inc." The article, published by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), chronicles the development of a transformational strategy and implementation plan to improve Library services and resources.

Gail McClenney, Deputy Library Director, has been selected to attend the prestigious Frye Leadership Institute to be held June 3-14 at Emory University.

The Institute is designed to develop creative leaders to guide and transform academic information services for higher education in the 21st century.

Andrea Jackson, Curator of Archives and Manuscripts in Archives & Special Collections was a co-presenter for a session titled, "Reflections on Building a Collaborative Model for the HBCU Library Alliance" at the First Annual Joint Conference of Librarians of Color held in October 2006 in Dallas, TX. Her portion of the presentation focused on the opportunities and challenges of successfully documenting seven past and present Atlanta University Center HBCUs in one digitization project. Learn more on the project at: <http://hbculibraries.org>.

The award-winning *Atlanta Review*

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RWWL Successfully Pilots 24-Hour Operations During Midterms and Finals



All areas of the Library were in use during the 24-hour operations pilots conducted during fall mid-term and finals weeks. Students used every available study table in the stacks and throughout the Library (pictured to the left). RWWL's computer labs (pictured below) also were in constant use during 24-hour operations. The Library will continue the pilot during spring mid-term and finals weeks.



During the October midterm and December finals periods, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) hosted successful 24-hour operations pilot programs for Atlanta University Center students. The pilots were offered in response to student requests for extended Library hours of operation.

As part of the 24-hour pilots, RWWL offered regular services with staff assistance until 1 a.m. each day. From 1-8 a.m., only user-initiated services such as quiet study, access to group study rooms, online resource services, word processing, copying and printing were available.

In addition, a one-way shuttle to transport students from the Library to the campuses operated from 12:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

Elizabeth G. McClenney, RWWL Deputy Director, said both pilot programs were hits with AUC students. "Our goal was to provide additional access to study areas and Library services at the times students need them most," she said. "It was exciting to see the Library occupied by students throughout the entire sequence of overnight hours."

Peak attendance during the midterm and finals periods was between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., with the highest numbers of students in the building during the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 11,

(2,041) for the midterm study period and Tuesday, December 12, (1,904) for finals preparation. Student activities varied; numerous groups and individuals could be seen dispersed throughout various areas of the building with laptops or just quietly studying.

Access to computing resources and group study areas were much in demand. Staff opened training labs to accommodate overflow from the computer lab. Students demonstrated their flexibility by using chairs, couches and tables to create their own study areas throughout the Library. Each morning, the evidence of the previous night's study sessions were visible on most all white boards in group study rooms.

Based on observations of building use and anecdotal comments from both staff and students, the 24-hour pilots were viewed positively. RWWL welcomes your feedback. Share additional comments or suggestions on the 24-hour pilots or ideas for future Library activities at comments@auctr.edu.

Want Changes In Your Library? Take the LibQUAL Survey

Changes will occur with the click of a mouse or the check of a box. Completing the LibQUAL survey between **April 9-30** is the way you can make changes at Woodruff.

LibQUAL, short for **Library Quality**, is a web-based survey instrument measuring student and faculty perceptions of quality of service.

The survey will be administered in both electronic and printed format. Look for LibQUAL stations and the RWWL Club Car Patrol on Market Days for "on-the-spot" opportunities to fill out the survey and enter drawings for great participant prizes.

Expect to read more about the survey in coming weeks on the Woodruff Library Web site (www.auctr.edu) and to hear more about it from RWWL staff.

For more information or to have a member of the LibQUAL Task Force attend a departmental or organizational meeting, contact **Carolyn Hart**, Assistant Director of Planning & Assessment, at chart@auctr.edu or 404-978-2005.



The “ABCs of Woodruff Transit” Spell Better Service for AUC Riders



“The ABCs of Woodruff Transit,” introduced to riders in January include printed schedules, route maps and expanded operation of the Campus Express route.

Responding to rider needs, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) of the Atlanta University Center in January introduced a new Shuttle Service concept for spring semester 2007—“The ABCs of Woodruff Transit” a new letter-oriented schedule and signage system that visually maps out shuttle routes, stops and arrival/departure times using letters of the alphabet.

The new system identifies the five shuttle routes by the letters A, B, C, D and E. The letters and corresponding route names are

visible on printed schedules and on the Web, inside each shuttle and on the electronic signs on the front of each shuttle. Printed routes and schedules are available on each shuttle and at the Library Reference and Circulation Desks. In addition, routes and schedules are

displayed on the Library’s Web site.

On January 23, the Campus Express route which had previously operated from 7:30-10 a.m. each weekday began operating from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the large numbers of students with Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes.

For more information on the new “ABCs of Woodruff Transit,” visit the RWWL Shuttle Service web page at:

<http://www.auctr.edu/services/shuttle-services-schedule.asp>.

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poetry journal edited by **Dan Veach**, Head of **Access & Technical Services**, was recently selected for addition to the Thompson-Gale publication and ProQuest’s Literature Online (LION) databases. On the basis of its reputation in the literary community, *Atlanta Review* also has been selected for addition to Ebsco’s Humanities and Roth’s Poem Finder databases.

CEO & Library Director **Loretta Parham** is one of 16 influential education and business leaders recently selected to serve on the National ICT Literacy Policy Council, a policy group assembled to determine standards for information and communication technology (ICT) literacy.

Woodruff on Campus

Bringing the Library to you, on-campus research assistance is available to AUC faculty and students. Highlighted in this issue is **Yolanda Gilmore Bivins**, Information Literacy Librarian.

Campus Hours:

- ◆ Thursdays , 12:30-2 p.m., Morehouse, Brawley 200,
- ◆ Every second Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Spelman, Writing Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty Publications Exhibit and Reception – February 28

On Wednesday, February 28, the Robert W. Woodruff Library will celebrate the published works of Atlanta University Center faculty during the **Second Annual AUC Faculty Publications Exhibit and Reception**.

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., an exhibit of faculty books, manuscripts, poetry and published materials will be on display in the Library’s Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall. From 6-8 p.m., all AUC faculty and staff are invited to a reception honoring the work of their colleagues. The event is sponsored by the Library Advisory Council. To submit published works for the exhibit or accompanying bibliography, faculty should email Jacquelyn Daniel at jdaniel@auctr.edu.

Walter Rodney Symposium – March 23

RWWL will host the **Fourth Annual Walter Rodney Symposium on Friday, March 23**, in the Exhibition Hall.

The symposium provides a forum to discuss the legacy of Walter Rodney (1942-1980), Pan-Africanist historian, educator, political activist and author of the internationally-acclaimed text *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. The first symposium was held in 2004 as part of the dedication of the Walter Rodney Papers housed and available for research in the Library’s Archives & Special Collections. For more information , contact Karen Jefferson at kjefferson@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052.

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