During the month of April, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) will be "Celebrating 25 Years Together" with the Atlanta University Center (AUC). Join us as we honor two-and-one-half decades of collaborative library services at the AUC. Planned events include a poetry presentation, ice cream social and jazz film series. All events are free and open to the AUC community.

**Poetry Event - April 12**

On Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 PM, the Woodruff Library of the AUC celebrates its 25th anniversary and National Poetry Month with the live performance of spoken word group Grand Expression, followed by a screening of the film "Cross-pollination in the Diaspora." The film explores the world of Black poetry today by reflecting on the reciprocal influence between Black American poets and writers from the rest of the African literary Diaspora.

**Ice Cream Social — April 23**

From 2-4 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 25 years to the day of the Library's dedication, the Woodruff Library will hold an ice cream social for the AUC community. There will be free ice cream, music and balloons! AUC presidents and RWWL staff will join the party. We hope to see you there as we celebrate 25 years together and say thank you for your support! We couldn't have done it without you.

For more information on the 25th anniversary events, visit the Library's web site at: [www.auctr.edu](http://www.auctr.edu) or call RWWL Communications Manager Adrian Carver at 404-978-2114.

See Insert for National Library Month and Jazz Appreciation Month Events

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**April 9-30: Woodruff Library Survey Asks... “Are We There Yet?”**

The Woodruff Library of AUC is on a journey to excellence and the LibQUAL (Library Quality) Survey is one of the mileage markers we're using to measure our progress. From April 9-30, we're asking you, “Are We There Yet?” How close are we to achieving our vision of being your first and best choice for research, study and intellectual collaboration?

Take the survey electronically from the link you receive in your email or on the Library Web site, or take the hard copy version that will be distributed on AUC campuses. All survey participants will automatically be entered into a drawing to win great prizes including: MP3 Players, Publix Gift Cards, Library Copy Cards and McDonald’s ARCH Cards.
RWWL CMC Showcases African Americans and Women

During Black History and Women's History Months, the Woodruff Library Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) developed displays to honor the achievements of African Americans and women.

Reference Librarian Jacquelyn Daniel and CMC staff members Shirley Dillahunt, Angela Billingsley and Gayla Blair collaborated to present a February exhibition of CMC children's books showcasing African American writers and illustrators, and a March display of non-fiction children's books about notable women and the women's movement throughout history.

Also in February, Dillahunt read the stories of African American authors to about 10 kindergarteners from the Spelman College Nursery-Kindergarten School (Marian Wright Edelman Center). Their teacher, Pamela J. Garvey, said the children were "thrilled" to visit the Woodruff Library and looked forward to participating in future story reading sessions.

The CMC children's literature collection is a popular resource for education faculty and students, as well as community parents and children. Library staff hope that exhibiting books from the collection and sharing them with younger students will raise awareness about and encourage higher usage of these materials.

AUC Faculty Shines at Second Annual Publications Exhibit

Jacquelyn Daniel, chair of the RWWL Faculty Publications Committee, said the amount and variety of scholarship showcased was impressive, noting that more authors submitted works for display. Honorable mention to faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Center for the most submissions to the bibliography of AUC publications assembled for student and faculty use.

View the bibliography and a photo gallery highlighting the exhibit and reception at: http://www.auctr.edu/libraryinfo/news/facultypub.html. To submit listings for the bibliography, email: pubs@auctr.edu or fax: 404-978-2113, or if on campus, send interoffice mail to:

AUC Publications Project

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Robert W. Woodruff Library

The scholarly and artistic works of Atlanta University Center faculty were showcased on February 28 during the Robert W. Woodruff Library's (RWWL) Second Annual Faculty Publications Exhibit and Reception. Approximately 100 guests viewed selected books, book chapters, articles and artistic works on display. This year, the scholarship of Library staff also was included in the display.
The 4th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium on March 23 marked what would have been the 65th birthday of Pan-Africanist historian, educator and political activist Dr. Walter Rodney (1942-1980).

Co-sponsored by the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) and the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science, the event also commemorated the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Rodney is widely known for his work, *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*, which was originally published in 1972, continues in publication today and is widely used as a text in colleges and universities in the U.S., Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. Rodney wrote extensively about the slave trade and its impact and legacy on people of African descent.

Dr. Thomas D. Boston, professor of economics at the Georgia Institute of Technology, served as keynote speaker for the Rodney Symposium. His talk focused on the economic implications of the slave trade and how this legacy underpins economic development in the world to this day.

Donated to the Woodruff Library of the AUC by his family members, the personal papers of Dr. Walter Rodney have been available for research since 2004. For more information on the Rodney Collection or to make an appointment for research, contact Archives & Special Collections by email: archives@auctr.edu or phone: 404-978-2052.

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**Leaders on the Move**

On Saturday, March 3, Karen Brakke, Library Advisory Council Chair and Spelman College Psychology Professor, and Yolanda Gilmore Bivins, RWWL Information & Research Services, were co-presenters at the 19th Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology at Kennesaw State University. Their session, “Partnering for Information Literacy: Bringing the Library into the Psychology Classroom (and Vice Versa),” focused on the merits of information literacy within the field of psychology.

Karen Jefferson, Head of Archives & Special Collections, has been appointed to an advisory committee for the establishment of an Archives Leadership Institute. On March 22, Jefferson served on a panel entitled, “Preserving the African American Heritage,” at the 72nd annual conference of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in Atlanta.

Kimberly Bugg, Information & Research Services, was recently awarded a “New Librarian Travel Scholarship” from the American Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The grant is given to a deserving librarian in his or her first three years of service. With the scholarship, she attended the ACRL 13th National Conference March 29-April 1 in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Meredith Evans, Archives & Special Collections, recently facilitated a session entitled “Preserving Congregation Records,” at the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago, Ill. Her presentation was part of “The Lessons of Pilgrim Baptist Church...Preventing the Loss of Your Heritage,” a two-day workshop sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. Evans was also a panelist at the annual UNCF/Mellon Mentors and Coordinator Conference held recently in Atlanta.
National Library Week — April 15-21

The Woodruff Library will sponsor a number of activities in celebration of National Library Week, April 15-21, 2007.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries, librarians and library workers and to promote library use and support. Listed below are activities planned for the week. Please contact the Reference Desk at 404-978-2067 for more information.

**Story Hour**—Monday, April 16
At 10 AM, Library staff will read stories and engage pre-school children from the Spelman College Nursery-Kindergarten School (Marian Wright Edelman Center) and Kid ‘R Kids, Inc., in fun activities. The program is designed to entice them to become “Curious Readers.”

“**Why Become a Librarian?”**—Wednesday, April 18
Have you ever thought about becoming a librarian? The AUC community is invited to witness a 7 PM presentation and find out why librarianship is a great career path. Librarians are in high demand and the career offers choices in the corporate and non-profit sectors.

**History of Library Service To People of Color Exhibit**—Throughout April
Did you know that the Atlanta University Center is home to a building that is among the first libraries to be constructed for colored people?
Trevor Arnett Hall formerly housed one of the first black college libraries built during a time when access to public libraries was categorically denied to people of color. Visit our exhibit on the main level of the Woodruff Library to see how far we have progressed. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of April.

**April is Jazz Appreciation Month**

**Jazz Films**—April 26 & 28
Celebrating National Jazz Appreciation Month, the Library will sponsor free screenings of films showcasing South African and Latin salsa rhythms.

“Hugh Masekela: Homecoming Concert” will be shown at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 26, in the RWWL Exhibition Hall. The film documents the first concert tour of jazz trumpeter Hugh Masekela upon his return to South Africa after the end of Apartheid.

“Salsa: The Film,” scheduled for screening at 2 PM on Saturday, April 26, explores the New York Latin jazz scene of the early 1970s. Attempting to define the term “salsa,” the film traces the evolution of Latin music in America during the 20th century.
Spring has Sprung at the AUC!

It’s springtime at the Atlanta University Center!

The Woodruff Library is always a meeting place for AUC students and faculty. But in the spring, the front steps of the Library become a key destination. On the first sunny day in February, several students took time out of their busy schedules to meet, greet and enjoy the nice weather.

More Funding for Mellon Librarian Recruitment Program

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has expanded the highly successful Mellon Librarian Recruitment Program, a cooperative initiative designed to recruit students from diverse backgrounds into the library profession. Through the program, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) offers paid library internships and scholarships to Atlanta University Center students.

New funding will support the continued participation of the Woodruff Library and the libraries of Oberlin, Occidental, Swarthmore, and Wellesley Colleges, while expanding participation to the libraries of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., and Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C.

“Since joining the program, Woodruff Library staff have successfully mentored more than a dozen undergraduate and graduate students, providing internship opportunities within the Library, the local community and internationally,” said Loretta Parham, CEO/Library Director at Woodruff. “With this new funding, the program will continue to provide exposure to the profession of library science.”

For more information, contact Carolyn Hart, RWWL’s Assistant Director for Planning & Assessment and on-site Mellon project coordinator, at 404-978-2005 or chart@auctr.edu.
E-Resources of the Month

Hoover's Online and Reference USA-U.S. Business Module are the Woodruff Library's "E-Resources for the Month" of April.

Hoover's is a comprehensive tool that provides profiles, rankings and other corporate-related information on both public and private-sector companies. The Reference USA-U.S. Business Module database offers many company profiles with detailed information on more than 14 million businesses, residents and healthcare providers.

This month, the Library will offer in-depth training sessions in the use of the Hoover's and Reference USA-U.S. Business Module databases as tools for teaching and learning.

Scheduled training dates are:

**HOOVER'S ONLINE**
- Wednesday, April 11
  - 7 PM-8PM (For students)
- Thursday, April 12
  - NOON-1 PM (For Faculty)
- Sunday, April 15
  - 4 PM-5 PM (Open Session)

**REFERENCE USA**
- Thursday, April 26
  - 4 PM-5PM (Open Session)

More information is available on the Library's web site at: http://www.auctr.edu/libraryinfo/news/e-resources-april.asp.

In October 1983, the Robert W. Woodruff Library published its first newsletter, "The Diversified Hexagon." The publication's name was derived from the Atlanta University Center logo—six "hexagons" containing the names of the AUC schools surrounded by the words, "Strength in Diversity."

In 1982, with pooled resources from the six institutions of higher learning which then comprised the Atlanta University Center, the Woodruff Library opened and began providing collaborative library services to the AUC community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Extended Hours Set:**
- May 4-6 — Open 'til 1 AM
- May 7-10 — 24-Hour Operations

Due to the continued positive response of students and faculty, the Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center again will offer faculty and students more time in the Library to prepare for spring final exams and projects.

**Hours will be extended to 1 AM** on May 4-6, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday leading into final exams. The Library will begin **24-hour operations** on Monday, May 7, at 7:30 AM and remain open until Thursday, May 10, at 12 midnight. Regular hours resume on Friday, May 11.

**For Commencement:**
Library Tours/Fine Clearance

On Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., the Robert W. Woodruff Library will offer **Library tours** to parents, friends and family of the AUC community visiting during commencement weekend. Visitors will have an opportunity to talk with Library staff and to learn about services and operations. It's also a time to sit and reflect and refresh during the commencement weekend activities.

In addition, **Circulation Services** staff will be available to assist graduating seniors with clearing their library records. The Library looks forward to the celebration of the achievements of the 2007 graduates of AUC schools and offers best wishes for continued success in the future.

**Library Closed May 21-25 for “Spirit Week”**

During the week of May 21-25, the Library will be closed for its annual RWWL “Spirit Week” observance.

“Spirit Week” allows Library staff to focus attention on internal projects, activities, services and operations that will improve service delivery to our users and better assist our member institutions in carrying out their academic missions.