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New Student, Faculty Orientations are Everywhere!

This year, students new to the Atlanta University Center (AUC) have the option of participating in their Library orientation anywhere they can access a computer.

With our very own Brad Ost (Theology Librarian) as a tour guide, students can access an orientation webpage for undergraduates (http://research.auctr.edu/undergradorientation) or graduates (http://research.auctr.edu/graduateorientation) that offers the library basics without coming to their Library. Students can establish library accounts, find out about library hours and how to get assistance, as well as preview the exhibit Finding A Way: The Black Family’s Struggle for an Education at the Atlanta University Center.

Other Orientation Activities:
♦ At designated times during AUC orientation week, August 17 – August 23, librarians are on cam-

No 24-Hour Library Access During Exams

DUE TO RENOVATION:
No 24-Hour Access During Fall Exam Periods
Library Hours Extended

MIDTERM EXAM HOURS
OPEN 'Til 1:00 AM:
Monday, October 6 – Thursday, October 15

FINAL EXAM HOURS
OPEN 'Til 1:00 AM:
Monday, November 30-Thursday, December 10

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RENOVATION UPDATE:  
Archives Reading Room Relocates September-January

The Woodruff Library Archives & Special Collections Reading Room is getting a makeover! From September 2009-January 2010, the Reading Room will relocate to an Upper Level Conference to accommodate construction. Although temporarily accessible in a new space, your Library's archival treasures, reference services and research assistance will continue to be available.

Researchers are strongly encouraged to make appointments in advance of their visits, so that Archives staff can retrieve books, manuscript and archival materials from secure storage. All archival holdings—including the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection—will be accessible. Finding aids can be viewed on Library web site (www.auctr.edu) by selecting the “Archives/Special Collections” tab and choosing the “Manuscript and Archival Collection Highlights” option.

Please contact Archives & Special Collections staff archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052 for inquiries and to schedule appointments.

Woodruff Library Shuttle Service Resumes on August 24

The Woodruff Library Shuttle Service will resume operation on Monday, August 24, to assist students, faculty and staff with campus "move-in" transportation needs.

From 9 AM-5 PM on Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25, Routes “A” and “B” (Vine City MARTA to Ashley Terrace/West End and Ashley Terrace/West End to Vine City MARTA) will be in service. Operation of all routes (A, B, C, D and Campus Express) resumes on the first day of classes, Wednesday, August 26.

REMEMBER: ALL passengers will be required to show valid AUC identification before being allowed to board the shuttle.

In response to rider feedback, new signs designating official campus shuttle stops will be installed in the fall semester. Shuttle stop signs will be visible on every campus. For more details visit the Library web site at: www.auctr.edu.

NEW FOR YOU: High-speed Color Copier and Printer!

Need promotional flyers or postcards printed in a hurry? What about a four-page handout, sorted and stapled, for a class presentation? Your Library’s new high-speed color copier/printer can do both jobs and more.

The new Xerox WorkCentre 7428 copier/printer, located outside the Lower Level Computer Lab, includes features that can assist you with a wide variety of duplication needs including:

♦ Printing, copying, sorting and stapling hard copies and documents produced from electronically transmitted files
♦ Printing 28 copies per minute (first page in five seconds)
♦ Printing wallet, letter, postcard and tabloid (11x17) sizes
♦ Printing high resolution images and sharper color copies

Contact Circulation Services Manager William Holt (404-978-2048 or weholt@auctr.edu) for more information on the new copier/printer, its functions and use.
Renovation Photo Gallery: Construction is Underway!

Here's a quick glimpse into how the renovation of your Library is progressing. These photos illustrate the periodic changes to the Main Level, which will feature a new Learning Commons, Media Creation & Presentation Center, multipurpose classrooms and collaborative study and meeting rooms.

April 2009...Before Construction Begins

May & June 2009...Demolition

July & August 2009...Main Level Construction in Full Swing
The Robert Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center has been awarded $250,000 to process, catalog and provide access to the previously “hidden” Voter Education Project (VEP) Collection (1972-1992).

The VEP Collection documents efforts to increase voter education and electoral participation of minorities. To date, a project manager and archivist have been hired and processing work has already begun on the collection. The collection is expected to open for research in 2011.

Woodruff is one of four southern archives jointly awarded $900,000 to support a collaborative project designed to make available for research more than a dozen “hidden” manuscript collections housed in Atlanta and New Orleans archives.

The grant titled “Working for Freedom: Documenting Civil Rights Organizations,” is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and administered through the CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources) Cataloging Hidden and Special Collections Program.