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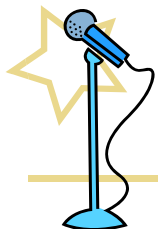
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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*

## 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.

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## 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** Nursey-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



(Bottom) CMC Coordinator **Shirley Dillahunt** reads a story to kindergarteners from **Spelman's** Marian Wright Edelman Child Development Center.

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



AUC students and faculty gathered to view the scholarship exhibited at the Second Annual RWWL Faculty Publications Exhibit & Reception.

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.

**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](mailto:pubs@auctr.edu) or fax: 404-978-2113, or if on campus, send interoffice mail to:

**AUC Publications Project**  
c/o **Jacqueline Daniel**  
**Robert W. Woodruff Library**

## 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



2007 Mellon Scholars (l to r): Ephranette Brown (Spelman), Steven Booth (Morehouse), Neely Terrell (CAU) and Ebony O'Neal (Spelman)

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](mailto:chart@auctr.edu).

## E-Resources of the Month

**H**oover'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>.



**I**n 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.

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