

# Top Shelf

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## Renovation Floor Plans Approved by Library Board of Trustees; Final Designs on Drawing Board

On October 6, 2008, the Board of Trustees of the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) approved preliminary renovation floor plans developed by the architectural firm of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott.

The Board's approval is a major step toward transforming the Woodruff Library into a 21st century learning and living environment that meets the needs of the AUC community.

"This renovation, like all Library service and program improvements, is designed to support the teaching and learning excellence

Director Loretta Parham.

"At every step in this process, we have sought and will continue to seek student and faculty input to ensure that the 'New Woodruff' reflects the intellectual and social vibrancy of the AUC."

Library student and faculty advisory groups have reviewed and provided feedback on the initial floor plans. And still more student and faculty input is needed. Library staff would love an opportunity to present and gather feedback on the schematic plans to other campus groups.

To arrange a renovation information session, contact **Adrian Carver**, RWWL Communications Manager, at [acarver@auctr.edu](mailto:acarver@auctr.edu) or 404-978-2114.



Woodruff Extended Hours Study Area and Café

Conceptual Rendering by: Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott  
Image does not represent final design.

of our AUC member institutions," said CEO & Library

## Expanded 24-Hour Library Access Popular with AUC Students

Which night was most popular for studying at the Library during fall 2008 mid-term exam period? The first day of exams (Monday, October 13), when nearly 2,100 AUC visitors entered and exited the Woodruff Library.

The most popular time for studying? According to Library staff, attendance was at its highest at 2 AM each morning. All statistics from the mid-term exam period point to increased use of the Library

during 24-hour operations.

This fall, when Woodruff offered three additional days of 24-hour library access, more users than ever (8,731) chose RWWL as their preferred study space.

This represents a 50 percent (24-hour Operations—continued on page 4)



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## RWWL Sponsors Election Event Viewings for AUC Community

On November 4, 2008, "Election Watch Night @ the Library" capped off a month of activities dedicated to promoting civic engagement.

During the event, Library users kept abreast of election results throughout the night via a satellite feed televised on a giant projection screen in RWWL's Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall.

There was Library wide excitement at the history-making moment when Illinois Sen. Barack Obama was named the first African American president elect of the United States!

In addition to planning, promoting and providing snacks for the event, the Library's **Information & Research Ser-**

**vices** staff members assembled an extensive display of election and voting-related resource material.

RWWL also sponsored election and voting-related



*An AUC student checks out the election and voting resource display table during "Election Watch Night @ the Library."*

events, including:

- ◆ **Archives & Special Collections** exhibit, "Exercise Your



*AUC students express excitement when Sen. Barack Obama's victory becomes official.*

Right to Vote," chronicling African Americans' struggles to obtain and exercise their voting rights

- ◆ Public viewing of the October 15 presidential debate, co-sponsored with the Clark Atlanta University Department of African American Studies and the Office of Graduate Studies

## New Policies Promote Building Safety, Access to Library Resources

To preserve the safety and security of our users during the upcoming Library renovation, the following policies governing building/property access and use have been revised:

### Computer Use

Effective January 5, 2009, AUC users will need to use their remote access accounts to log on to public computers within the Library. This change is being made to ensure computing resources are available to you, the students, faculty and staff of the AUC—our primary users.

If you have not yet established a remote access account, you may do so only on from your campus



dormitory room, campus office or in the Library at:

<https://ezproxy.auctr.edu/ezproxy/main/rwwl.asp>.

For assistance with establishing your remote access account, contact [askref@auctr.edu](mailto:askref@auctr.edu) or call 404-978-2067.

### Library Access

In September, RWWL established a new Library Access Policy with revised building entry requirements. The new policy allows entrance to all visitors with valid AUC or government-issued identification (driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.). After 7 PM, only AUC member users with valid identification are admitted to the library

building.

### Parking Lot Access

The revised parking lot policy instituted in September still allows for student and faculty parking in the RWWL lot in the evenings and on weekends. But to preserve our patrons' safety during construction, we are now limiting weekday access to the parking lot, which is expected to be a key staging area for construction equipment and contractors.

Contact: [askref@auctr.edu](mailto:askref@auctr.edu) or 404-978-2067 for more details on any of the revised policies.

## NEW FOR YOU!: *ScienceDirect* Database and *YouTube* Tutorials



### Science Direct Database —

Beginning January 2009, AUC faculty and students, through the Woodruff Library, will have access to 35 journals via the **ScienceDirect** platform! This online tool offers users a personalized and efficient research experience via:

- ◆ Favorite Journals and Books List
- ◆ Quick Links
- ◆ Recent Actions
- ◆ E-mail and Display Preferences
- ◆ RSS
- ◆ E-mail Article
- ◆ Personalized search, volume/issue, citation and topic alerts

### YouTube Tutorials —

RWWL users can access a world of research tutorials quickly and simply

(no special software needed) through the popular online video sharing site, *YouTube*.

From the *YouTube Tutorials* link on the Library's home page, faculty and students can view eight (8) video tutorials specially selected by Woodruff librarians to meet the research and information needs of AUC users. RWWL staff are in the process of creating more video tutorials for the most commonly used resources to add to the collection.

Users can watch a demonstration of each step in the research

process, while using the "pause," "rewind" and "play" buttons to control the pace at which information is provided. In addition, these visually rich research guides provide

"just-in-time" reference assistance to remote users. This will be particularly helpful during the upcoming library renovation, when more users may choose to access resources remotely.

For more information on the new ScienceDirect database or YouTube Video Tutorials, email: [AskRef@auctr.edu](mailto:AskRef@auctr.edu) or call 404-978-2067.



## Coming Fall 2010...Phase I Renovation to Transform Your Library!

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|--|------------------------------------|
| * Library Café   | * Flexible and Comfortable Seating |
| * Multimedia Creation Center   | * Enhanced Computing               |
| * More Group Study Spaces  | * Equipment for Loan to Students   |
| * Archives Display & Reading Room                                      | * Extended Hours Study Space       |
| * Visible Library Collections  | * Faculty/Student Engagement       |
| * Digital Displays   |                                    |
| ✓ A 21st century library for the 21st century learner                  |                                    |
| ✓ Collaborative spaces for knowledge creation                          |                                    |
| ✓ The <i>center of the Center</i> for: CAU, ITC, Morehouse and Spelman |                                    |

### Renovation Timeline:

December 2008..... Design Developed

May 2009... Phase I Construction Begins

February 2010 .....Phase I Renovation Completed

More Information: [www.auctr.edu/libraryrenovation.asp](http://www.auctr.edu/libraryrenovation.asp)  
Questions, email: [libraryrenovation@auctr.edu](mailto:libraryrenovation@auctr.edu)

## 2008 Lincoln Lectureship Events at RWWL



*Pictured are panelists for the 26th C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship Student/Scholar Forum held at the Woodruff Library: (l to r) Dr. Shayna Lee, Assistant Professor of Sociology and African Diaspora Studies at Tulane University; the Rev. Yvette Massey, Senior Pastor of Warren United Methodist Church; Dr. David Cann, Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Associate Professor of Religion; and Robert King, CAU Religion student and AIDP Scholar.*

On October 9, the Humanities Division of the School of Arts & Sciences and Department of Religion and Philosophy of Clark Atlanta University (CAU) hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship Series.

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center is the archival repository for the C. Eric Lincoln Papers available for research in Archives & Special Collections.

Focused on the theme, *‘They Preachin’!—Aw, Made You Look: The Black Church in the 21st Century*, this year’s Lincoln Lec-

tureship Series included an afternoon roundtable discussion held in the Library’s Exhibition Hall and a public lecture presented earlier in the day.

Panelists for the roundtable discussion included: guest lecturer Dr. Shayna Lee, Assistant

Professor of Sociology and African Diaspora Studies at Tulane University; **Dr. David Cann**, CAU Associate Professor of Religion; **Robert King**, CAU Religion student and AIDP Scholar; and the Rev. Yvette Massey, Senior Pastor of Warren United Methodist Church.

**Dr. Vickie Crawford**, Associate Dean of the CAU School of Arts & Sciences, served as panel moderator.

In recognition of the Lectureship Series, Library archival staff assembled an exhibit on C. Eric Lincoln that will be on display in the Exhibition Hall until December 19.

*(24-hour Operations — Continued from page 1)*

increase over the 4,325 users who visited the Library during the 2007 fall mid-term exam period.

Woodruff staff are gearing up to provide 24-hour library access during the 2008 fall final exam period. Here’s a full schedule of planned extended Library hours:

### **FINALS**

**Monday, Dec. 1 – Friday, Dec. 5**

*(7:30 AM, Monday-12 AM, Friday)*

**Sunday, Dec. 7 – Friday, Dec. 12**  
*(Noon on Sunday- 6 PM on Friday)*

*\*Service desks open at 8 AM and close at 1 AM during 24-hour operations*

**REMINDER:** During 24-hour operations, valid AUC identification is required for entry to the Library after 7 PM. **Users will not be admitted without a valid AUC identification card.**

For more information on Library hours during exam time, visit the RWWL web site at: [www.auctr.edu](http://www.auctr.edu).

## COMING SOON...

### “Library Academic Alert” — January 2009

In January 2009, the Woodruff Library will begin distributing a monthly “Library Academic Alert.” The one-page publication is a quick summary of new Library databases, workshops and reference services offered to assist AUC faculty and students in meeting their research and information needs.

### “Transformation Station” — Spring 2009

In May 2009, the Woodruff Library begins the first major renovation since its opening in 1982 and we want your input. During the Spring 2009 “Transformation Station” Renovation Expo, we’ll ask for your opinions on everything from smart technology to furniture and décor. Come view and try out hardware, software, chairs, sofas, ottomans and more! Look for more details in the next *Top Shelf* and posted on the new renovation web page at: [www.auctr.edu/libraryrenovation.asp](http://www.auctr.edu/libraryrenovation.asp).

### Top Shelf “Renovation Issue” — February 2008

Get the latest information on the Library renovation in a special issue focused entirely on plans for building the “New Woodruff.”

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