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Our Services

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From the desk of the Director

Greetings,

At the Pendergrast Library, the emphasis is on finding out more about how to use information resources and evaluating the information we have retrieved. We are in the process of developing a strong instructional program that supports the academic and personal information needs of our students, faculty and staff. Each semester we are now offering basic database retrieval workshops to assist students in how to do searching techniques in order to expand the research process.

Scholarly journals are available in electronic format via Galileo, and other web resources at <http://gil.asurams.edu>. These electronic full-text resources are not just the internet, they are subscription databases that reflect scholarly integrity as any other print journal format. Technology has changed the way you may access the Pendergrast Library resources. If you want to know whether the library owns a particular title of book, view the online public access catalog @ <http://gil.asurams.edu>

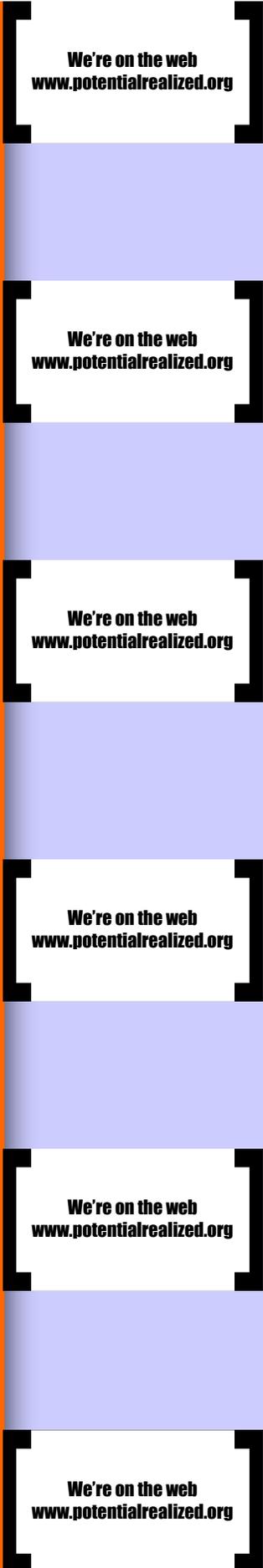
Online Access to Your Library Record

- ◆ Go to <http://gil.asurams.edu>
- ◆ Click on **Your Account**
- ◆ Select Albany State University on the drop down menu
- ◆ Place your **RAM ID** number and your **Last Name** in the field provided
- ◆ Click **Logon to Your Account** to submit your request

- ⇒ **RENEW** **Materials**
- ⇒ **REVIEW** **Due Dates**
- Requests**
- Fines/Fees**

Overdue fines for library books: 10 cents per day/per item (15 items maybe discharged at one time).

Visit the University Library home page at <http://potentialrealized.org> for information on other Library Services and Policies.



Introducing...
Patron PIN numbers in GIL

- Starting January 7, you will need a PIN (PATRON IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) to get into your GIL Account to request loans from other libraries, to renew books online, and to check your account for fines and fees. PIN numbers will increase the security of your library account.
- Retrieve your initial Pin by clicking on the scroll at the top of the GIL page (gil.asurams.edu). After entering your barcode (906#) and last name, click “Get My Pin” link above last name, a temporary PIN is immediately sent to your ASU email address.
- Once you have received your temporary PIN, log in to your account and change your PIN by clicking on the “Change PIN” button directly under your name and address in your patron account.
- PINs must be 5-12 alphanumeric characters. Letters and numbers only. (No special characters.)
- You can use the “Get My Pin” link on the login screen at anytime to have your PIN emailed to you if you forget it.
- Library staff can no longer access patron accounts to renew GIL Express items for you, but we will be glad to help you access your account yourself.

Problems? Questions?
Please Ask at the Circulation or Reference Desk.

Need help Locating a Book?

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION OUTLINE

- ◇ Helps you to locate books in the library

Listed below are the letters and titles of the main classes of the

Library of Congress Classification System.



- A - GENERAL WORKS
- B - PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGION
- C - AUXILLARY SCIENCES OF HISTORY
- D - HISTORY (GENERAL) AND HISTORY OF EUROPE
- E - HISTORY: AMERICA
- F - HISTORY: AMERICA
- G - GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RECREATION
- H - SOCIAL SCIENCES
- J- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- K- Law
- L- EDUCATION
- M - MUSIC AND BOOKS ON MUSIC
- N - FINE ARTS
- Q - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
- R - MEDICINE
- S- AGRICULTURE
- T - TECHNOLOGY
- U - MILITARY SCIENCE
- V - NAVAL SCIENCE
- Z - BIBLIOGRAPHY, LIBRARY SCIENCE, INFORMATION RESOURCES (GENERAL)



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THE BIG READ

February 1, 2010 kicked off The Big Read. Albany State University, the Dougherty County Public Library, and other community partners sponsored this country-wide Big Read program and series of activities from February 1 through March 1, 2010, all of which promote the reading and discussion of *A Lesson Before Dying*. The Big Read was instituted to restore reading to the center of American Culture.

The Albany-Dougherty County Big Read chose a classic novel about the American South and provided citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying*.



◆ Black History Month Exhibit

