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Albany State University James Pendergrast Memorial Library

From the Director's Desk



Welcome Freshmen and returning ASU students!

Make the James Pendergrast Memorial Library the place to be and the place to do research and study. There is so much for you to learn in the library. Start by getting your Ram Card. It is the key that opens the door of opportunity to knowledge in the library. All students must have a Ram Card in order to check out books in the library. Your Ram Card is also needed to print copies of articles or research materials in the library.

Do you know how to locate books or monographs in the library? Use the RAMCAT Online Public Access Catalog in order to locate books in the library. If you have internet access in your dorm room, access the library's catalog and other resources from a remote site. The website is <http://gil.asurams.edu>. Here you will find links to the library's home page, GALILEO, and all of the other libraries in the University System of Georgia.

What if we do not have the book you are looking for in the library? You can do GIL Express. See steps in the newsletter, and follow the steps outlined in order to check out books from any of the other libraries in the university system. You have access to a world of knowledge at your fingertips. The doors of the Pendergrast Library are boundless. Come by the library for individual tours and get to know what is available to you. See you at the library. Have a Great academic year!

The New Cataloging Module..... OCLC Connexion

All libraries using OCLC have now moved to the cataloging module called Connexion. That means that libraries have left their comfort zone, and moved into a new way of cataloging. What is Connexion? Connexion is an integrated library service. Connexion is OCLC's flagship cataloging service, a powerful, flexible suite of tools with built-in access to WorldCat, the world's largest bibliographic database.

Libraries use Connexion to create and edit quality bibliographic and authority records, which help users find the materials they need faster. Connexion facilitates sharing of records with the entire OCLC cooperative, which benefits libraries worldwide.

Connexion provides unparalleled flexibility for libraries of all sizes. It's the culmination of OCLC's 30 years of cataloging expertise, and represents the future of OCLC shared cataloging services for your diverse and ever-expanding needs.

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- **WorldCat Union Catalog**
- **New Employees**

WorldCat

WorldCat is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions. With millions of online records built from the bibliographic and ownership information of contributing libraries, it is the largest and most comprehensive database of its kind.

WorldCat is the foundation of many OCLC services that let libraries process, manage and share information resources and let your users search for and obtain them.

What can you find in WorldCat?

Some examples of the types of materials you can find citations for in WorldCat:

- Historic newspapers (some of which have been cataloged and preserved through the [United States Newspaper Program](#), including newspapers in many languages)

- Newspapers from non-U.S. countries
- Historic photographs (e.g., from the collection of the Denver Public Library Western History/Genealogy Department and the Colorado Historical Society)
- Church histories
- Slavery and anti-slavery materials
- Black bibliographical dictionaries
- Oral histories
- Diaries and journals
- Probate records
- Obituaries
- Microfilmed genealogy and local history collections
- Indexes to wills
- Indexes to births, marriages, and deaths
- Family histories
- Manuscripts from archives
- General



Who's New at the Library?

Mrs. Thedis Bryant joined the library staff as Acquisitions & Collection Development Librarian on September 12, 2005. She received her B.A. from Tuskegee Institute and a M.L.S. from Louisiana State University. She comes to us from Georgia Southwestern State University. You may contact her to get acquainted at thedis.bryant@asurams.edu or 430-4804.

Ms. Kenya J. Royal was hired at the library as Library Assistant II in the area of Cataloging on August 15, 2005. Ms. Royal is a graduate of Albany State University receiving a B.S. degree in Information Systems on May 8, 2004. She is a 1998 graduate of Early County High School in Blakely, Georgia. You may contact her at kenya.royal@asurams.edu or 430-4801.

Ms. Laticia Salter, Temporary Library Assistant through Manpower Temporary Services, became a part of the library staff on May 21, 2005. Ms. Salter is originally from Petersburg, Virginia. She has assisted in the Cataloging Department as well as Archives. Ms. Salter has been an asset to the rotation schedule for night and weekend relief.

Mrs. Vaullery Thomas was hired on March 25, 2005 through Manpower Temporary Services as a Library Assistant in the area of Circulation. Mrs. Thomas was previously a work-study assistant with the library in 2000. She too, has been added to the rotational schedule to assist with night and weekend duties. You may contact Mrs. Thomas at 430-1714.

Library Happenings?

**HBCU
Leadership
Institute I**

**Bibliographic
Instruction**

**Galileo Day
Celebration**

**National
Archives
Week**

**International
Education
Week**

**National
Library
Week**

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
Tuesday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
Wednesday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00pm
Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY LAB HOURS

Monday 7:30 am - 1:00 am
Tuesday 7:30 am - 1:00 am
Wednesday 7:30 am - 1:00 am
Thursday 7:30 am - 1:00 am
Friday 7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00pm
Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Changes in hours will be posted.

Library Staff Directory

Director of Library-Dr. LaVerne McLaughlin – 430-4799
Administrative Assistant - Ms. Kim Douglas– 430-4799
Acquisitions & Collection Development Librarian- Mrs. Thedis Bryant –430-4804
Circulation Librarian - Mrs. Dorothy Carver– 430-4808
Reference Librarian– Mr. Eddie Pearson– 430-4806
Serials Librarian– Mark Ellis– 430-4181
Library Assistant III Cataloging– Mrs. Lois McFarland– 430-4800
Library Assistant II Cataloging– Ms. Kenya Royal– 430-4801
Library Assistant II Acquisitions– Mrs. Ponza Abayomi- 430-4809
Media Utilization Specialist– Mr. Seward Jartu– 430-4859
Technology Laboratory Specialist– Mrs. Kala Manuel-Leonard– 430-3075
Library Assistant Archives – Ms. Laticia Salter– 430-4807
Library Assistant Circulation – Mrs. Vaullery Thomas– 430-1741

Main Library– 430-4799
Circulation Desk– 430-4805
Fax-430-4803

GIL Express Universal Borrowing Services



STEPS TO GIL EXPRESS

GIL Express is a service being offered at all libraries within the University System of Georgia (USG). The service is an innovative resource sharing initiative that allows currently enrolled students, faculty and staff access to all eligible circulation materials at all USG libraries.

GIL Express is available to all eligible patrons through both an on site (walk-up) requesting service and a remote requesting service (<https://giluc.usg.edu>).

1. Logon <https://giluc.usg.edu>
2. Select “Exact Search”
3. Select Title, Author or Subject
4. Type the title or author in the search field
5. View the list and select one
6. View the brief display
7. Select “GIL Express Request”
8. Access Your Account
9. Follow the directions
10. Logon “USG GIL Express”
11. Select “Submit Request”
12. “Request successful”
13. Select “Log-off My Account”