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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*.



Kimberley Bugg (standing, left), Asst. Head of Information and Research Services walks a new AUC faculty through the Library web site's electronic resources during past library orientation sessions. (Photo courtesy of Oscar Daniel)

Other Orientation Activities:

- ◆ At designated times during AUC orientation week, **August 17 – August 23**, librarians are on cam-

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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



Throughout the fall semester, you Library's Archives and Special Collections Reading Room will undergo renovation. Reading Room research and reference services will be conducted in an Upper Level conference room.

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.

REMINDER: ALL passengers will be required to show valid AUC identifi-

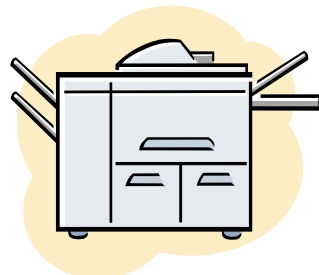
cation before being allowed to board the shuttle.

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



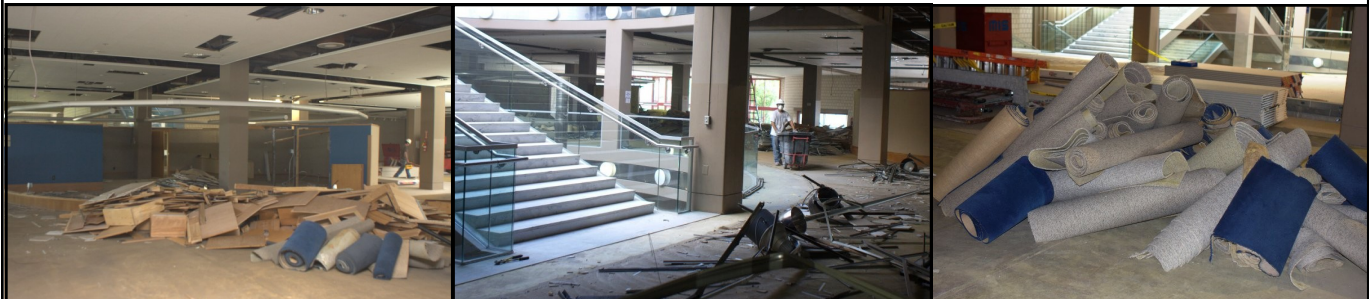
Circulation Services Desk

Main Level study tables and carrels

*“Finding A Way” exhibit area near
Circulation Services*

(View online exhibit at: www.auctr.edu)

May & June 2009...Demolition



Circulation Services Desk

*Main Level — Dow Jones Center
area after demolition*

*“Finding A Way” exhibit area
after carpet removal*

July & August 2009...Main Level Construction in Full Swing



Information & Research Services Area

Multipurpose Classrooms

*Collaborative Study and
Meeting Rooms*

\$250,000 Mellon Grant Provides Public Access to “Hidden” Voter Education Project Collection

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 south-

ern 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.

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uses to provide face-to-face interactions with first-year students, transfer students, and individual departments. During these times, students will have the opportunity to obtain library barcodes, create remote access accounts, and learn more about other services available to them.

- ◆ Woodruff Librarians will lead sessions as part of First Year Experience and Seminar courses to acclimate students to electronic resources, databases, and other services available to them.
- ◆ The Library will also host a Graduate Research Fair on **September 23 & 24** in CAU’s Thomas W. Cole, Jr. Research Center for Science and Technology Exhibition Hall to introduce new graduate students and teaching assistants

to electronic resources, using citations, and other library services that may assist them.

Woodruff Librarians want to stress to ALL students of **Clark Atlanta University**, **Interdenominational Theological Center**, **Morehouse College** and **Spelman College** that their Library is here to help them and committed to meeting their individual needs in a variety of ways.

For more information contact the Library Orientation Coordinators: **Kimberley Bugg** (kbugg@auctr.edu), **Jacquelyn Daniel** (jdaniel@auctr.edu) and **Angiah Davis** (adavis@auctr.edu).

LIBRARY RENOVATION SERVICE CHANGES



Your Library Is Open!

Despite the fencing around the front of the building and the

equipment in the parking lot, we want you to know that YOUR LIBRARY IS OPEN! Now through January 2010, users will enter the Woodruff Library from the Beckwith Street entrance at the rear of the building near the handicapped parking area.

Library Shuttle Stop Relocates to Brawley and Beckwith

The RWWL Shuttle Service resumes operation on Monday,



August 24. Due to construction taking place at the front of the building, shuttles will pick up and drop off passengers at the corner of J.P. Brawley Drive and Beckwith Street.

Renovation Updates — Available 24/7 on the Web

Get the latest information on the Library renovation at:
<http://www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp>.

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