



Atlanta University Center
Robert W. Woodruff Library

FY 2023 LIBRARY REPORT

Maximizing our Footprint for **Digital Delivery** and **Access to Scholarship**

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Maximizing our footprint for digital delivery and scholarly access is an ongoing effort.

It involves chronicling, organizing, describing, preserving and making accessible the information, the research, the assemblage and publication of academic voices and the accumulated knowledge of higher education. In the year of this report, along with the ever evolving events of our everyday lives, the challenge has been substantial.



The impact of digital resources and methods for using them is now demanding a rethinking of the model for the academic library and the way it exists to support student success, faculty research and scholarship. It is a new generation of students, library staff and ever-changing technologies that undergird this scene of change. A scene where even intellectual freedom is being questioned, books are being banned, inclusivity strategies are being rewritten and the “right to read” what I want and when I want, is being scrutinized.

As we begin developing our new strategic plan next year, we know digital delivery and access will be foundational pillars and we must rethink, reframe and redesign services to maximize delivery, scope and impact. We know our vision remains valid, to foster excellence; but our path is certainly different. But for now, we will applaud the success of the AUC Woodruff Library team during the year of this report. We stand tall next to one another and stronger on the shoulders of all who came and have gone. We also want to acknowledge individuals and organizations who collaborate with us to deliver services and resources for the AUC community.

There is still much to do, much to be considered and much to be celebrated. Please read this report cover to cover and join with me in celebration of our achievements in the 2022/2023 year at the Atlanta University Center.

Sincerely,
Loretta Parham
CEO and Library Director



Usage Statistics

Virtual Instruction & Research Services	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2022-2023
		(In-Person)	(Virtual)
Clark Atlanta University	1,861	791	363
Interdenominational Theological Center	56	36	0
Morehouse College	1,076	747	40
Spelman College	1,795	368	294
Total Instruction	4,788*	1,942	697

*Includes 1,342 students that received in-person instruction and research services (total of 81 sessions: 40 CAU, 21 MC, and 20 SC). ITC remained totally virtual.

Digital Collections and Scholarship	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
WorldCat Discovery “Page Views” (Library Catalog)	271,517	333,242
Total downloads of AUC e-scholarship & digital collections	195,942	299,571
Interlibrary Loan Resource Sharing Stats (Electronic)	2,928	2,916
Digital Archival collections “page views”	69,148	125,157
Archival Finding Aids & Digital Exhibits “Page Views”	117,075	116,720

Remote Logins to Subscription Databases	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Clark Atlanta University	25,222	31,498
Interdenominational Theological Center	5,100	6,348
Morehouse College	24,736	20,001
Spelman College	35,791	39,117
Total Logins	90,849	96,964

Circulation Services	FY 2021-2022 (In-person)	FY 2021-2022 (Virtual)	FY 2022-2023 (In-person)	FY 2022-2023 (Virtual)
Clark Atlanta University	4,588	493	3,930	354
Interdenominational Theological Center	1,208	111	474	17
Morehouse College	3,456	239	1,983	114
Spelman College	3,021	230	1,878	127
Campus Totals	12,273 (In-Person)*	1,073 (Virtual)	8,265 (In-Person)	612 (Virtual)

*Represents 4,706 Books and 124 media checked out.



Engagement

8,696 Student Population

INSTRUCTION

245
Sessions Taught

3,533
Student Impact

ORIENTATION (New and Transfer)

12
Sessions Held

1,205
Student Impact

RESEARCH CONSULTATION (1-on-1) Reference, On-Call & Virtual

7,515
Students Assisted

FY 2022-2023
Total
Library
Budget

30%
\$3,339,784
Student Research,
Resources and
Collections

48%
\$5,401,225
Staffing

22%
\$2,430,016
Operations

Aaron Robinson, Junior, Morehouse College

Library in Numbers	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Library Holdings	1,533,936	1,710,793
Full-text downloads and database searches	1,607,035	1,699,812
Total Downloads of AUC e-scholarship & Digital Collections	195,942	299,571
User interactions with staff	30,122	31,549
Unique study room reservation requests	13,784	13,821
Shuttle riders	95,546	84,654
Visits to Archives Research Center	329	525

Collections	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Print volumes	346,849	344,070
Databases (Licensed)	329	364
e-Journals	218,934	223,859
e-Books	132,934	145,409
AUC Thesis and Dissertations	18,132	18,141
Total linear feet (lf) of materials in archival collections	10,015 (lf)	10,130 (lf)
CD, Videos and DVDs	5,903	5,921
HBCU Library Alliance (Digital)	131,309	108,040

Top Digital Downloads	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
AU and CAU Theses and Dissertations	32,212	50,623
<i>The Spelman Spotlight (The BluePrint)</i>	18,326	24,961
Morehouse College Yearbooks	11,434	14,051
Clark College and CAU Yearbooks	8,783	12,175
ADEPt: Yorba Collection	10,639	12,002
<i>Spelman Messenger</i>	4,845	5,530
ADEPt: Igbo Collection	4,060	4,734
Spelman College Yearbooks	4,052	5,325
Morris Brown Yearbooks	4,279	4,320

Notable Highlights

Archives Research Center continue to strengthen unique holdings:

- **7 new collections received:** Clark Atlanta University Guild; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Sigma Chapter; Ingrid Saunders Jones Collection; Howard Thurman Audio Collection; The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century Digital Collection; Richard Hope Papers and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Collection

10 collections processed and published in the e-scholarship repository, RADAR (Repository of the AUC Digital Collection, Archives, and Research) including: Hugh Gloster Collection; Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Collection; Marva Collins Papers; Dawud Anyabwile Collection; Judge John H. Ruffin Papers; etc.

3 internships hosted by Archives Research Center: the Georgia Archives Institute (2) and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture (1)

28 permission-to-publish requests were received by the Archives Research Center, most notably for an article about letters written to then-Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson during the Atlanta Child Murders published in Atlanta Magazine entitled “Dear Mayor Jackson”

Awarded Research Travel Awards to scholars from Florida State University and Mississippi State Valley to conduct research in the Archives Research Center

Most Researched Archival Collections*

- Countee Cullen-Harold Jackman Memorial Collection (72)
- Atlanta Student Movement Collection (72)
- Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection (43)
- Archives Research Center Book Collection Yearbooks Morehouse (18)
- Voter Education Project Organizational Records (13)
- Atlanta Urban League (12)
- Walter Rodney Papers (12)
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 12)
- Neighborhood Union Collection (11)

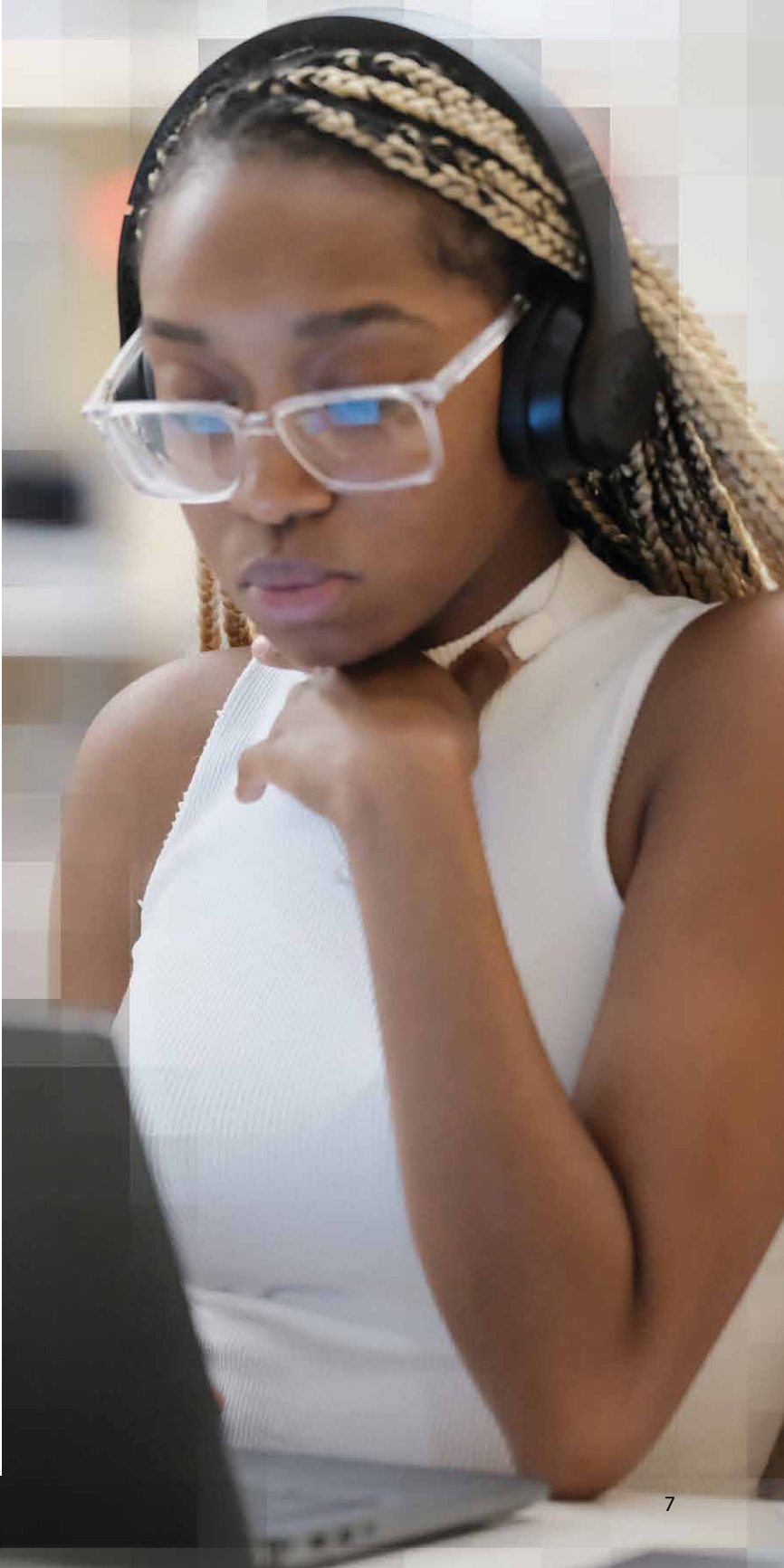
**Overall, a total of 152 collections were used this fiscal year.*

Digital Services initiatives enhanced:

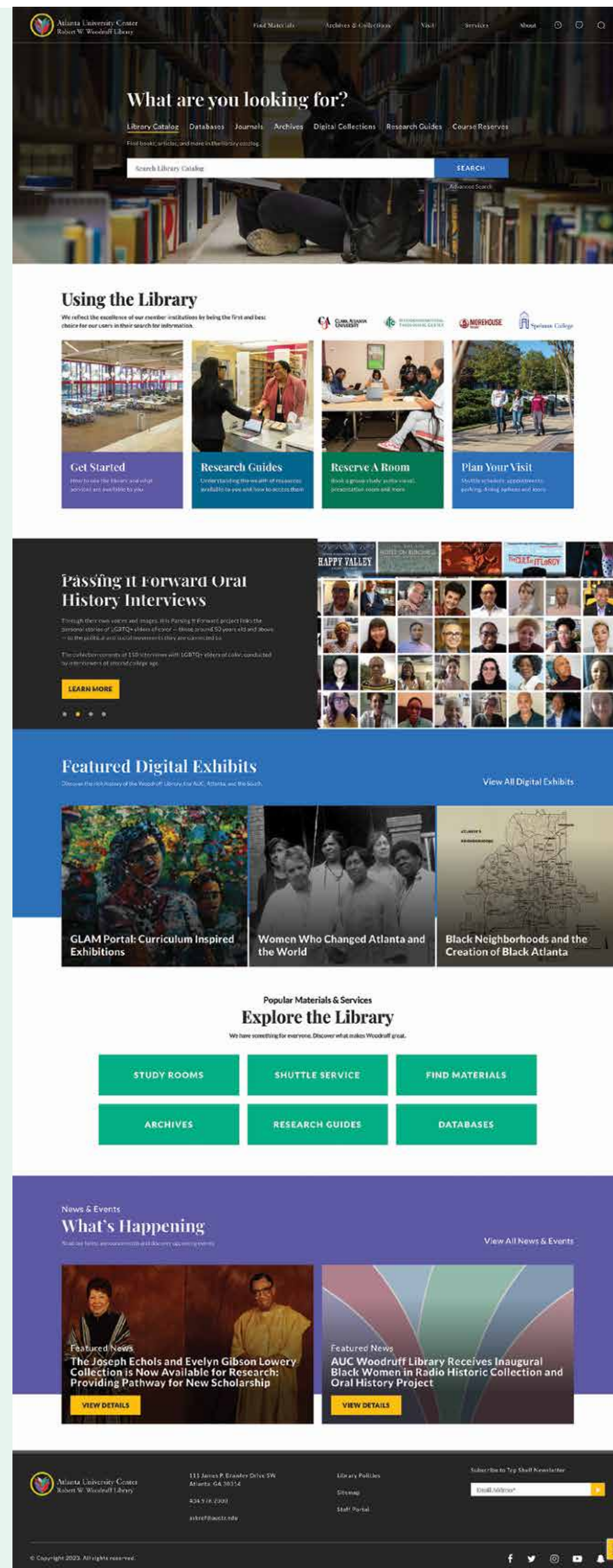
- Over 100,000 digital objects accessible in the Library's e-scholarship repository, RADAR
- **12 new collections/publications added to e-scholarship repository, RADAR.** The 177 total collections now include: John Brown Collection; Lemoine Pierce; Oscar Harris Collection; Passing It Forward: Oral History Interviews; and Hale Woodruff Collection
- **13,528 items digitized** including photographs, publications, catalogs, audiovisual assets
- **7,011 new individual works published to RADAR** (102,412 total individual works in e-scholarship repository, a 77% increase over previous year)
- **31,733 total items digitized and 5,190 new objects published** in e-scholarship repository, RADAR **as part of the 18-month Joseph and Evelyn Lowery digitization project**
- **4,577 items from the Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Collection** scanned and **uploaded to e-scholarship repository, RADAR**, including over 2,100 photographs
- **12,475 titles added to eBook collection**
- **162 events hosted at the AUC Woodruff Library with more than 11,576 participants** (72 events previous year with 3,367)
- **Recognized for excellence in marketing communications; received 2 international competitive-based, MarCom Gold Awards** for 2022 Library Annual Report (second consecutive win)

LIBRARY STAFF AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:

- **CFO & Assistant Director of Operations:**
 - **named Finalist for the Atlanta Business Chronicle's CFO of the Year Awards** in the Nonprofit, Government and Education category
- **Reference Librarian/Undergraduate Student Success Facilitator:**
 - appointed to Morehouse College Institutional Review Board
 - awarded a two-year appointment by the American Library Association (ALA) as Advisor for the Media Literacy for Adults: Architecture of the Internet project, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
- **African American Librarian:**
 - elected Vice Chair, Georgia Library Association (Black Caucus)
- **62 professional association presentations** were provided by Library staff including webinars, workshops, and conferences; **2 articles and 1 book chapter published**
- **17th consecutive year of clean financial audits**, with unqualified opinion and no management comments
- **\$4,160,000 Million awarded in new grant funding:**
 - \$3.5 Million raised in capital funding for “Active Space Learning Enhancement” (Exhibition Hall) from private foundations
 - \$650,000 awarded by Mellon Foundation for “Enhancing Institutional Digital Infrastructure and Descriptive Practices at the AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library”
 - \$10,000 awarded by American Library Association for “Recharging after COVID: Creating a Virtual Reality Space to Grow Outreach and Foot Traffic at an HBCU Consortium Library”



Top Stories of the Year



Library Web Site Redesign: www.auctr.edu

The last redesign of the AUC Woodruff Library Website was completed in 2010 just after a major renovation of the physical building. Since that time, technologies have evolved to include video incorporation/mobile applications/more responsive navigation and site structures, and greater know-how and expectations by users for the website experience have advanced. In addition, librarian and archivist requirements for virtual instruction have increased and the Library's methods for outreach needs to evolve to meet changing user needs.

To resolve this challenge, in February 2022 a task force was formed, led by the Digital Services Librarian, to create a new website to provide the AUC with improved accessibility, aesthetics and appearance that reflects the excellence of this Library and the member institutions it serves. The task force gathered preliminary feedback from a wide variety of AUC stakeholders via focus groups and listening sessions, including the Library Advisory Council, Library Staff, and students. The eight hours of recorded responses were then coded into 316 users' stories to help illustrate how the Library's website was being used, both internally and externally.

Partnering with the website vendor Applied Imagination, the site launched in January 2023. The Library's new website includes key end-user features like responsive design (easily viewed on both desktop and mobile devices), site architecture based on data analytics and user feedback, and a refreshed, contemporary visual design. To ensure accurate usability, the Library's new website was thoroughly tested with Library users as part of the Library's 2023 International Game Day event.



Morehouse College Archival Collection Update

In May 2022, the AUC Woodruff Library became the contractual custodian of the Morehouse College Archival Collection. After the collection was inventoried and the plan developed for organizing and processing, an archivist and archival assistant were hired and dedicated to the work of making the collection available for scholarly research and use.

In November 2022, the Archives Research Center moved another 463 linear feet/boxes of archival additions into the AUC Woodruff Library, including the Howard Thurman Collection. The Morehouse College Photographs (2.5 linear feet) have been processed and are now accessible to the public.

Top Stories of the Year

Upgrading Environment for Preservation, Teaching and Learning

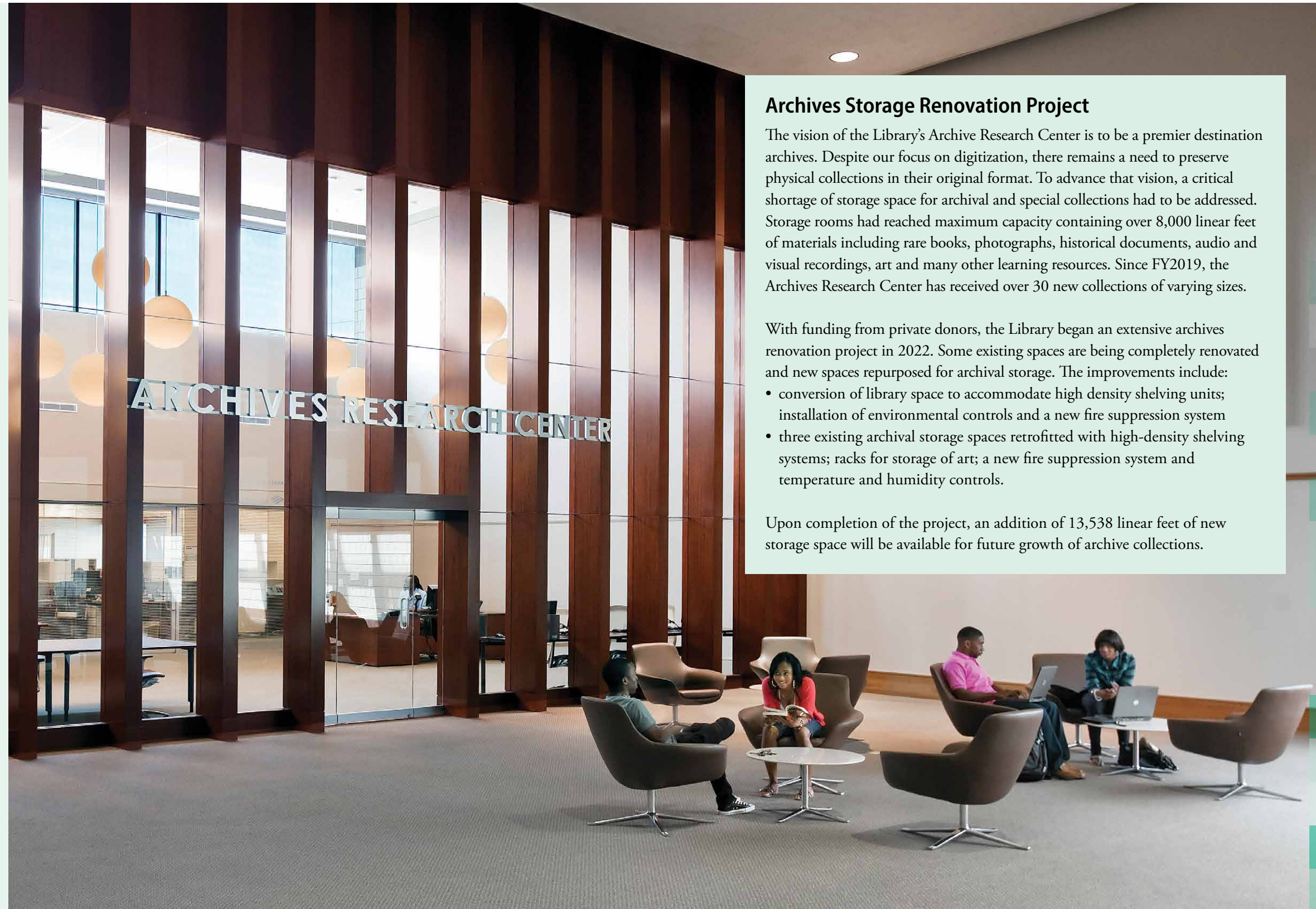
Enhanced Active Learning Space: Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall

The Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall is a sizable space in the AUC Woodruff Library which is used to host an average of 70 events per year. The space is available for use by faculty, staff and students of our four AUC member institutions. This is the first major improvement to the space since construction in 1981.

With the design plan and funding completed, the Library will begin renovating the Hall in Fall 2023. The new active learning space will facilitate the Library's vision for teaching and learning and will yield spaces that will:

- enable students to work collaboratively
- allow students and visitors to actively engage with content (including primary sources) and a range of learning technologies
- facilitate communication and interaction between students and faculty
- Enhance presentation of visual and audio content for programs, meetings, teaching and learning

Renovation will be completed and the Hall available for use in Fall 2024.



Archives Storage Renovation Project

The vision of the Library's Archive Research Center is to be a premier destination archives. Despite our focus on digitization, there remains a need to preserve physical collections in their original format. To advance that vision, a critical shortage of storage space for archival and special collections had to be addressed. Storage rooms had reached maximum capacity containing over 8,000 linear feet of materials including rare books, photographs, historical documents, audio and visual recordings, art and many other learning resources. Since FY2019, the Archives Research Center has received over 30 new collections of varying sizes.

With funding from private donors, the Library began an extensive archives renovation project in 2022. Some existing spaces are being completely renovated and new spaces repurposed for archival storage. The improvements include:

- conversion of library space to accommodate high density shelving units; installation of environmental controls and a new fire suppression system
- three existing archival storage spaces retrofitted with high-density shelving systems; racks for storage of art; a new fire suppression system and temperature and humidity controls.

Upon completion of the project, an addition of 13,538 linear feet of new storage space will be available for future growth of archive collections.

Symposiums, Exhibitions, Artist Talks, and More...

The Walter Rodney Symposium

The Walter Rodney Foundation and the AUC Woodruff Library co-hosted the 20th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium in March 2023. More than 200 attendees, including many AUC students, heard from various international speakers on the theme of “Reparations for All Peoples of African Descent; Reparative Justice for Walter Rodney,” at Morehouse College International Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel, and via live stream. Angela Davis served as keynote speaker. An exciting addition to this year’s program was the U.S. premiere of the film “Walter Rodney: What They Don’t Want You to Know.” To support the legacy of Dr. Rodney and the work of the Walter Rodney Foundation, a reception was also held at the Library with approximately 100 attendees.



Angela Davis



AUC Student Arts Festival and Exhibition

On March 23, 2023, student curators from Spelman College (SC) and Clark Atlanta University (CAU) premiered the AUC Student Arts Exhibition – Renaissance: An Ode to Creativity at the AUC Woodruff Library. Renaissance was the culminating activity of the Library’s annual AUC Student Arts Festival. During the year, the Library partnered with the AUC Art History + Curatorial Studies Collaborative to provide students with an opportunity to apply their theory with practice to curate the AUC Student Arts Exhibition.

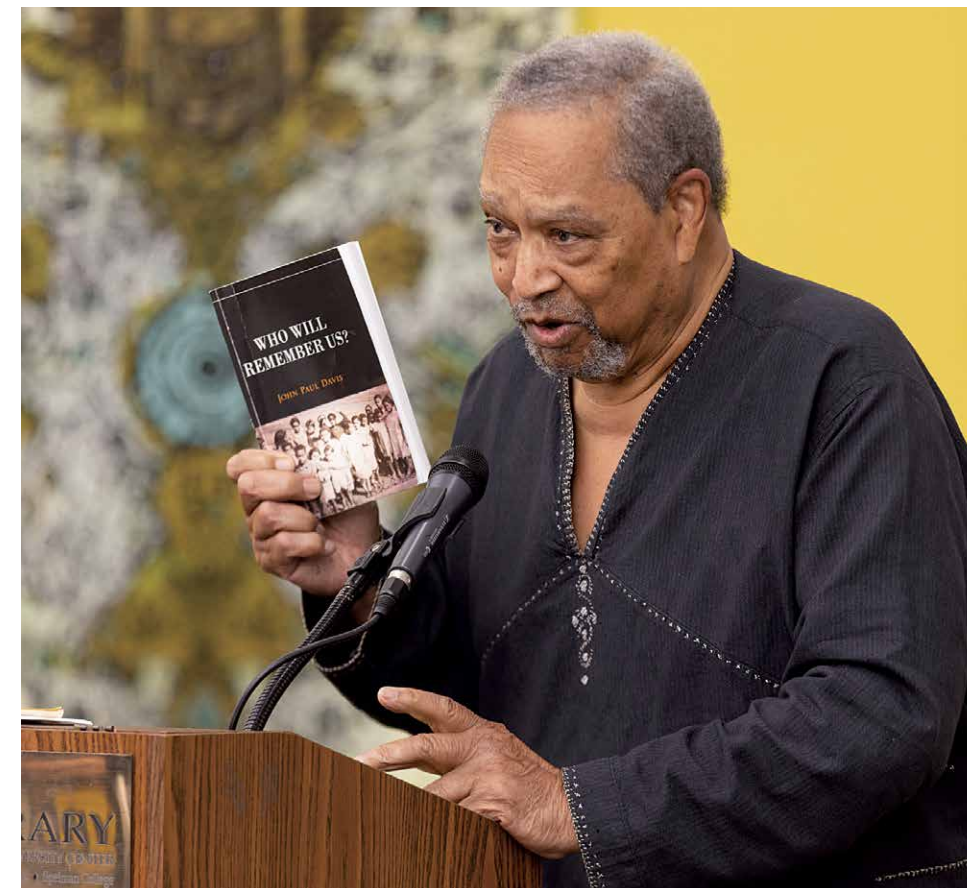
Twenty-eight AUC students submitted artwork in response to the Renaissance theme. For the first time ever, the AUC Student Arts Festival included a Critique and Presentation session. Judges from CAU and Morehouse College (MC) Art Departments provided feedback and recommendations for the selection of twelve artists to participate in the Exhibition. Three students won top prizes for their artwork: First Place-Madison Green (SC); Second Place-Jordan Walls (MC) and Third Place-Kamryn Owolabi (SC).

Asa G. Hilliard, III Symposium

The Asa G. Hilliard, III Symposium 2022: “Return to the Source” was a two-day experience in September 2022, sponsored by the Library with support from Hon. Patsy Jo Hilliard and the Hilliard Family. The program was crafted by a team consisting of Dr. Hilliard’s family and close professional friends, filled with insightful speakers, interesting panels and engaging sessions encouraging community dialogue.

Funded in part by the National Endowment for Humanities – American Rescue Plan, and the Nile Valley Conference Fund, the rich Symposium included renowned speakers Dr. Wade Nobles, Dr. Iva Carruthers, Dr. Joyce King (former Spelman College provost), Dr. Mario Beatty (former Morris Brown College professor), Dr. Greg Carr, Dr. Marimba Ani, Dr. Akinyele Umoja, Dr. Daniel Black (Clark

Atlanta University professor), Dr. Samuel Livingston (Morehouse College professor), Dr. James Young (Clark Atlanta University professor), and Dr. Itihari Toure (former Interdenominational Theological Center administrator). More than 180 were in attendance. The full Symposium was recorded and placed in the Library’s e-scholarship repository, RADAR.



Dr. James Young, CAU Professor



Symposiums, Exhibitions, Artist Talks, and More...

"One Day in January" ARTIST TALK



Horace Henry, Photographer



As part of the Black History Month Celebration, the "One Day in January" Exhibit by photographer Horace Henry was installed in the AUC Woodruff Library January 2023. The Exhibition features historical pictures of the ecumenical service upon the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It provides a dynamic display of more than 46 black and white photographs of Dr. King's initial burial site at Southview Cemetery, along with the April, 1968 service at Ebenezer Baptist Church for Dr. King. These include Mrs. Rosa Parks; the Reverend Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Dr. King's immediate successor as president of the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); the Reverend A.D. King, Dr. King's brother; his widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King; and entertainer Harry Belafonte, among many others.

In April, the Library hosted the "One Day in January" artist talk, where the attendees were captivated by Mr. Henry's account of his epochal moments capturing this important moment of global history. Mr. Henry is an Atlanta-based photojournalist and CAU alum.

Conversations on Connections: Artist and Curator Talk



Wilay Mendéz Páez, Artist; sculpture titles: *In Synchrony 1* and *2*; 2018

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the AUC Woodruff Library hosted Conversations on Connections, an artist and curator talk in October 2022, featuring Afro-Cuban artist, Wilay Mendéz Páez and curator, Dr. Anastasia Valecce (Department of World Languages and Cultures, Spelman College). Their exhibition, "Conexiones/Connections: Visual Stories in the Body of the City," first was displayed in the Library in 2019. "Conexiones/Connections" explored everyday life and human connections mainly in the urban space of Havana, Cuba through metal sculptures and mixed media collages on cardboard.

The Conversations event served as the exhibition closing, and was an insightful and informative discussion attended by AUC students, faculty, and community members. The talks were recorded and are available in the Library's e-Scholarship repository, RADAR.

Cross Campus Collaborations and Beyond!



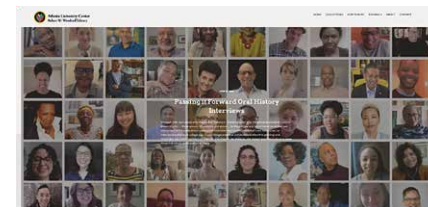
Partnered with Spelman College Innovation Lab to Host 24-Hour HBCU Game Jam

The Spelman College Innovation Lab sponsored the first HBCU Game Jam in February 2023, held at the AUC Woodruff Library. The HBCU Game Jam was an opportunity to welcome HBCU students to the gaming and tech industries through a fun and supportive event! More than 160 students from 15 HBCUs across the country participated in a 48-hour hackathon to compete for industry-sponsored prizes while building their own video games. Students slept overnight in the Library, and were able to expand their coding and video game creation skills, and secure internship and mentorship opportunities from top technology companies. A total of 29 video games were created in 24 hours! Event sponsors included Google, Zynga, Unity and Microsoft.

ITC Faculty Publication Launched with New Open Access Publishing Platform

This year the Library began offering a new open-access publishing platform, PressBooks, for AUC faculty to create and provide access to their own open educational resources (OER). This cloud-hosted software platform enables authors to design and publish in a variety of formats including PDF, EPUB, and Webbook. PressBooks will allow faculty to publish materials to use in class, collaborate on publications with students, editors and co-authors, and deliver content at a low cost. The Library's first PressBooks publication is entitled *Ifa: African Traditional Religions Textbook* by Dr. Will Coleman (ITC) and Dr. Awo Fa'lokun Fatunmbi, an Ifa scholar, and theologian. The textbook has received over 775 page views since posting.

Spelman College Archives and CUNY Faculty on the "Passing It Forward Oral History Project"



Collaborating with Spelman College Archives and the City University of New York (CUNY), the AUC Woodruff Library provided online access to oral history interviews from LGBTQ+ elders of color in our e-scholarship repository, RADAR. Through their own voices and images, the Passing It Forward project links the personal stories of LGBTQ+ elders of color above 50 years an older to the political and social movements in which they are connected. These intergenerational conversations allowed this growing and important population to reflect on their life and wisdom. The collection consists of 150 interviews conducted by college-aged interviewers over the course of two years in 2020-2021. Each interview includes a video file with closed captioning and a transcript that can be downloaded. The oral history project was coordinated by Dr. Juan Battle, Professor of Sociology at the City University of New York who donated the collection to the Spelman College Archives.



Subject Specialists Partner with Morehouse Faculty to Advance Studies in African History, Digital Humanities, Cultural Heritage Preservation, and Social Justice

In partnership with Morehouse College, the Humanities /Virtual Reality & Games Studies Librarian and the Head of the Online Learning and Technology Unit, participated in a one-day exploratory retreat entitled the "Gullah Road Scholars Expedition in South Carolina." The retreat was part of Morehouse College's Mellon Humanities for All Times: Movement Memory and Justice Project, a 3-year initiative devoted to the study of the intersections of African History, Digital Humanities, Cultural Heritage Preservation, and Social Justice." Drs. Corrie Claiborne and Monique Earl-Lewis of Morehouse College are the principal investigators for this grant. The purpose of the expedition was to take faculty, students, and staff of the AUC Community to various African American cultural sites of memory and to think about ways to incorporate these sites of memory into the educational work currently being done. Following the retreat, the subject specialists demonstrated the usage of storytelling technology for teaching and learning at the Morehouse Mellon Public History and Digital Humanities Project Fall 2022 Faculty Institute.

Gullah Road Scholars Expedition: <https://sway.office.com/INtGjDSroi3Qe8T1?ref=Link>

Archives Research Center and National Center for Civil and Human Rights Partnership

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Cross Campus Collaborations and Beyond!



“Roll to the Polls” Shuttle to Early Voting at Morehouse College!

The AUC Woodruff Library and the Dogwood City (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated partnered to provide safe shuttle transportation to Archer Hall at Morehouse College in October 2022 from various shuttle stop locations throughout the AUC.



Dr. H. Justin Ballenger, Morehouse College

Partnered with the AUC Data Science Initiative’s K-12 Working Group to Host Listening Session

The Library’s Assistant Director for Research, Learning and Technology Services, the STEM Librarian, AUC Data Science Faculty Advisory Board, and the Graduate Success Facilitator Librarian represented the Library on the working group for the AUC Data Science Initiative (DSI) for K-12. Sessions were conducted to hear invited educators’ concerns about data science curricula in K-12, and to explore collaboration opportunities between local K-12 schools and AUC institutions. The sessions were chaired by DSI’s Deputy Director, Dr. H. Justin Ballenger with the working group members from Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Morehouse School of Medicine.



Inter and Intra Technology Collaboration

In March 2023 the AUC Woodruff Library was awarded a significant grant from the Mellon Foundation to support the needed enhancement of its digital infrastructure that would expand the Library’s preservation of, and access to, African American Studies archival content and scholarly resources.

This project, in collaboration with the Archives Research Center and the Digital Services Department, will establish a computing and storage infrastructure that can scale to meet the

demands of digitization and collection activities and partnerships such as those with the HBCU Library Alliance and the Harvard University Library. Further it will enable the Library to centralize the disparate systems that currently support digitization and collection activities. Add to this infrastructure the creation of a high-speed fiber ring that the AUC Council of CIO’s in collaboration with Georgia Tech, and the Library is poised to respond to the needed footprint for maximizing its digital environment.



Highlights 2022-2023 Academic Year

JULY | Library Became a Member of the Library Publishing Coalition Blog (LPC)

The AUC Woodruff Library is a voting member of LPC, an association of academic and research libraries and consortia engaged in scholarly publishing that provides a professional forum for developing best practices and sharing expertise.

AUG | Atlanta Student Movement Presidential Award Honorees Reception

The Spelman College Social Justice Program and the Library hosted a reception honoring the Atlanta Student Movement alumni, historians and documentarians who were recognized with the prestigious 2022 Joseph R. Biden Lifetime Achievement Award.

SEPT | Equitable Dinners – 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre

The Equitable Dinners was host venue by the Library to discuss the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre and race in society. The Equitable Dinners series is a collaboration between Out of Hand Theatre, National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The King Center, and Partnership for Southern Equity, and the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing.



OCT | International Open Access Week

"Community over Commercialization" was the theme of the October Open Access week. The Library promoted agreements negotiated with American Chemical Society and Cambridge University Press which provided publishing opportunities to AUC faculty at no cost, as well as 300 Cambridge journals via Open Access.



NOV | WABE "Georgia Votes LIVE" Session at Library

WABE reporters and the Library co-hosted a 2022 Georgia Votes LIVE session, one of a series that was held on college campuses throughout the state of Georgia, to discuss some of the core issues driving the 2022 election. The session was pod podcast.



International Games Day Fun

Over 90 students joined the Library for our annual International Games Day inspired by ALA's International Games Month and co-sponsored by Microsoft. Participating students enjoyed a variety of games, including virtual reality, Xbox video games, floor and board games.



DEC | Extended Hours and Holiday Break!

JAN | Library Refreshed Employee ID Badges

As part of the AUC Woodruff Library branding refreshment initiatives, the employee badges were redesigned to coincide the implementation of the Library's newly redesigned web site.



FEB | LGBTQ+ Historical Context

The Library hosted the City of Atlanta's Department of City Planning and Historic Atlanta to share news of a special LGBTQ initiative. See Radar.auctr.edu for recorded event.



MAR | AUC Faculty Scholarship Week: March 20-24

The Library celebrated the scholarly achievements of AUC faculty across all disciplines in a physical exhibit of selected works from faculty from each campus, along with a series of workshops conducted by librarians related to their scholarly output. See virtual exhibit at: Radar.auctr.edu.

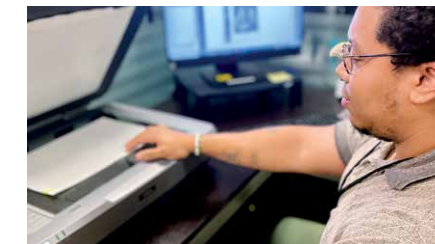
APR-MAY | Money Smart Week

The Library kicked off its first post pandemic Money Smart Week event with the new Business Librarian Fellow hosting a session in the Library's Bloomberg Financial Lab on the Bloomberg certification process.

Summer Interns Hone Digital Skills at the Library

The Library hosted John Washington, project assistant and recent graduate of Georgia State University, as part a micro grant from the Mellon Foundation. John digitized 300 objects from the Mary Ann

Smith Wilson and Ruby Doris Smith Robinson Collection on Student Activism and digitized and created metadata for 100 objects for addition to the Atlanta Student Movement collection.



Sophia Weglarz, a participant in the National Museum of African American History & Culture's Robert F. Smith Internship Program (RFSIP), spent 12 weeks at the Library's Archives Research Center and Digital Services Department gaining experience in all aspects of the digital curation lifecycle. Sophia created a cohesive digital collection of more than 250 items from the Voter Education Project Collection.



JUN | Archives Research Center Hosted Georgia Archives Institute Summer Internships

Archives hosted two interns who processed the Julia and William Fountain Papers and Marva Collins Papers. The experience culminated with a two-week intensive program on archival theory and processing.

Library and National Center for Civil and Human Rights Hosted Civil Rights Teaching Fellowship Institute

An inaugural cohort of teaching fellows from K-12 and college participated in a two-week summer teaching institute at the AUC Woodruff Library focusing on the theme of "Navigating Change & The Historical Narrative." The fellows explored ways to utilize museum and archival primary resources for development of curriculum.

Safeguarding Library's IT Infrastructure

The Library's Office of Computing and Information Technology (OCIT) continued in this year to safeguard Library information technology (IT) academic and business systems, both hardware and software. A multifactor authentication (MFA) was activated to further secure remote workers' access to their desktops (VPN) along with the annual cybersecurity training for all staff. The continuity of services that is provided to AUC students when they are connecting to Wi-Fi, regardless of which school they attend is seamless. Collaboration with other Chief Information Officers in the AUC has again resulted in the delivery of a reliable network of services and systems.

Check our website: www.auctr.edu for more information on highlighted and future events.

Marking a Milestone

Following Dr. Odom's Career Journey



EDUCATION:

Year 1976
Degree B.A., Chemistry
School Fisk University
Location Nashville, TN

Year 1978
Degree M.S., Chemistry (Organic Chemistry)
School Atlanta University
Location Atlanta, GA

Year 1980
Degree M.S., Library Science (Special Librarianship)
School Atlanta University
Location Atlanta, GA

Year 2004
Degree Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
School Morehouse School of Medicine
Location Atlanta, GA

"May the Work I've Done, Speak for Me": AUC Colleagues Had a Lot to Say About Dr. Odom!

"Dr. Odom is a librarian, scientist, and scholar that has instructed thousands of students in information literacy in science and mathematics. She has a passion and commitment to the Library mission to support learning, scholarship and cultural preservation. The team of librarians that she has led for so many years have delivered excellent services to the AUC community and it is without a doubt due in large part to her model leadership. It has been my good fortune to work with Dr. Odom for nearly two decades. We know that the profession and the success of so many students who graduated from our member schools, was made better because of her. I am grateful for Dr. Odom's dedication to our vision of excellence and her advocacy for the AUC Woodruff Library."

Loretta Parham, CEO & Director
Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library

Your sessions were like journeys of discovery, where the pathways to understanding were illuminated by your expert guidance. Your ability to decipher the most complex of queries and present them in accessible ways illustrated your exceptional ability to bridge the gap between intricate scientific concepts and our eager minds. You have been an invaluable mentor to generations of students, fostering a love for learning and inquiry that will undoubtedly continue to ripple through time. . . Please know that the impact you have had on budding scientists, researchers, and curious minds alike will be felt for generations to come."

Dr. Issifu Harruna, Professor of Chemistry,
Clark Atlanta University

"You've had a great career that has impacted so many, and I am truly blessed to know you and call you friend. You have not only mentored my scholars, students, and BIOSCRIBES at Morehouse and the VRI [Vereen Research Institute], but you have also mentored me. I am a better teacher, instructor, researcher, and mentor because of YOU! . . . Commitment to scholarship and student training even during the pandemic. . . enabled hosting of a virtual summer research training for scholars in my lab that culminated with the scholars presenting their work in a virtual research symposium where we had members from NSF [National Science Foundation] join us virtually and a keynote speaker from the Atlantic magazine."

Dr. Ethell Vereen, Assistant Professor
Morehouse College, Vereen Research Institute

EXPERIENCE:

AUC Woodruff Library, Atlanta, GA

- 2020 – 2023 | Assistant Director for Research, Learning & Technology Services
- 2012 – 2020 | Discovery & Access Services Department Head
- 2006 – 2012 | Information & Research Services Department Head
- 2003 – 2006 | Science Librarian

SPECIAL CAREER-RELATED TRAINING EXPERIENCES:

- 2022 Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) & University of Minnesota Libraries Virtual Evidence Based Synthesis Institute
- 2021-2022 Mobilizing Computable Biomedical Knowledge (MCBK) Pilot Training Institute (sponsored by the Network of National Libraries of Medicine (NNLM))
- 2018 Biomedical & Health Research Data Management for Librarians 101 Course
- 2011 Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2008 MBL/NLM Medical Informatics Course, Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA
- 2006 Summer Institute for Academic Library Leadership, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Awards & Honors:

- 2002-2004 | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency STAR Fellowship (Morehouse School of Medicine)
- 2001 & 2002 | American Association for Cancer Research Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award
- 1979-1980 | Title II-B Fellowship in Library Science (Atlanta University)

Odom's Reflections Over Her 20 Years

1. Why Woodruff?

I have strong ties to the Atlanta University Center as a higher education community as all of my graduate degrees have been earned at AUC institutions. I felt compelled to give back when asked to give my time and talents to enhancing STEM information resources and services at the AUC Woodruff Library.

2. In what ways have you tried to fulfill Woodruff's mission?

I have provided instruction and research support to AUC STEM faculty and students; and actively served on committees, working groups and task forces essential to supporting the success of key initiatives of importance to AUC stakeholders.

3. What do you love about your job?

Working with faculty and student researchers.

4. The Library has changed so much over the last 21 years, what stands out most to you?

New Library spaces and evolving information usage styles of student.

5. What's your favorite time at Woodruff?

Welcoming first year students.

6. What is an important lesson you have learned over time?

To give students tools that can be used at the point of need which is often long after they've participated in a library instruction session.

7. What hobbies do you enjoy when you are not working?

Arts & Crafts and Reading.

8. Is there any advice you would give a new colleague or anyone looking to get into profession of librarianship?

Find your niche in librarianship and hone your craft... look for the aspect of information services delivery that makes you most passionate.

The Staff

Boards, Committees, and Professional Affiliations (Selected)

Academy of Certified Archivists	Educopia Institute Board Member	NASEM Roundtable Member
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	GALILEO Interconnected Libraries (GIL), Users Group	National Association of African Americans in Human Resources
American Library Association (ALA)	Georgia Academy of Sciences	National Association of College & University Business Officers (NACUBO)
American Management Association	Georgia Archives Institute, Board Chair	National Black MBA Association (NMBBAA)
American Theological Library Association (ATLA), Board Member	Georgia Center for Nonprofits, CFO Central	Oberlin Group
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)	Georgia Library Association	Scholarly Communication and Open Access Working Group
Atlanta/ Macon Private Academic Libraries (AMPALS), Chair	Georgia Society of CPAs	Society of American Archivists
Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE) Atlanta Studies Journal, Editorial Board	HBCU Library Alliance, Board Member	Society of Georgia Archivists, Board Member
Association of Research Libraries (ARL)	Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA), Co-chair	Society for Human Resource Management
Code4Lib Southeast	Institute of Internal Auditors	Visual Resources Association
Digital Library Federation	International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)	
EDUCAUSE, Board Member	Journal of Theological Librarianship, Peer Reviewer	
	Library High Tech Journal, Editorial Board	

About the Library

Mission, Vision, & Core Values

MISSION:

The Library partners with member academic institutions* of the AUC; providing information management, instruction and access to a variety of global information resources acquired and organized in support of teaching and learning, scholarship and cultural preservation of the Atlanta University Center.

VISION:

To reflect the excellence of our member institutions by being the first and best choice for our users in their search for information.

Established in 1982, the Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library is named in honor of the late Robert Winship Woodruff, philanthropist and former CEO of The Coca-Cola Company. The Library serves the nation's largest consortium of historically black colleges and universities, which includes* Clark Atlanta University, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College and Spelman College. In addition to the aesthetic benefits of this state-of-the-art facility, the Library has evolved into a model repository of information resources and a front-runner in the innovative delivery of digital resources.

The AUC Woodruff Library is the winner of the 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the university category from the Association of Collegiate and Research Libraries (ACRL). Library CEO Loretta Parham was named the ACRL 2017 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. In July 2022, the AUC Woodruff Library became the 127th member of the Association of Research Libraries, becoming the second HBCU in its history to achieve this distinction. The Library is a nonprofit corporation under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and operates exclusively for educational and charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code. It is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees. The AUC Woodruff Library is also home to the Archives Research Center, which is noted for its holdings of materials on the African American experience, including the John Henrik Clarke Africana and African American Collection, the Henry P. Slaughter and Countee Cullen Memorial Collection, and the Southern Education Foundation Collection. In addition, at the request of Morehouse College, the Library serves as custodian of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection, as well as custodian of the Joseph Echols Lowery and Evelyn Gibson Lowery Collection.

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Respect for the Individual

High Expectations for Performance

Competence in Services and Staff



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