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## GLS UPDATE

### Library's Food and Drink Policy

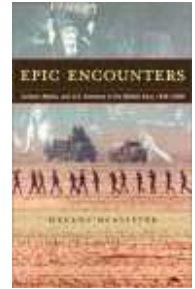
by **Peggy Enevoldsen**  
*Building Operations*

We would like to remind all Staff and Faculty members to adhere to the "Food and Drink" policy in place at the Library. Please place food items and non spill-proof drink containers in paper or plastic bags prior to entering the building. If you forget to do this, the staff at the Access Desk will hand you a paper bag to use for that purpose.

We ask that you work with us on the application of this policy because our students and patrons are active observers of others who do not comply with this policy. It is up to GLS staff to set a good example.

### Faculty Authors Signing Reception

by **La Nina Clayton**  
*Special Collections*



Due to some very late cancellations, there will only be two faculty members making presentations at the next Faculty Authors Signing Reception. Professor Evelyn Jaffe Schreiber, Assistant Professor of English, and Professor Melanie McAlister, Assistant Professor of American Studies. The program will be held Friday, February 7th, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in Special Collections, Room 207. (See **Attachment A.**) Now more than ever, your presence and participation are appreciated. Please show your support for the program and the fac-

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## SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

\* Mary Faith Pankin's report on the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Bibliographic Standards Committee and the American Libraries Advisory Committee at the Midwinter American Library Association Conference.

ulty authors who have so graciously agreed to make presentations. And please, note the final reception of the academic year will be held on Friday, April 4th. I look forward to seeing you at both receptions.

### The Making of the Janet G. Travell Exhibit

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

**Attachment B** is an article on the Janet G. Travell exhibit written by Sonya Tupone, University Archives'

Graduate Student Assistant. The exhibit is open to the public from Mondays through Fridays, from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. It is located at The Gelman Library's Special Collections Department, Room 207.

## GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

### Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment C** for the Gelman Library System's Vacancy Listing.

## **GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS**

Cont...

### **New CMS Department Cataloger**

by **Steven Watson**

*CMS Department*

The Collections Management Services has a new part-time copy cataloger. Aaron Bonds joined the Gelman staff on December 2, 2002. He comes to us with over 18

years of library experience. The majority of those years were spent at the Library of Congress.

Aaron has several hobbies that include listening to jazz, visiting the gym three times a week, traveling and meeting people. CMS is very happy to welcome Aaron aboard. If you have not met him, please stop and say hello.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Midwinter American Library Association Conference Report**

by **Teena Bedola**

*Administration*

Please see **Attachment D**. Mary Faith Pankin's report on the Midwinter American Library Association conference.

## **VIRGINIA CAMPUS UPDATE**

### **Virginia Campus Library Update**

by **Doug Carroll**

*VCL*

#### **New Buildings: New Programs:**

Since GW took over the former PSI Net building, now known as Building 2, a host of possibilities continue to arise about former, as well as, new academic and research programs to be located within its walls. The Virginia Campus Library staff has been investigating and attempting to assess the needs for these programs. This includes estimating space, collections and costs, as well as exploring avenues for funding. There is a possibility of the Library moving the collections and services from

Building 1 to Building 2 based on space needs and proximity to the patrons who use the Library the most, i.e., the academic graduate students. As plans finalize, we will report further developments.

The National Transportation Safety Board Building is nearing its completion ahead of the estimated July finish date. The University has entered into a 20 year contract to house this facility and share resources. NTSB will house an academy that prepares NTSB investigators.

#### **Strategic Plan:**

In January, at the Strategic Planning Retreat, Andrea Stewart announced that **Brian Mathews** agreed to co-convene Goal II with her. Brian had already been working with the Team in planning the

LibQUAL+ Assessment for the GLS.

#### **Position Postings:**

*Library Specialist I* (Grade 9-R#11520):

This position concerns Document Delivery Services at the Virginia Campus. Tasks include receiving document and materials requests, verifying citations, receiving items, packaging, scanning and e-mailing or shipping materials to students. Data entry of statistics is also a major part of this work.

*Library Manager III* (Grade 16-R#11484):

This position manages the support operations of the Virginia Campus Library that is comprised of several sub-units, each of which performs a distinct Library function both at

the Virginia Campus and at Gelman. A wide background of library experience is required since this Manager supervises all aspects of workflow between Doc. Del. services, ILB, Circulation and also coordinates computer services between Gelman and the Va. Campus IT personnel.

me; but I easily team up with you when your encouraging word, like gentle rain in a meadow, nourishes me and your spirited zeal, like sunshine in the open sky, inspires me.”  
(Meditations by D.T.C.)

“I find it hard to work with you when your lightning blinds me and your thunder deafens

*“A Truly Great Library  
Contains Something In It  
To Offend Everyone.”*

~ Jo Godwin ~

**SIMPLE TIPS**

**Jack Siggins**  
*University Librarian*



“Any Meaningful Idea Should Be Able  
to Be Stated in Less Than One Minute.”

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## LITERARY HISTORY

- Feb. 2, 1745 English religious writer, **Hannah More** is born in Stapleton, Gloucestershire.
- Feb. 3, 1832 The last of the Augustan poets, **George Crabbe** dies in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.
- Feb. 4, 1805 **William Harrison Ainsworth**, author of 39 popular historical romances like *The Tower of London* and *The Lancashire Witches* is born in Lancashire, England.
- Feb. 4, 1968 The real genius behind the Beat Generation group of American writers, **Neal Cassady**, collapses and dies along some railroad tracks in Mexico.
- Feb. 5, 1867 **Henry Crabb Robinson**, English poet, man of letters, friends with many of the days leading poets and thinkers, dies in London.
- Feb. 6, 1857 **Fyodor Dostoevsky's** first marriage, to Marya Dmitrievna, takes place in Siberia.
- Feb. 6, 1864 Gay anarchist novelist **John Henry Mackay** is born.
- Feb. 6, 1876 **Lewis Carroll** asks his publisher to print the title of his narrative poem *The Hunting of the Snark* on the dust jacket.
- Feb. 7, 1478 **Sir Thomas More** is born in Milk Street, Cheapside.
- Feb. 7, 1867 **Laura Ingalls Wilder**, author of *Little House* children's books, is born in Pepin, Wisconsin
- Feb. 8, 1828 **Jules Verne** is born in Nantes.
- Feb. 8, 1926 **Sean O'Casey's** *The Plough and the Stars* is given its first performance, at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
- Feb. 9, 1906 **Paul Laurence Dunbar**, the first black writer in the United States, dies in Dayton, Ohio.
- Feb. 9, 1923 Author and playwright **Brendan Behan** is born in the slums of Dublin.
- Feb. 10, 1749 **Henry Fielding's** *The History of Tom Jones*, in ten small volumes, finished serial publication.
- Feb. 10, 1890 **Boris Pasternak** is born in Moscow.
- Feb. 11, 1951 Canadian poet, **Tom MacInnes**, dies in Vancouver.
- Feb. 12, 1871 **Alice Cary**, American writer, dies.
- Feb. 12, 1908 Master of thriller storyteller, **Andrew Garve** is born.
- Feb. 13, 1898 Upon his release from prison on charges of homosexuality, **Oscar Wilde** publishes *The Ballad of Reading Goal*, his cry of prison agony.
- Feb. 13, 1874 **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn** is expelled from the Soviet Union.
- Feb. 14, 1606 **Michael Drayton's** *To His Valentine* is published.
- Feb. 14, 1779 Author of the erotic memoir *My Life and Loves*, **Frank Harris** is born in County Galway. **Oscar Wilde** will quip: "Frank Harris is invited to all the great houses in England — Once."
- Feb. 15, 1709 Poet **John Philips** dies.