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Library News Update

“The mailman passed but he brought no news today” – “Shine On” by Ruth Brown, 1951: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MG9gV3eyFO4

$$ Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Book Budget Update: The History Book Budget for the new fiscal year became available in October. It is the same as last year’s: $31,476 [note: it started out encumbered by $995 from the last fiscal year. As of this date (March 12) the balance stands at approximately $16,500.
Marcia Boosinger, associate dean for public services of Auburn University Libraries (AUL), has retired after 32 years at AUL. Boosinger was instrumental in the continued development of the libraries of Auburn University, including two building expansions of the main Ralph Brown Draughon Library and the repurposing of library spaces to make the Auburn libraries a one-stop study help location for students.

During her tenure at AUL she was awarded the Auburn University Women of Distinction Leadership Award for Faculty; Significant Contribution Award, Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries; and the Blackwell North America Award for Research Promise in Librarianship.

Boosinger began her career at Auburn University in 1986 as the first coordinator of bibliographic instruction, a program that grew to offer more than 650 classes to over 14,000 students annually during her tenure. In 1998 she assumed the newly-created position of head of reference and instruction services, consolidating all library reference services into a single operating unit within the libraries. Boosinger was appointed associate dean for public services in 2007. She has solely authored or contributed to numerous articles and various other publications, professional presentations, and posters.

Boosinger has also been active in service to the university community as secretary of the Auburn University Senate, the first librarian to serve on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, co-chair of the University Writing Initiative Task Force, and founding and continuing member of the Auburn University Common Book Committee. She served as the University Faculty Athletics Representative, chair of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, member of the NCAA Academics/Eligibility Cabinet, and member of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee. Her professional organization service included her election to four consecutive three-year terms as the Alabama chapter councilor serving on the American Library Association Executive Council, and as president of the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.
Graduate Student/Faculty Quiet Study Room in Library Now Requires Card Swipe Access

In response to feedback from users, the Graduate Student/Faculty Quiet Study Room located on the 3rd floor of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library became **swipe access only on March 1, 2018**. Use your TigerCard to gain access. Graduate students’ cards should work automatically but **faculty will need to register by completing a short form** in order to initiate access. Note: you will only have to register once.

If you are an Auburn University faculty member interested in using the space, you can either:

- Register online at [https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3IrIlmyrCAAOUJ](https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3IrIlmyrCAAOUJ) OR
- Visit the Circulation desk on the 1st floor of the library and complete a paper form.

If you have questions, contact Adelia Grabowsky at abg0011@auburn.edu or Juliet Rumble at rumbljt@auburn.edu

DATABASE TRIALS

Although acquisition of new databases is unlikely, it can be useful to know what history-related databases are out there. Those that appear particularly relevant and those that attract faculty and student favorable commentary go on my ever increasing wish list for those rare times when extra funding for major acquisitions becomes possible.
Jewish Life in America c. 1654-1954

*Jewish Life in America* will enable you to explore the history of Jewish communities in America from the arrival of the first Jews in the 17th century right through to the mid-20th century. This rich collection brings to life the communal and social aspects of Jewish identity and culture, whilst tracing Jewish involvement in the political life of American society as a whole.

Link:  [http://www.jewishlife.amdigital.co.uk/](http://www.jewishlife.amdigital.co.uk/)

Date:  March 6 – April 3, 2018

*Please note that PDF download options are not available during trials.*

Contact:  Tim Dodge ( dodgeti@auburn.edu ).
Library Lectures

Unless noted otherwise, all library lectures take place in the Special Collections and Archives Department which is located on the Ground Floor of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

⭐️  March 20, 3:30 p.m. – Patience Essah Africana Series – Jennifer Brooks – “From the Congo to the Convict Lease: Africa in Alabama Coal Mines”
April 5, 3 p.m. – Discover Auburn Series – Matt Hoch – “Jocelyne Binet’s Cycle de Melodies: Unearthing a Forgotten Song Cycle”

April 10, 3:30 p.m.: Patience Essah Africana Series – Joan Harrell (A.U. Dept. of Communication and Journalism) – Title to Be Announced.

**New Book of the Month**

While every book the library acquires is, I hope, of interest and value, this column features just one title chosen from the latest available monthly New History books list. The monthly list will continue to be sent via e-mail separately from this newsletter.

[Image of a book]


See [H-Net review](https://networks.h-net.org/node/12840/reviews/837452/seablom-stevenson-1917-war-peace-and-revolution)