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Emory Libraries: Our year in review

It's been a busy year of growth and change for the Emory Libraries. In the LITS (Libraries and Information Technology Services) 2013-14 Annual Report, our University Librarian Yolanda Cooper wrote an update on organizational changes, new and enhanced spaces, expanded collections and preservation efforts, infrastructure and services enhancements, Coursera online courses and other innovations and advancements.



[Read Yolanda Cooper's year-end roundup on the Emory Libraries](#)

[View the entire LITS 2013-14 Annual Report](#)

Image of Emory University Librarian Yolanda Cooper by Emory Photo/Video.

Emory University's MARBL acquires three photograph collections



The Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL) at Emory University recently acquired three photograph collections that will enhance its archives of the arts and art history, Atlanta and Southern history and the LGBT community.

The new collections are the photographs, artwork and personal papers of Dianora Niccolini, a pioneering female photographer in New York City known for photographs of the male body; Ron Sherman's

photographs of politics, sports, culture and other aspects of 1970s Atlanta life; and photo albums from photographer and artist Alli Royce Soble that document Atlanta's LGBT community and arts scene in the 1990s.

[Learn more about the three collections](#)

[Read about MARBL's vast Langmuir African American photo collection](#)

Image: Andrew J. Young, the night he was elected mayor of Atlanta, Oct. 27, 1981. Ron Sherman photographs, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Emory, Georgia Tech to open joint library service center

Emory University and the Georgia Institute of Technology will break ground soon on a new joint Library Service Center (LSC). The LSC is a collaborative project that will house a shared collection of materials, provide delivery services and create space on the main campuses at both universities.



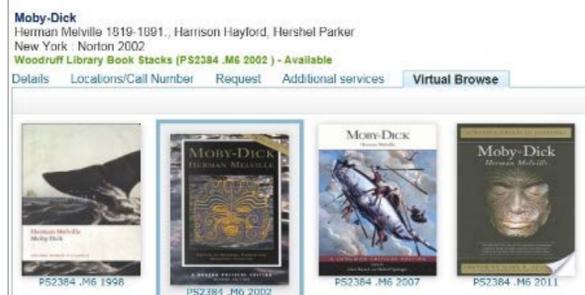
The majority of collections currently in the Georgia Tech Library will move to the LSC, providing space for the Library Renewal Project, a multi-year plan to reimagine Tech's library spaces and services for the 21st century. For the Emory Libraries, the LSC will provide a single off-site location for consolidating materials already housed at other locations, and open up much needed space from its main campus library.

Site preparation for the LSC, located at Emory's Briarcliff Road property, is underway, with building construction starting this fall and completion expected in fall 2015. The LSC will house high-density shelving designed to ensure the long-term preservation of and access to library collections.

[Read more about this partnership](#)

Image courtesy KSS Architects.

Emory Libraries brings virtual browse, other upgrades to discoverE



Emory Libraries and Information Technology Services made a number of improvements over the Thanksgiving break to the Emory Libraries' discoverE catalog search system, including virtual browse, a feature that displays a virtual bookshelf of items on the shelf near the target of your search - as though you're

standing in the stacks aisle.

Virtual browse applies to any item with a call number, and it works for all Emory Libraries - Woodruff and the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, as well as Oxford and the business, health sciences, law and theology libraries.

Patrons can browse forward and backward through the covers of books and other items as if they were displayed on the shelf. "It's like you're walking through the stacks aisle and you have the ability to see what's close by," says Christopher Spalding, library core services manager.

[Learn more about virtual browse and other improvements](#)

Oxford Library's graphic novel collection expands

The Oxford College Library has grown its graphic novel collection to nearly 300 items, including critically acclaimed titles, popular reading, and curriculum-related materials.



The novels can be looked up via the library's discoverE search system, and covers can be viewed by clicking the virtual browse tab on the individual search item page. Recently the library published a list of all the titles it owns, along with corresponding call numbers, and the list includes superheroes and villains, classic stories, suspense thrillers, and John Lewis' "March: Book One," a recounting of his experiences as a civil rights activist.

[View the list of graphic novels at Oxford Library](#)

Emory Libraries in the news



We're making headlines in Atlanta and around the world:

[How a Persistent Scholar Landed an Invitation to T.S. Eliot's Archive](#), the story of Ron Schuchard's longtime efforts to bring Eliot's complete works to publication, featured in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

[50 Poets Muse on Seamus Heaney](#), an Irish Times article by poet Vona Groarke, who took part in Emory's Heaney tribute in September, mentions the Woodruff Library's Heaney exhibition and curator Geraldine Higgins.

[Emory, Ga. Tech to Build Joint Library Service Center](#), featured by the Associated Press and picked up by media outlets including CBS46 Atlanta and Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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