It’s finally spring everyone!

With warmer weather and allergies, we also turn our focus to the most important people in our lives.

Winter is often seen as family time, but spring and summer carry two of the most important familial holidays: Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Come into the Georgia Room and check out some hidden gems about the women who birthed and put up with us.
Georgia Room Spotlight:

It’s been a bittersweet month in the Georgia Room. Maggie Thomas, library associate and newsletter editor, now has a new job as a processing archivist at KSU! The Georgia Room decided to give her one last hurrah, with owls and Girl Scout cookies as far as the eye could see.

While we will miss her terribly, this is as good an excuse as any to visit KSU—When you do, tell her Lauren sent you.
Join us Monday, April 8th
AND Saturday, April 13th
for our First Monday genealogy workshop!
This month’s presentation is

“A Brief History of Genealogy in America”

Program begins at seven o’clock pm on Monday and three o’clock pm on Saturday. Light refreshments will be served.
Program Update:

Treasures of the Georgia Room’s African American Collection: The Influence of Black Churches in Georgia was a huge hit. So huge in fact, it even made the Marietta Daily Journal!

Thanks to Janet and Maggie for giving such a fantastic program!
Curators Robert Williams and JoyEllen Freeman to present

Open House Thursday!

Come see highlights from the
Bentley Rare Book Museum collection

Thursdays from 10:45 am-12:15 pm
Bentley Rare Book Museum – Lower Floor - Sturgis Library

Fall 2018
August 30: 19th-Century British Lit
September 6: Religious texts
September 13: Early music
September 20: Early science texts
September 27: Banned Books
October 4: Medieval manuscripts and early printed books
October 11: Shakespeare
October 18: Mark Twain and contemporaries
October 25: Book Frights
November 1: Richard Wright and James Baldwin
November 8: Fine Bindings
November 15: Richard III
November 22: NO OPEN HOUSE

Spring 2019
January 24: Words of the Civil Rights Movement
January 31: Dystopian Literature
February 7: Harlem Renaissance Literature
February 14: Love in Literature
February 21: Declaration of Independence history
February 28: Children’s Books
March 7: Fierce Egan
March 14: Illustrations and prints
March 21: “Forgotten” writers
March 28: Food history
April 4: NO OPEN HOUSE
April 11: 20th-century poetry
April 18: Our favorite things (bring your favorite book, and we’ll bring ours)
Georgia Day with the Phillips Legion Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

On Tuesday February 19, the Phillips Legion Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy blessed the Georgia Room with Southern Food like sweet tea and more casseroles than you could shake a stick at, as well as several donations. Georgia Day is normally celebrated February 12, the day the first Georgia settlers found their way to Savannah, but the Phillips Legion Chapter celebrated it a little late to show their appreciation for all the help Georgia Room employees and volunteers give them in their research journeys.
First Mondays in the Georgia Room:
Special Presentation with Guest Speaker!

BEYOND THE WAR
MAY 6, 2019, 7:00-8:00
SWITZER LIBRARY’S GEORGIA ROOM

You’ve probably already heard stories about the role Kennesaw Mountain played during the Civil War. There are many more tales to tell however, about things that have happened on the mountain.

In conjunction with the series, First Mondays in the Georgia Room, junior historian Andrew Bramlett will share stories of events that took place, and some that were planned and never took place, both prior to the war and afterwards. This will include the Native American presence, a resort during the 1850’s, planned statues that never happened, a huge peach orchard, a small plane crash and more.

Thirteen-year-old Andrew Bramlett is a native of Cobb County. He is currently the vice president of the Kennesaw Historical Society and an Honorary member of the Cemetery Preservation Commission for the City of Kennesaw. He is a volunteer at the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department for their special events and volunteers at Kennesaw Mountain where he leads hikes and is a guide on the weekend shuttle.
The James Tharp Circle Chapter of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic recently donated two wonderful books to the Georgia Room: Memoir of Susie King Taylor: A Civil War Nurse, and Georgia’s African Brigade: Slave to Soldier.

We are extremely grateful to get Civil War books from the experts, and to continue to diversify our collection.

Speaking of Military books, the Old Noonday Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated Georgia’s Roster of the Revolution to the Georgia Room in honor of Georgia Day. The Georgia Room is so lucky to have such well informed friends!
SAVE THE DATE! June 1, 2019 Georgia Genealogical Society Annual Picnic

2019 is the 150th anniversary of the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Ga. Originally established after the Civil War to provide a resting place for Union dead, come learn more fascinating information from Brad Quinlin, renowned Civil War Historian, on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Ga. Archives in Morrow!

For more information visit www.gagensociety.org
“Regroup with On the Right Track”
Saturday April 13, 2019
2-4 PM

Calling all the people that attended On the Right Track!

There will be a regroup session in the Georgia Room on April 13, 2019. This is a perfect opportunity to build on the skills learned in On the Right Track, get help with pressing research questions, and hang out with people that have the same interests that you do!
Land Use in Georgia: Urban Planning and Neighborhood Change in the Peach State
April 6, 2019 at the Georgia Archives

9:55 Welcome from Christopher Davidson, State Archivist / Assistant Vice Chancellor USG

10:00 From Activist to Inspiration: Frederick Law Olmstead and the Legacy of his Linear Parks
Laura Starratt

11:00 Break, sponsored by the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH)

11:15 Layered Land Use: History Unearthed, Laurel Bowen, Kevin S. Fleming, William W. Hardesty

12:15 Lunch available for a cash donation
Slideshow: Selected images from the Georgia Archives collections

1:15 Student Performance: “Buford Dam, Lake Lanier, and the Families Forced to Uproot,” Nancy Marie Glasscock

1:30 Panel: Land Use and Neighborhood Change in Atlanta, 1920s to the Present:

Healthy Neighborhood Development: Land Use, Transportation, and Housing in Atlanta from the 1920s applied to Today, Eric Kronberg and Elizabeth Ward

The Georgia Avenue Business District and the Summerhill Neighborhood: From Vibrant Neighborhood to Parking Lots (and Back Again?), Marni Davis

Regulating Out Mixed-Use: The Origins and Consequences of Atlanta’s Nonconforming Use Zoning Regulations, Joe Hurley

2:30 Break, sponsored by the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH)

2:45 The Good, the Bad, and the Blueprint: The 1925 Warren Manning Plan for the Development of Athens, Georgia, Beth Whitlock and Steven Brown

Event is free and open to the public
Cobb County Genealogy Society
Military Day’s coming up fast!
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Cobb County Genealogical Society
Presents
Michael L. Strauss, AG
Finding Your Ancestors Through the Military

Date: April 27, 2019
Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia

- Introduction to Military Genealogy Research
- Genealogical Research in the War of 1812
- Researching your World War I Ancestors
- Uniforms, Medals, and Memorabilia: Military Resources Discovered

Registration: http://www.cobbgensoc.org/wrkshp_sem1.htm
Price: Members - $20, Member w/spouse - $30
Non-member - $30, Non-member with a new membership - $50
Registration at the door – Add $5.00 to above prices
Lunch on your own (Noon – 1:30 p.m.)
Visit the registration website for more information
Registration no later than: via USPS Postmark 11 April 2019  Online 17 April 2019 (available on or after Oct. 1, 2018)
Register via USPS using the form below.

2019 CCGS EDUCATIONAL SERIES: Finding Your Ancestors Through the Military
Please complete this form and mail to the following address: CCGS, Inc., P.O. Box 1413, Marietta, GA 30061-1413 Early Registration Deadline to guarantee a printed syllabus - 11 April 2019
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Members ($20): _______________ Non-Members ($30): _______________
Member and Spouse ($30): _______________ Non-member with new membership ($50): _______________

☐ Check here if you would like to receive announcements via email.
Registration is open for IGHR 2019!

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DNA Doesn’t Lie, But People Do

Genealogy can be awkward. With advances like DNA, family secrets that have been buried for hundreds of years resurface.

In a recent article by ABC News, 23andme explains how common this is and how they handle it. Most people call them thinking that there is something wrong with their results, sometimes repeatedly. These people then find out that they have a different father than they were always told or have entirely different ancestry then they were always told.

They have an entire department that deals with this. One of their employees puts it this way, “We obviously aren’t therapists so we can’t act as one. But listening and being empathetic and sympathetic is definitely part of the process.”

You can read the rest of the article here: https://abcnews.go.com/living/story/makers-home-dna-test-kits-seek-customers-cope-60709941?cid=social_twitter_abcn
Postcards from the Past

Wiregrass History Conference
Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9-4
Tattnall County Courthouse
Reidsville, Georgia


Tattnall County Archives
tattnallarchives.org/ 912.557.6049
April is: Jewish American Heritage Month

Find these books and more in the Georgia Room!
Last but not least… update on the book sale!

This is the first year we’ve used credit cards and it was a success. We made over $45,000. Thank you for supporting the library!

SPRING 2019 BOOK SALE
FRIDAY, MARCH 15  9 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 16  9 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 17  1 PM - 5 PM
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