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SURVIVING COLLEGE WITH THE LIBRARY

Are you concerned about keeping your GPA above a 3.0? There are a variety of reasons Georgia State students need to keep up their grades. That's why we're hosting a series of workshops this semester that will provide you with skills that not only help earn good grades, but can also prepare you for your future career beyond GSU.

There are four workshops in this "Library Essentials" series:



1. Avoiding Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism is a serious offense that carries penalties as severe as suspension or expulsion. We'll help you learn to cite your sources right.

2. Information You Can Trust:

Learn to evaluate your sources before using them in a paper.

3. Discovering Data:

We provide access to thousands of resources. Effectively find the research you need quickly.

4. Perfecting Your Paper Topic:

Learn how to develop a research question, refine your topic and other techniques to wrangle your subject before you start writing.

In addition, library personnel are also available for one-on-one research support during scheduled times all semester. Studies show that college students trust their libraries and librarians more than they trust Wikipedia and other popular search engines. Why not stop by and let us help you survive college?

UNLOCK THE LIBRARY'S POTENTIAL

If you're a sophomore or a junior, now's your chance to rate the importance of and your satisfaction with the library's services, resources and facilities.

On Tuesday March 13, you will receive an email invitation to complete a brief survey about the library. We last surveyed undergraduates in 2007, so now is a great opportunity to share your opinions about what we can do to better support your research and learning at Georgia State.

This survey will be open for 3 weeks, closing on April 3rd.



GSU FIGHTS FOR OPEN ACCESS

Georgia State University and several of its faculty recently stood against legislation that would restrict public access to research funded by tax dollars.



The Reseach Works Act (HR3699) was supported by Elsevier, a major commercial publisher of academic research. But the company withdrew its backing after many faculty pledged to refrain from publishing their research with any publisher that supported HR3699.

In addition, several academic institutions (including GSU) wrote letters of opposition to the bill. As a result of this and Elsevier's withdrawl, the bill's cosponsors declared the legislation dead.

Through the Digital Archive @ Georgia State University, the library provides open access research that's publicly available to anyone. This includes undergraduate publications, such as the Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Journal, as well as the winners of our Undergraduate Research Awards.

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