

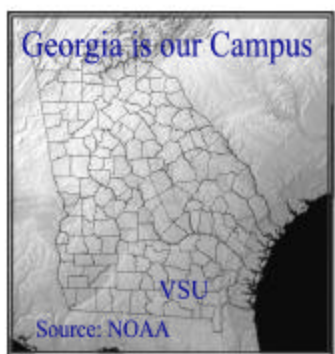
VI: PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

HIGHLIGHTS

- VSU is a leader in distance education in the state of Georgia.
- Technical support for VSU students and faculty is strong.
- Extensive electronic resources are available statewide through GALILEO.
- Union catalogs, statewide borrowing, and efficient interlibrary loan service bring traditional resources from across the state into reach.
- VSU's library collection in support of the program needs to be augmented.
- Space for on-site teaching is available at other institutions.

INTRODUCTION

The State of Georgia is our campus. To meet the needs of the state-wide campus, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (BOR) and Valdosta State University (VSU) support education and distance education in its several manifestations



in many ways. These include statewide programs like GeorgiA LIbrary LEarning Online (GALILEO), the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES), GALILEO Interconnected Libraries (GIL), the Georgia Online Database (GOLD), and Georgia GLOBE (Global Learning Online for Business and Education).¹

Public libraries in Georgia are under the same administrative BOR umbrella. A union catalog of public and academic libraries and a Universal Borrowing system with a common borrower's card statewide will be operational in January 2002.

The state-wide campus also includes Valdosta State University programs like the VSU MPA City Manager Track,² the WebMBA program (a consortium of five universities),³ and the Education Specialist in Instructional Technology Program.⁴ Many

The staff and the services provided for a program by libraries, media centers, and information technology facilities, as well as all other support facilities, are sufficient for the level of use required and specialized to the degree needed. These facilities are appropriately staffed, convenient, accessible to the disabled, and available when needed, regardless of forms or locations of delivery of the school's program.

VSU departments offer Web-based instruction. These include: Accounting, Biology, Business Administration, Communication Arts, Cooperative Education, Criminal Justice, Curriculum & Instruction, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Educational Leadership, English & Journalism, Geology & Geography, Instructional

Technology, Kinesiology and Physical Education, Library and Information Science, Management, Marketing, Math and Computer Science, Middle Grades and Secondary Education, Modern and Classical Languages, Music, Nursing Graduate, Nursing RN, Nursing Undergrad, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, SGREC, Social Work, Sociology, and Women's Studies. The various resources of the University System of Georgia and Valdosta State University are marshaled to support these various programs and the newly inaugurated Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program at VSU.

VSU draws its students from all quadrants of the state and uses resources throughout the state. During Fall Semester 2001, the VSU MLIS program uses the facilities of Macon State College in Macon, Georgia, to offer its face-to-face classroom instruction. It does so because of Macon's central location. The classroom in Macon is

¹ <http://www.georgiaglobe.org/>

² <http://www.valdosta.edu/mpa/online/>

³ <http://www.valdosta.edu/coba/webmba/>

⁴ http://teach.valdosta.edu/edsonline/eds_menu.html

equipped with a teaching computer, and other audio-visual aids can be obtained when needed. If and as the geographical distribution of students changes, class sites will be shifted to better accommodate students. We anticipate being able to schedule face-to-face classes in any quadrant of the state. Cooperation from Macon State has been strong, and we see every reason to anticipate similar cooperation from other institutions. Since our on-site teaching is done on weekends, there will be space to schedule our classes at institutions in every part of the state.

The VSU MLIS Program incorporates the extensive resources of GALILEO to offer library resources and library laboratories to its students. It incorporates the computing and library facilities of academic and public libraries throughout the state for use by its students. And, as is discussed in the Curriculum chapter, VSU MLIS program proposes to incorporate elective on-line courses developed or delivered by American Library Association (ALA) accredited programs elsewhere in North America.

The information and library infrastructure in Georgia, the cooperative atmosphere of the state, and the common administrative structure governing academe, academic libraries, and public libraries all contribute to the logic of Georgia as our campus.

Because the VSU library professional education program is the only publicly-supported program in the state, because many of our course offerings are on-line, and because we offer our face-to-face instruction at a centrally located facility, the MLIS program is state wide rather than regional – and hence can claim that the state is our campus.

There are a number of statewide programs that further reinforce the claim that the state is our campus. These include:

- GALILEO
- GIL
- Georgia public library system
- University System of Georgia academic libraries
- Office of Public Library Services professional library collection

These resources are discussed in greater detail below.

BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents (BOR) oversees the 34 institutions of higher education across Georgia. It is also responsible for the 371 library systems grouped as 57 public library systems in the state. The BOR CEO is its Chancellor. Members of the Board of Regents are appointed by the Governor for seven year terms. They may be appointed either by district and at-large across the State of Georgia.⁵ The colleges and universities are headed by presidents.

University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia (USG) consists of 34 colleges and universities distributed across the state. VSU is part of the USG.⁶

Office of Public Library Services

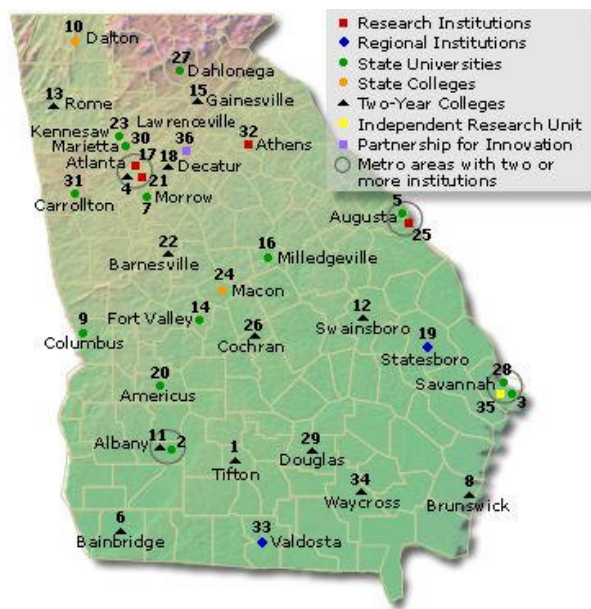
Public libraries in Georgia are administered at the state level by the Office of Public Library Services (OPLS).⁷ The OPLS answers to the Board of Regents and is, therefore, under the same administrative umbrella as the University System of Georgia.

⁵ For a list of members, see <http://www.usg.edu/admin/regents/members.html>.

⁶ <http://www.usg.edu/>.

⁷ <http://www.public.lib.ga.us/pls/opls/>.

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Source: <http://www.usg.edu/inst/index.html>

OPLS maintains two library collections: a professional collection of library-related materials and a Georgia Collection of historical, genealogical, and literary items. The professional collection is extensive and is physically housed in downtown Atlanta. The collection catalog is available on-line through PINES (STATELIB1). Lists of periodicals, videos, and new acquisitions can be found at the OPLS Website.⁸

The OPLS professional collection consists of the following holdings, by Dewey numbers:

000s = 13,325
100s = 136
200s = 450
300s = 6,474
400s = 294
500s = 734
600s = 2,203
700s = 1,244
800s = 3,158
900s = 5,014

⁸ <http://www.public.lib.ga.us/pls/col/coldev.shtml#state>

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Biographies = 83 (older titles that were classified as Biography before we began putting them in subject areas)
Fiction = 427 (estimated)
Total of above = 33,542

Periodical subscriptions = 151

Dissertations = 1,760 (these are on microfilm and are all Georgia-related subjects)

This professional collection is available to our students via ILL.

Public Library System

OPLS is the state agency responsible for the public library system. The following is a list of public library systems in Georgia:

- Athens Regional Library (Athens)
- Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (Atlanta)
- Bartow County Library System (Cartersville)
- Bartram Trail Regional Library (Washington)
- Brooks County Library (Quitman)
- Chatham-Effingham-Liberty Regional Library (Savannah)
- Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System (Columbus)
- Chatooga County Library System (Summerville)
- Cherokee Regional Library (LaFayette)
- Chestatee Regional Library System (Dahlonega)
- Clayton County Library System (Jonesboro)
- Coastal Plain Regional Library (Tifton)
- Cobb County Public Library (Marietta)
- Conyers-Rockdale Library System (Conyers)
- DeKalb County Public Library (Decatur)
- DeSoto Trail Regional Library (Camilla)
- Dougherty County Public Library (Albany)
- East Central Georgia Regional Library (Augusta)
- Elbert County Public Library (Elberton)
- Fitzgerald Ben-Hill County Library (Fitzgerald)
- Flint River Regional Library (Griffin)
- Forsyth County Public Library (Cumming)
- Gwinnett County Public Library (Lawrenceville)
- Hall County Library System (Gainesville)

Hart County Library (Hartwell)
Henry County Library System (McDonough)
Houston County Public Libraries (Perry)
Jefferson County Library (Louisville)
Kinchafonee Regional Library (Dawson)
Lake Blackshear Regional Library (Americus)
Lee County Public Library (Leesburg)
Middle Georgia Regional Library System (Macon)
Montezuma Public Library (Montezuma)
Moultrie-Colquitt County Public Library (Moultrie)
Mountain Regional Library (Young Harris)
Newton County Public Library System (Covington)
Northeast Georgia Regional Library (Clarksville)
Northwest Georgia Regional Library (Dalton)
Ocmulgee Regional Library System (Eastman)
Oconee Regional Library (Dublin)
Ohoopsee Regional Library System (Vidalia)
Okefenokee Regional Library System (Waycross)
Peach Public Libraries (Fort Valley)
Piedmont Regional Library System (Winder)
Pine Mountain Regional Library System (Manchester)
Roddenbery Memorial Library (Cairo)
Sara Hightower Regional Library (Rome)
Satilla Regional Library (Douglas)
Screven-Jenkins Regional Library (Sylvania)
Sequoyah Regional Library (Canton)
South Georgia Regional Library (Valdosta)
Southwest Georgia Regional Library (Bainbridge)
Statesboro Regional Library System (Statesboro)
Thomas County Public Library System (Thomasville)
Three Rivers Regional Library System (Brunswick)
Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library (LaGrange)
Twin Lakes Library System (Milledgeville)
Uncle Remus Regional Library System (Madison)
West Georgia Regional Library (Carrollton)

These library systems are distributed across the state. As discussed below, 26 of these library systems have joined together to form a union catalog, the Public Information Network for Electronic Services or PINES. PINES, in turn, is a member of a larger union catalog of academic and public libraries (Georgia Online Database or GOLD).

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All public libraries in Georgia provide their patrons with access to public access computers with T-1 Internet connectivity. These workstations can be used by VSU MLIS students to access databases and for other curriculum related activities.

WorldCat as Georgia Union Catalog

The union catalogs of Georgia's academic and public libraries are expected to be fully operational in January 2002. Until then, our students can use the WorldCat database as a statewide union catalog. We have access to WorldCat, the end-user interface to the OCLC Online Union Catalog, via GALILEO, which is described below. From a WorldCat record for an individual title, the student can see whether VSU has reported owning the item as well as a list of all other libraries that own it. Since the list of owning libraries shows the Georgia libraries first, students can readily see whether the item is owned by an academic or public library near their homes. This also provides an efficient method for identifying items to request via VSU's ILL service.

Another tool for our students is the Georgia Libraries Journal List, an online serials union list which displays owning locations, summary holdings, and in some instances call numbers. From a WorldCat record for a serial title, there is a link to the List, enabling the student to quickly see which Georgia libraries hold the volume needed. An example can be seen in the WorldCat record for Library Resources & Technical Services, which is WorldCat accession number 1696755.

GALILEO

GALILEO (Georgi**A** Libr**ary** LEarning Online) is a statewide initiative of electronic resources initiated by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. GALILEO includes more than 2000 institutions in the state of Georgia,

including K-12 facilities, colleges, universities, public libraries and technical schools. Its goal is

...to improve library services for all Georgia citizens. No matter where a citizen lives in the state of Georgia, a library nearby provides access to GALILEO. For this reason, all GALILEO participating libraries, whether public or private, excluding schools (K-12), must provide some kind of access to GALILEO for the public, whether through open access to all library facilities, limited access to designated workstations, waiting lists, or other means.

<http://www.usg.edu/galileo/>

Beginning in March 2000, Georgia residents using password access provided by public libraries are provided entry to GALILEO databases. VSU MLIS students and faculty where ever they may be physically located, may utilize the Valdosta State University Library password protected portal to GALILEO services.

Not only is GALILEO a good resource for providing access to the library literature (and all other subjects), it is also an excellent laboratory for library education. GALILEO, as is shown below, provides Georgians as well as all students in the VSU MLIS program with access to almost all the public and private academic library resources of the state.

Database Collection

The databases collection consists of the material shown in Table PRF-1 as well as the EBSCOhost and ProQuest catalogs. These latter databases are IP-recognition or password protected. The specific menu of available journals is based first on system wide licenses together with additional acquisitions by specific entities.

Table PRF-1. GALILEO Databases

Academia and Libraries (WWW links)
in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Area Studies & Ethnic Studies (WWW links)
in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection

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Arts & Humanities (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Business & Economics (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Career & Job Information (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Census Data current and retrospective files
Consumer Resources (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Demographics & Census Information (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Education (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Electronic Journals & Texts (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
ERIC (education) (at AskERIC) 1966- monthly
General & Reference Sources (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Georgia Government Publications 1994- daily full-text images
Georgia Historic Newspapers ongoing a full-text database
Georgia Legislative Documents A full-text database
Georgia Libraries Journal List (GOLD) current file biannually
GeorgiaNet current file ongoing

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GeorgiaNet - Georgia Department of Archives & History current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - Administrative Rules and Regulations current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - Attorney General's Office current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - Corporate Search (records of Georgia Secretary of State) current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - Georgia Code (laws now in force) current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - Legislative Services current file ongoing
GeorgiaNet - State Agencies, Councils and Commissions current file ongoing
Government & Politics (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Native American Documents 1730-1842 ongoing a full-text database See: Southeastern Native American Documents
News, Media, & Publishing (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Sciences & Medicine (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Social Sciences (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Southeastern Native American Documents 1730-1842 ongoing a full-text database
Student Resources, K-12 (WWW links) in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
Technology (WWW links)

in GALILEO Internet Resources Collection
UGA SACS Compliance Documents
1999- daily
Weather & Climate (WWW links)

Digital Library of Georgia

The Digital Library of Georgia is a recent initiative. It is “...is a virtual collection of digitized books, newspapers, images, manuscripts and media with an emphasis on material important to the history and culture of the state of Georgia. Many of the materials are from the special collections of GALILEO member institutions.”⁹

Georgia Library Catalogs

GIL (GALILEO Interconnected Libraries) is an extension of GALILEO. It is the union catalog of Georgia University System holdings. GIL is available through OPAC

The addition of a single integrated library automation system to GALILEO will make online access even easier for patrons and staff. GIL will integrate into one system, a web-based online union catalog of all the book collections of the University System (over six million volumes - 60% of the titles are unique), a circulation system with self-service options, fund accounting, cataloging, and check-in and control functions. USG patrons will be able to initiate requests for books directly from other libraries at their computers from home, from dorm rooms, or within the libraries. Library patrons will be able to validate legitimate University System library patrons. In addition, USG librarians will be able to gather data on the growth and use of the collections that will guide future decision making and cooperative collection development.

<http://gil.usg.edu/introduction.html>

gateways of the various member institutions, for example VSU's at

<http://gil.valdosta.edu/>.¹⁰

⁹ http://chiron.gsu.edu/cgi-bin/door/homepage.cgi?h1=diglibga&action=link&link=dlg1&query=Subject:diglibga+and+Resource:Data+base&ns=1&style=default&nf=0&_id=1034164495-5315

¹⁰ For a complete list of institutional access points, see: <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/libraries.phtml>

The University System of Georgia libraries have a long history of sharing resources and working on cooperative projects. Primary illustrations of that cooperative spirit are as follows:

- the creation of the Joint Borrower's Card, which allows access and borrowing privileges by System students and faculty members in System libraries on a case by case basis;
- leadership provided by System librarians in interlibrary loan and cooperation among all types of libraries, including the development of the Georgia OnLine Database (GOLD) and gratis interlibrary loan among System libraries. (The University System loans more to Georgia libraries than it borrows.)
- criteria developed by the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL) for standard automated systems for University System libraries;
- Georgia State University serves as the host for an electronic union catalog of all system library holdings, and the University of Georgia serves as the host for the Georgia Union List of Serials.
- Georgia State University and DeKalb College offer automation services to System libraries via PeachNet; and
- cooperation by RACL librarians in selecting databases to be centrally mounted, allowing for distributed access and license fees. (Both the University of Georgia and Georgia State University are maintaining several databases for other System libraries.)

<http://gil.usg.edu/vision.html>

The GIL Joint Borrower's Card permits students and faculty at one GIL member institution access to the collection at all other member institutions. Materials are provided to borrowers through the GIL interlibrary loan program and may be returned at any member institution. Therefore the collections of all University System of Georgia libraries are part of a single state-wide campus.

The Georgia Online Database (GOLD)

The Georgia Online Database (GOLD) is administered by the Office of Public

Instructional and research facilities and services for meeting the needs of students and faculty include access to library and multimedia resources and services, computer and other information technologies, accommodations for independent study, and media production facilities.

Library Services (OPLS). It incorporates the University System of Georgia Libraries and the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) in a single union catalog. Starting in December 1999, the PINES

online library catalog became part of GALILEO. PINES is a union catalog of 26 public library systems.

The GOLD consortium consists of more than 200 academic, public, private, school, special, and technical member libraries, most of which are GALILEO members. It is the interlibrary lending and union listing system used throughout the state.

Valdosta State University Instructional Support

Center for Teaching and Learning

The University maintains a Center for Teaching and Learning to support faculty in their efforts to improve instruction. Faculty may use the Center at any time during campus business hours. The facilities in the Center include ten laptop computers and a data projector that can be checked out and two workstations for use in course development. All computers are equipped with Windows 2000, the Microsoft Office Suite, and full Internet access. The laptops include CD-ROM and DVD players. The workstations include Print Shop software, two CD burners and attendant software, and a color printer.

The Center also provides a library of current titles on all aspects of teaching and learning in higher education. The collection of 150 books and 25 journal titles are easily browsable in an attractive environment for reading and reflection. The books, which can be checked out, include some titles in multiple copies for use by the Teaching Circles.

Teaching Circles are a project of the Center and of the Community of Scholars (COS), an interdisciplinary group of faculty who promote the scholarship of teaching and learning. Teaching Circles meet monthly and provide an informal atmosphere in which faculty can improve their teaching through discussion and networking. COS sponsors workshops, including a recent half-day program on alternative assessment methods. COS

members provide peer instruction in the Center on a wide range of topics, including basic computer skills, collaborative learning, and use of cartoons and illustrations in teaching.

Computing

The VSU MLIS program is supported by an extensive computing network at Valdosta State University and throughout the state. In addition, the VSU MLIS faculty have access to sophisticated computing capabilities that enhance their research, teaching, and service commitments. These resources are discussed in detail below.

Information Technology Division

The Information Technology Division, located in the Office of the VSU President, consists of three departments: Financial Information Systems, Management Information Systems, and Microcomputing and Network Services. Microcomputing and Network Services provides assistance and advise on the purchase and maintenance of hardware and software. These services include the VSU helpdesk,¹¹ various mail lists, and the e-mail system. Their support services for faculty and students using WebCT are particularly noteworthy.¹²

VSU Computing Resources

Yahoo! Internet Life recently ranked Valdosta State University's computing infrastructure in the top 100 of US universities.¹³ Table PRF-3 lists computing resources available to the VSU community to be used by individual students and faculty or as laboratory and classroom facilities.

The MLIS Program can also call upon the services of the Automated Systems Department in Odum Library. Because the MLIS Program is under the umbrella of the

¹¹ <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/helpdesk/>

¹² <http://www.valdosta.edu/webct/>

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Library, the Library's technical services extend to the hardware and software used by MLIS faculty and graduate assistants.

Table PRF-3: VSU Computing Facilities for Laboratory, Classrooms, & Students

Name	Systems	Location and hours
Decision Center	20 Win 95 workstations	Pound Hall MTWR 7:30a-11p, F 7:30a-5p, Su 1p-11p
Education Center (Lab A)	21 Win 95 workstations MS Office, Paradox, Internet Explorer, Netscape	122 Ed Center Hours vary
Education Center (Lab B)	15 Win 95 workstations MS Office, Paradox, Internet Explorer, Netscape	120 Ed Center M-R 8a-9p, F 8a-3p
Education Center (Lab C)	21 Win 95 workstations MS Office, Pagemaker 6.0, Lotus, dBase, Internet Explorer, Netscape	240 Ed Center Hours vary.
Education Center (Lab D)	24 Win 95 workstations MS Office, Internet Explorer, Netscape, Astound, Hyperstudio Explorer, Netscape	244 Ed Center Hours vary.
Education Center (Lab E)	MS Office, SPSS, Internet Explorer, Netscape	262 Ed Center Hours vary.
Fine Arts	24 Win 95 workstations Windows95 Music Quest MIDI Driver WordPerfect 6.0a for Windows PageMaker 6.5 CorelDraw 8.0 CakewalkFinale 3.0 Pyware Charting Aid Paint Deluxe Animation Music Lessons Play It By Ear NetscapewsFTP QVTTerm LViewPro 1B	Fine Arts 215 M-R 8a-10p, F 8a-3p, Su 1p-10p
Information Technology Classroom	15 Win 95 workstations MSO 2000, Netscape 4.61, Internet Explorer 5, Tegrity Cart	Pine Hall 107 – not open lab, can be scheduled
Math and CS (classroom)	33 Win NT workstations Windows NT, MSOffice 95, BannerWeb Student Self Registration using Netscape Communicator 4.x, and Telnet applications, Eudora, Borland's Turbo Pascal 7.0 and C++, and Delphi, as well as Sun's Java Development Kit Ver. 1.6.	2128 Nevins Hall M-F 8a-9p, Sa-Su 2p-9p
Math and CS (main lab)	12 Win NT workstations Windows NT, MSOffice 95, BannerWeb Student Self Registration using Netscape Communicator 4.x, and Telnet applications, Eudora, Borland's Turbo Pascal 7.0 and C++, and Delphi, as well as Sun's Java Development Kit Ver. 1.6.	2128 Nevins Hall M-F 8a-9p, Sa-Su 2p-9p

¹³ <http://www.yil.com/features/feature.asp?Frame=false&Volume=07&Issue=10&Keyword=colleges>

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Math and CS (Sun)	7 Solaris 2.7 workstations	2128 Nevins Hall M-F 8a-9p, Sa-Su 2p-9p
Odum Library	40 Win 95 workstations Microsoft Office 2000 Professional, Netscape	Main Floor of the Library Mon-Thurs 8a-12a, Fri 8a-7p, Sat 9a-7p, Sun 1p-12a
Psychology and Counseling	24 Win 95 workstations SPSS 9.0, MS Office 97, Netscape, Internet Explorer, Adobe Acrobat Reader	PCB, Room 7
Public Services	20 Win 95 workstations MS Office, WordPerfect 6.1, SPSS, Paradox	360 Regional Center Open for scheduled classes only.
Quiet Lab	10 Win 95 workstations MS Office, Internet Explorer, Netscape	University Center M-F 8a-5:30p
Writing Center	24 Win 95 workstations Office 2000, The Ready Reference Handbook Online	West Hall 204 MTWR 8a-10p, F 8a-2p

The following software is available through on-campus laboratories to students on the VSU campus:

Word Processing: MS Office, WordPerfect

Publishing & Multimedia: Astound, Hyperstudio, Pagemaker 6.0, Music Quest

MIDI Driver, CorelDraw 8.0, CakewalkFinale 3.0, Pyware Charting Aid

Paint Deluxe, Animation Music Lessons Play It By Ear, QVTterm,

LViewPro 1B

Internet: Internet Explorer, Netscape, Eudora, Adobe Reader, wsFTP

Data Processing: Excel, Lotus, Access, dBase, Paradox, SPSS

Programming: Borland's Turbo Pascal 7.0 and C++, Delphi, Sun Java

Development Kit 1.6.

MLIS Program resources in Odum Library include approximately 150 Windows 9x / NT workstations, in 10 / 100 switched network with ATM backbone environment; 1 VAX/VMS 7.1 database server, 2 Solaris 2.6 web servers, 1 Linux web server, 1 Novell 3.12 print server, 1 Novell 5.0 file/print/application server, 1 Windows NT 4.0 application/back-office server, 1 Linux ftp server, 1 Linux experimental server 1 Linux

proxy server, 13 list-servers, 1 internet/intranet search engine server, and 2 e-mail servers.

GRITS

VSU maintains a UNIX server to assist in the delivery of campus wide information service. Students and faculty maintain their VSU e-mail and Web accounts on this server. The GRITS server is an ULTRA Enterprise 3000 with dual 250MHz Ultra Sparc II processors, 80GB storage, and 1GB RAM. The GRITS software operating system is Solaris 8.

Valdosta State University Odum Library Facilities

Services

The Odum Library reference staff offers exemplary support to distance learners in any discipline. From the Library homepage¹⁴ there is a link titled “Distance Ed,”¹⁵ making the description of services easily accessible. The “Distance Ed” page includes technical help, subject guides to online resources, and detailed descriptions of library resources and services. Services include “Ask a Librarian” email reference and one-on-one research help via phone or email.¹⁶ Odum Library’s Interlibrary Loan service¹⁷ fills most requests within fourteen working days. Interlibrary loan requests for books or articles held within Georgia are usually filled in one week. Document delivery to the home of books and articles is provided to students who take all their classes away from the main campus.

¹⁴ <http://books.valdosta.edu/indexm.html>

¹⁵ <http://books.valdosta.edu/dist/dmain.html>

¹⁶ <http://books.valdosta.edu/dist/dstudents.html>

The Odum Library Media Center provides instructional support to VSU faculty and students. Its services include:

- Audio & Video Editing
- Color & Thermal Transparencies
- Copystand Photography
- Digital Imaging
- Dry Mounting
- Equipment Issue
- Graphics
- Laminating
- Media Materials Price List
- Media Transfer & Duplication
- Non-Linear Editing
- Public Viewing And Listening Stations
- Spiral Binding

It provides equipment for instructional purposes, including:

- Overhead Projectors
- 35mm Carousel Projectors
- 16mm Film Projectors
- 35mm Filmstrip Projector With Sound
- Opaque Projectors
- Caramate Projectors
- Dissolve Units For Carousel Projectors
- Portable Microfilm Reader
- Microphones (Handheld And Lapel)
- Wireless Microphone Systems (Handheld And Lapel)
- Portable Sound Systems
- Powered Lecterns
- Wollensak Cassette Recorders
- Cassette Recorders (Standard Table Model)
- VHS Camcorders
- Bogen Tripods
- Tripod Projection Screens
- Laser And Manual Pointers
- Easels (Chalkboard, White Marker Board, And Tripod)
- LCD Panel (Monochrome, Data Only)
- PC Laptops (Microsoft Word Only)
- Combo Tv/Vcr Systems
- Wireless Remote System For Kodak Carousel Projectors

¹⁷ <http://books.valdosta.edu/dist/ill.html>

Library Resources

As the only publicly-supported LIS program in the state, we aspire to build Georgia's premiere library collection in our discipline. Though we realize that we are not there yet, work toward this goal has been accomplished in the past year and will continue.

Electronic Resources

The digital resources to which our students have access are considerable. Most are offered through GALILEO. The journal data bases available through GALILEO were described in detail above. Another electronic resources of note is the GALILEO netLibrary collection of full-text electronic books. This collection includes 60 titles on aspects of librarianship, 10 on information science, 77 on computers, and 35 on electronic data processing, all published since 1990.

In addition to GALILEO resources, Odum Library purchases electronic resources for the VSU community. These VSU resources are described on the Library's "Virtual Reading Room" page.¹⁸ These VSU resources include LISAnet, Biography and Genealogy Master Index, WilsonWeb's Children's Catalog and Fiction Catalog, EBSCO Online, and JSTOR.

A feature of the VSU Virtual Reading Room, created especially for MLIS students, is the Library Science Resources page.¹⁹ This collection of carefully selected links is organized under such topics as copyright, ethics, filtering, history of the book, metadata, reference, statistics, and many others. In addition, the page saves the time of MLIS faculty and students by collocating links to journal indexes of particular relevance.

¹⁸ <http://books.valdosta.edu/read/read.html>

¹⁹ <http://books.valdosta.edu/read/library.html>

Print Resources

The Odum Library Collection includes print monographs and serials that support the MLIS curriculum. These resources are available to our students wherever they live via ILL. The chart below illustrates the size of the collection.

Monographic Volumes

Total Collection	422,059
Z662-1251	2,868
ZA	56
QA76	1,860
Other call nos.	212
Total MLIS topics	4,996

Periodicals Titles

Total Collection	5,706
MLIS topics	279

These numbers need to be improved, obviously. Work toward this goal began during 2000/01. In fall 2000, an extensive evaluation was conducted to determine relevant additions to the Library and Information Science collection at Valdosta State University from a list of items to be discarded from the Vanderbilt University Library Science collection. The material primarily consists of periodical backfiles. Relevant periodical titles not currently in VSU's collection were selected from the list. Special attention was paid to selecting a broad, diverse and international range of periodical titles. Most of acquired periodicals are current through the late 1980's and some through the early 1990s. Fifty-five periodical titles that were new to VSU's collection were acquired, in addition to missing issues of *Library Trends* and *Library Quarterly*. The cataloging of these acquisitions is in progress and will be completed during this academic year. A list of the periodical titles is shown in Table PRF-2.

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In addition to the periodical backfiles, Volumes 1 through 45 of the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science* were obtained from Vanderbilt. Collection development for the MLIS program continued with the addition in spring 2001 of new volumes 46 through 69 of *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, and other requested materials. *Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISAnet)* was added in August 2001. (Library Literature was already available in GALILEO). Identification of periodical titles to be updated as well as collection development for other materials to be added is ongoing.

Table PRF-2. Vanderbilt Serials Collection Titles Added to Support VSU's MLIS Program

Aslib Proceedings v. 17-36, 38-40
Assistant Librarian v 46-81
Book Collector v. 1-14, 18-37
Books on Trial, v. 1-15
British Library Journal, v. 1-13
Canadian Library v. 16-27
Canadian Library Journal v. 28-46
Catholic Library World v. 18-60
CD-ROM Librarian v. 3-7
Columbia Library Columns v. 14, 16-37
F.I.D. New Bulletin v. 8-37
Freedom of Information Center Report nos. 201-414, 450-467
Harvard Library Bulletin v. 1-34
Inform v. 1-10, 12
Information and Records Management v. 1-16
Information Development v. 1-14
Information Management v. 17-18
Information Manager v. 1-2
Inspel; International Newsletter of Special Libraries v. 1-22
International Cataloging v. 6-16
International Federation for Documentation v. 26-37
International Library Review v. 1-20
Journal of Documentation v. 1-26, 28-37
Journal of Education for Librarianship v. 1-2
Journal of Librarianship v. 7-22
Journal of Library History v. 8-22
Librarian v. 1-3

Librarian and Book World v. 14-50
Library – College Journal v. 1-4
Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory v. 1-13
Library Assistant v. 15, 22-45
Library Computer Systems and Equip. Review v. 10-15
Library Notes v. 1-3
Library PR News v. 2-10
Library Quarterly v. 9, 46-59 (requested to fill gaps to current VSU subscription)
Library Review v. 2-37
Library Scene v. 3-10,
Library Trends v. 1-2 (requested to fill gaps in current VSU subscription)
Libri: International Library Review v. 1
Microcomputers for Information Management v. 2-13
Microform Review v. 1-2
Modern Librarian v. 9-16
New Library Scene v. 1-10, 13-17
New Zealand Libraries v. 17-45
Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom v. 18-38
North Carolina Libraries v. 1-47
Online CD-ROM Review v. 4-22
Private Library Ser. II 9, 10, III 1-10; IV 13
Public Libraries v. 18-25
Public Library Quarterly v. 1-3
Research in Librarianship v. 1-5
School Librarian v. 12-20, 22-37
School Libraries v. 1-5
Southern Observer: Southern Books and Authors v. 2-4
Special Libraries v. 83-80
Tennessee Librarian v. 1-48
Women in Libraries v. 5-17

In the fall of 2001, Richard E. Rubin's list of "Major Periodicals, Indexes, Encyclopedias, and Dictionaries in Library and Information Science"²⁰ was compared to the Odum Library holdings. Of the 141 titles listed, VSU owns 71 of the titles, 53 of the remaining titles are held elsewhere in the state, and 17 are not held in Georgia at this

²⁰ Richard E. Rubin, "Major Periodicals, Indexes, Encyclopedias, and Dictionaries in Library and Information Science," in *Foundations of Library and Information Science* (New York: Neal-Schuman, 2000, 449-455).

time. Since Rubin's list is selective, the titles not held at VSU should be priorities for acquisition.

A concern in addition to the relatively low number of titles that support our program is that many of the monographic titles are several years old. We recognize that a retrospective collection is an important support for graduate study, and we expect to retain all or most of these titles. But this does not obviate the strong need to add more and newer titles.

The development of the library collection that supports our program is one of our greatest needs. We plan to approach this endeavor from several angles:

- In collaboration with Odum's collection development librarian, continue to identify priority titles for acquisition;
- Pursue special budgetary allocation to augment library resources in support of a new program;
- Investigate the possibility of augmenting our netLibrary collection;
- Identify specific LIS journals available full-text online to VSU

A program has access to physical resources and facilities that are sufficient to the accomplishment of its objectives. Physical facilities provide a functional learning environment for students and faculty; enhance the opportunities for research, teaching, service, consultation, and communication; and promote efficient and effective administration of the school's program, regardless of the forms or locations of delivery.

students and faculty and use this data in collection decisions.

PROGRAM PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Faculty Offices

The VSU MLIS program maintains its faculty offices in Odum Library. This is to be both a temporary and a permanent situation. Offices for the two graduate assistants are also located in Odum Library.

The MLIS program is initially and temporarily housed in Odum Library. The Odum offices now occupied by the faculty are satisfactory but scattered throughout the facility. One office must be vacated during the summer semester because it is reserved during that period for another program.

A suite of offices was reserved for the program in the VSU Regional Center for Continuing Education building. The suite was to have been vacated by the VSU Presidential search committee by July 2001. As of this writing, however, the search committee has not completed its work and it is uncertain when it will. Once the Presidential Search Committee is adjourned, it is planned that the MLIS Program will migrate to that space.

We will remain in the Continuing Education building until construction on the addition to Odum Library has been completed. This new addition effectively doubles the size of VSU's library. Ground was broken for the new 95,000 square foot addition in August 2001. Construction is scheduled for completion in summer 2003. A webcam has been set up and progress on the construction can be monitored at:

<http://books.valdosta.edu/media/LibraryWeb/>

FIGURE PFR-1. ODUM LIBRARY ENTRANCE



Figure PRF-2 is an architect's rendering of the new addition:

Figure PRF-2. Odum Library Addition [plan drawing]



The existing structure and the new addition to Odum Library will provide space to support the MLIS program. This space includes office, classroom, and production facilities as well as traditional library support. Traditional library support for an LIS

program includes not only access to the collection, but also the use of the library as “laboratory.”

FIGURE PRF-3: FOURTH FLOOR, ODUM LIBRARY ADDITION: MLIS OFFICE SUITE



The VSU MLIS Program is to be housed permanently on the fourth floor of the the new addition. The facility designated for the MLIS program can house five faculty members in individual offices and can easily be expanded for eight. The initial plan provides a suite of six offices: the MLIS program director’s office, four faculty offices, and a secretary’s office. These are indicated on Figure PRF-3 as “FO” for faculty offices and “DO” for the director’s office. An addition three “expansion” offices (EO) are readily available as faculty size increases. As necessary, additional office space can be dedicated to the program on the fourth floor of the new addition.

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The MLIS program is co-located with the University Librarian's office and his/her support offices. This suite includes a conference room available for use by the MLIS program.

Figure PRF-4 is the architect's drawing for the first floor of the Odum Library addition, planned to be completed in summer 2003. There are extensive resources to be made available to the university community, including the MLIS program. These include one multimedia classroom, a "standard" fully wired classroom, an auditorium, as well as carrels, study areas, and other learning facilities.

RESOURCE EVALUATION

The school's planning and evaluation process includes review of the adequacy of access to physical resources and facilities for the delivery of a program. Within applicable institutional policies, faculty, staff, students, and others are involved in the evaluation process.

The VSU MLIS Program is concerned with the adequacy of physical resources and facilities used to offer its program, to support student and faculty teaching, learning, and research requirements, and to insure a state-

of-the-art teaching laboratory. The MLIS Program evaluates and continues to evaluate the library and hardware and software resources available to it.

The evaluation process has three parts.

- First, the MLIS faculty evaluate resources and make recommendations for additions and changes during the weekly faculty meetings.
- Second, students will be asked to evaluate physical resources and facilities as part of their class evaluations. They will also be asked to do so as part of their exit interviews as they leave the program. The faculty remain open to student input at any time.
- Third, the faculty draw upon the expertise of the Office of the Assistant to the President for Information Technology, Odum Library systems librarians and computing staff, and collection development staff for evaluation and comment on new resources and equipment.

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CONCLUSION

“The staff and the services provided for a program . . . are sufficient for the level of use required and specialized to the degree needed.” By drawing upon the wide array of resources and facilities available to it across the State of Georgia, the VSU MLIS Program more than meets the minimum for physical resources and facilities as specified in the standard. The program has extensive library resources upon which to draw and these include all resources under the control of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Among these are the 34 college and university libraries across the state, the 56 public library systems, and the professional library collection maintained by the Office of Public Library Services. In addition, Georgia has been in the forefront in pioneering electronic library resources like GALILEO, PINES, GIL, and GOLD.

Valdosta State University maintains excellent computing and networking facilities, it is building a new library addition and with it new offices, classrooms, and computing laboratories for the MLIS Program. VSU provides a wide range of equipment and expertise to assist its academic programs, including the MLIS program.