**Libraries** - *The ruins of an antique world and the glories of a modern one.*  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**Newsletter to Faculty**  
Spring 2000

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**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
April 10-14

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10 With TigerCirc, our new self-check-out machines, you no longer have to wait in long circulation desk lines.

11 Come learn about RBD Library's Information Desk, located near the Mell Street entrance.

12 Faculty, staff, and graduate students are eligible to use this speedy document delivery service.

13 This charming café, located on the ground floor of the RBD Library, serves Starbucks coffee and other items.

14 See demonstrations of the public scanners that are available (and free to use) on each floor of the RBD Library.

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**Prizes Awarded Daily**
TRUMAN CAPOTE LECTURE, APRIL 26

In “Inspiration for Genius: Truman Capote’s Life in Alabama,” Marianne Moates, writer and researcher, will provide a lively glimpse into Monroeville, Alabama, hometown of Truman Capote, during his boyhood years. The lecture will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, in the Special Collections Department on the Ground Floor of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library. This program is presented in cooperation with the Speakers’ Bureau of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. A reception will follow the lecture.

INFORMATION DESK

Located by the Mell Street (2nd floor) entrance, the Information Desk provides basic, directional, and referral assistance to library patrons. It is staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 – 6 p.m. The Information Desk telephone number is 844-1737.

WHAT’S NEW LISTSERV

The What’s New Listserv will keep you up-to-date about new services and resources available from the University Libraries. To subscribe, click on “Join Our Listserv,” which is found on the library’s homepage.

LIBRARIES SUGGESTION BOX

The Auburn University Libraries have an on-line suggestion box on our homepage. If you have a suggestion for improvement of library services, feel free to let us know through this channel. We would also welcome suggestions from your students.

FOCUS GROUP REPORTS

We’re in the process of revising our website and would welcome your suggestions. There’s an on-line form connected to the libraries’ homepage that allows for faculty input into this process. Basically, we want your response to three questions. What do you find most difficult to use about our present site? How could the site be made easier to use? And what do you dislike about our present site? We would also welcome suggestions from your students.
students, faculty, and staff. The focus group reports are now available for your review on E-Reserves. (Go to the libraries' homepage, Click on E-Reserves, View Documents, Instructor's Last Name, and Straiton.) The faculty focus groups gave the library high marks, but also made a number of suggestions. Most of these have been addressed through the What's New Listserv mentioned in this issue of the Newsletter to Faculty, a series of seminars outlined in the winter issue, and Electronic Library Resources, a hand-out available on request. We invite you to peruse the faculty focus groups report and would welcome your further suggestions.

CORC UNCORKED

Auburn University Libraries is one of more than 200 institutions around the world who are participating in the founding phase of OCLC’s Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC). This project is an effort to organize and facilitate access to authoritative and relevant electronic information on the World Wide Web. Using the CORC database, librarians are importing high quality information from various websites for incorporation into Auburn’s on-line catalog. These on-line catalog descriptions contain information similar to that provided for books, videos, magazines, and other materials. Patrons can click directly from the catalog to the chosen website. Currently, there are over 600 records for websites in Auburn’s on-line catalog. Participation in the CORC project provides our patrons with easy access to all materials on a particular subject, regardless of format.

HIGHLIGHTS

Last fall the Auburn University Libraries published the first issue of Highlights, a development newsletter directed to members of the Alumni Association’s recognition societies. We plan to publish two issues per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The first issue focused on the libraries’ holdings on the Civil War, including Auburn’s rare edition of the Constitution of the Confederate States of America. The second will feature Curtis’s Botanical Magazine, which began publication in the late eighteenth century and contains splendid color drawings of various flora. In addition to members of the recognition societies, Highlights is sent to all faculty members.
The ground floor area of the Draughon Library atrium is now home for an exhibit of color illustrations from two major library collections. One portion of the exhibit was reproduced from the libraries' holdings of *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, which began publication in London during the late eighteenth century. Another portion of the illustrations depict Alabama insects, particularly butterflies, as drawn by the British naturalist Phillip Henry Gosse when he visited the state during the 1830's. The Curtis drawings also will be featured in the spring issue of *Highlights*, published by the Auburn University Libraries and distributed to the faculty.