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## G.R. LITTLE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### From the Desk of the Director of Library Services

Greetings ECSU Community,

Welcome to the G.R. Little Library at Elizabeth City State University. As we continue the 2014-2015 academic year, the staff and I would like to thank the university community for your contribution in helping to make this past academic year a success.

The library staff is committed to serving our users, whether it's reviewing a new online resource, selecting a new reference book, teaching an information literacy session, or obtaining an item through Interlibrary Loan. The library's efforts center on our vision, "as the intellectual and technological commons of Elizabeth City State University, the library will serve as the educational leader in preparing students for success as information literate global citizens and lifelong learners."

The staff supports the goals of the University through instruction, research and service by working collaboratively, productively and efficiently with faculty, students, staff, and administrators.

As we continue to strive for excellence, we are confident you will find what you are looking for as you enter our library, whether physically or through our E-Z Proxy services. The library staff welcomes you to use the library for all of your research needs. Should you have any requests or concerns, bring them to our attention. We will do our best to fulfill them. We look forward to you visiting the G.R. Little Library, and we invite you to ask questions and provide suggestions and feedback on our collections, services, and physical space.

Thank you for your patronage,

*Juanita Midgette-Spence, Ed.D.*



Dr. Juanita Midgette-Spence  
Director of Library Services



### New library hours:

*Monday-Thursday:*

*7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.*

*Friday:*

*7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.*

*Saturday:*

*CLOSED*

*Sunday:*

*2-9 p.m.*

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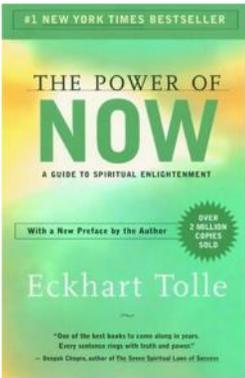
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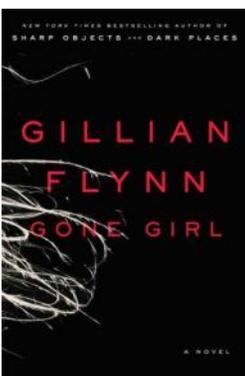
Library staff picks



Dr. Spence:  
"The Power of Now"  
By Eckhart Tolle



Ms. Bentley:  
"Black Nativity"



Ms. McGuffie  
"Gone Girl"  
By Gillian Flynn

Welcome Chancellor



Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones is Elizabeth City State University's 10th Chief Executive Officer and the university's fifth Chancellor.

Raised in Boston, Jones graduated magna cum laude from Howard University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She later earned masters' degrees in numerical science (1986) and technical management (1991) from The Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in computer science (1997) from George Washington University.

Join the Friends of the Library



THE PURPOSE OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

- To enrich the intellectual and cultural environment for faculty, students, and community patrons by promoting excellence in the library collections and services.
- Membership involvement with the Friends of the G.R. Little Library ensures that funds will be available for special projects and purchases which are beyond the command of the library budget.

YES! I WANT TO BE A FRIEND OF THE G.R. LITTLE LIBRARY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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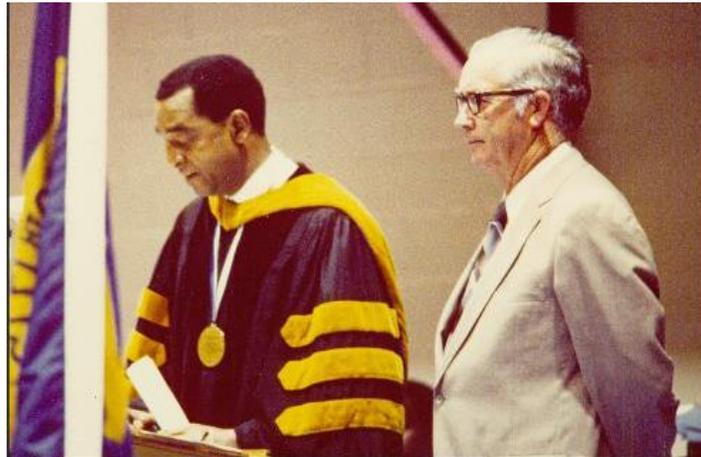
## Oral history: Sam Roebuck

*In 2009, ECSU's University Archives in the G.R. Little Library began an Oral History project with the goal of collecting the stories of individuals whose connections to this institution go back to the early part of the twentieth century. Oral history interviews are distinguished from other forms of historical narrative by their content and extent. Oral history interviews seek an in-depth account of personal experiences and reflections, with sufficient time allowed for the narrators to give their story the fullness they desire. The content of oral history interviews is grounded in reflections on the past as opposed to commentary on purely contemporary events.*

On Aug. 6, 2014, ECSU Institutional Advancement's Jennifer Priest sat down with Elizabeth City businessman and ECSU donor Mr. Sam Roebuck to answer questions and record his memories of a lifetime spent in northeastern North Carolina. A native of Robersonville, North Carolina, his education ended at 8th grade.

He was a German POW during WWII. He retired from owning successful supermarket businesses in Elizabeth City and is now 91 years old.

In April 1981, Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe made the dramatic announcement that local merchant Sam Roebuck and his (late) wife Carrie had pledged a gift of \$125,000 for the purpose of funding the al-



Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe and Mr. Sam Roebuck, 1981

ready-begun construction of an on-campus athletic and physical education facility.

There was only one stipulation: other donors must contribute a 3 to 1 match amount that would fully fund the project.

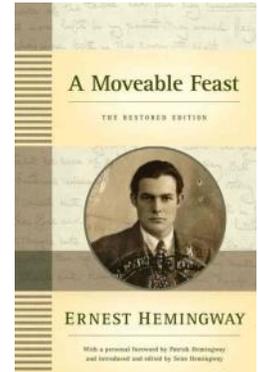
Immediately, ECSU established the "Half-Million Dollar Challenge Fund" which ultimately met its goal. The stadium was dedicated May 10, 1981.

The personal bond that

Mr. Roebuck shared with Chancellor Thorpe was the motivation for this gift, Mr. Roebuck recalled during his interview. The two men served together on the Board of Guaranty Trust Company (Wachovia) and became friends. The Roebucks and the Thorpes spent some time together at the Roebuck's beach house.

Records in the University Archives indicate that this was not the first gift the Roebucks had made to ECSU.

### Library staff picks



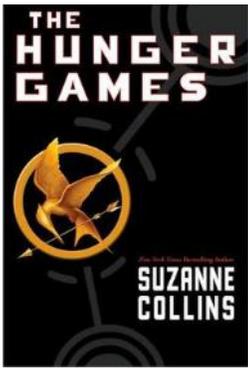
Ms. Owens:  
"A Moveable Feast"  
By Ernest Hemingway

*"I believed in the good of people in the community and the value of ECSU to the entire northeastern area of North Carolina."*

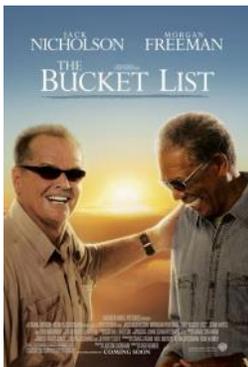
*Sam Roebuck,  
ECSU donor*



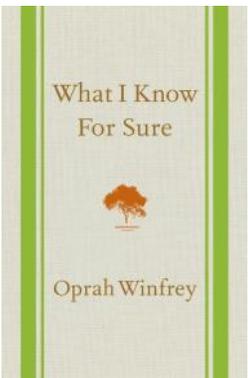
*Library staff picks*



Mrs. Artis:  
"The Hunger Games" trilogy  
By Suzanne Collins



Mrs. Griffin:  
"Bucket List"



Ms. Banks:  
"What I Know For Sure"  
By Oprah Winfrey

New spaces in the library



Media center

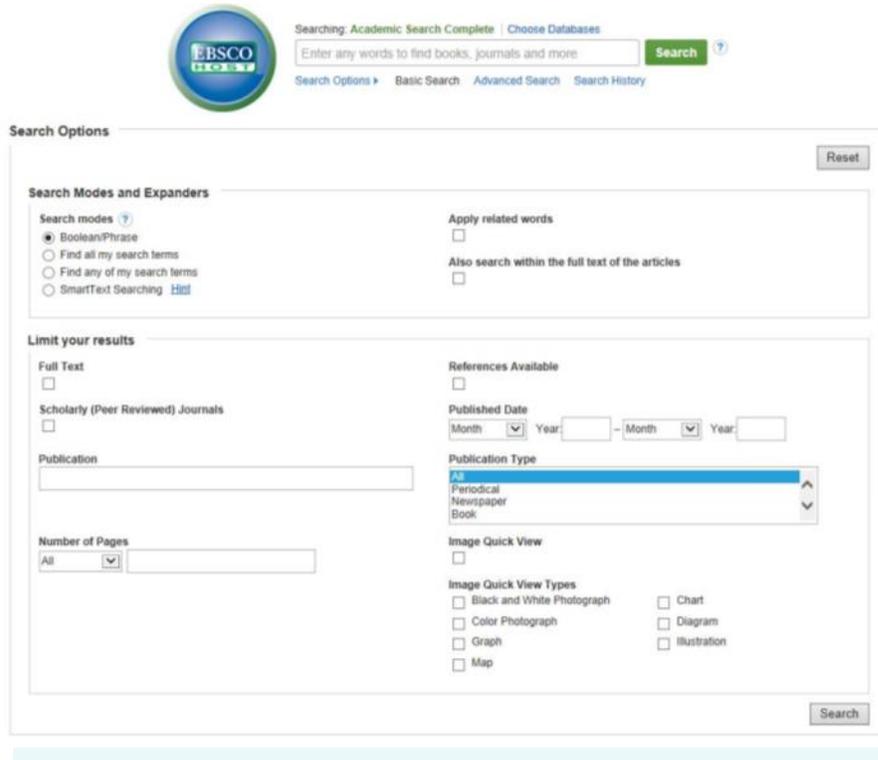
The Library's Media Center is here to accommodate the media needs of the university community. Our mission is to provide our faculty, students, and staff with access to current educational media, computer-based applications, equipment and training sessions to assist their respective learning, teaching, and research activities.

Currently, our services include the following:

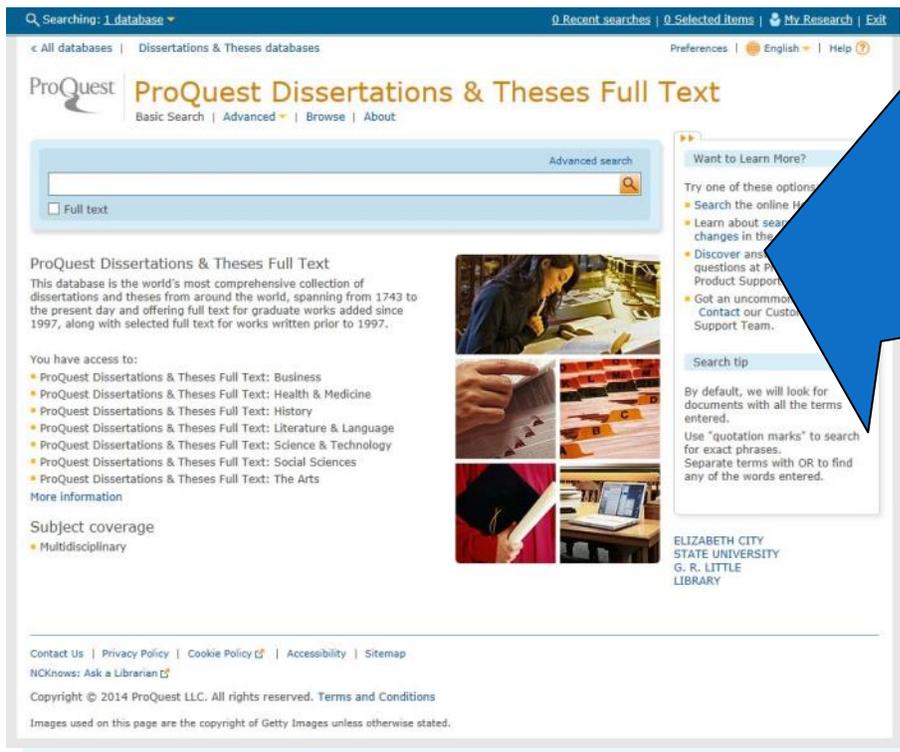
- Echo smart pens
- Video conferencing
- Scanning
- Educational DVDs
- Mock interviews
- Web conferencing
- Color printing for projects
- Audio Visual equipment
- Laminating services
- Access to multimedia lab

## NCLive database changes

Beginning in January library users will no longer have access to the EBSCO Host database platform via NCLive. Instead, NCLive will now offer our researchers use of the Proquest database system.



LESS  
EBSCO HOST



MORE  
PROQUEST

## Student corner: Dominick and Donovan Adams

*Are a set of twins enrolled as freshman this fall. We found it interesting that they are both Art majors. Here's why...*

My first encounter with art was in elementary school. Although I was drawn to art, I was never satisfied with my work and felt it was unworthy of public eyes. I never took into account that I was inexperienced, which caused my artwork to appear unappealing to me.

As a freshman in high school, I felt the attraction to art once again. With all the art around the school, I could no longer resist its influence. The more art I experienced, the more I wanted to learn. I found myself creating so much more than I ever thought I would and made the life-changing choice to pursue art as a career. — *Dominick*



A line put on a simple piece of paper can be art or a foundation towards art. My name is Donovan Adams, and I'm a graphic design major and will minor in computer science. Past experiences molded my thought process regarding drawing and designing. When I was a child I watched my eldest brother play video games and was amazed. It was as if the pictures were telling stories. I had a crazy imagination when I was a kid, so I would tweak those stories to make them better and then share them with my family members.

In middle school I did not have a strong desire for art, so it was not important to me. An artist visited the school and taught the class to draw cars. I was rather skeptical as the artist used circles to demonstrate his technique for drawing cars. Where my brother, Dominick, began using circles to draw cars, I thought it was a waste of time, and it actually hindered my desire to learn art.



Upon entering high school I enrolled in art classes to see what the school had to offer. I had a few difficulties grasping some of the concepts, and may have been a bit discouraged, until an art teacher showed me a website full of compositions by other artists. My mind was blown away. It was at that point that I knew what I wanted to do in life. — *Donovan*

## G.R. Little Music Library



“I’ve always wanted to be a musician. That’s what I’m made to do,”  
*Adrian Frazier, freshman, music education major*

In April 2013, Elizabeth City State University opened a brand new music library. The G.R. Little Music Library is a satellite location of the G.R. Little Library.

Resources in the library include music scores, literature on music subjects (biographies,

histories, etc.), and CDs and DVDs. There are four computer workstations available to students and a group study table. Students also may check-out headphones for use in the music library.

The music library provides specialized ser-

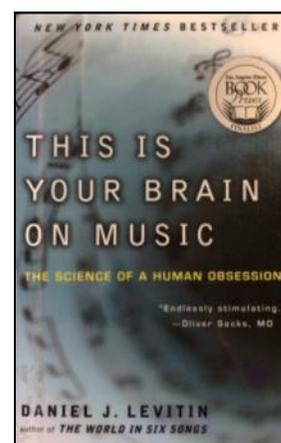
vices to support the Music Department; however, all ECSU students can use the facility and resources.

The music library also has an online guide with comprehensive resources links and lists at <http://libguides.ecsu.edu/music>.



The music library is located in the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center, Room 234. Drop by to hear today’s featured music.

### *Library staff pick*



*Ms. Snyder:*  
 “This is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession” By Daniel J. Levitin

## Acquisitions welcomes your suggestions

The Acquisitions Department has begun our selection process for the academic year. We welcome university faculty, staff, or student input. The suggested resource titles should not only advance our collection, but assist our students with progressing to the next level while achieving their academic goals.



## G.R. Little Library departmental changes

The library had to reduce its operation hours. Effective Sept. 1, 2014, the new library hours became:

- Monday-Thursday:  
7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Friday:  
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday: CLOSED
- Sunday  
2 – 9 p.m.

Additionally, research and reference assistance is available 24/7 through the statewide online chat service NCKnows.

During the Fall 2014 semester, nine departments have been consolidated into four and five staffed public service desks have been reduced to three.

The library now has four departments with several functions falling under them.

1. Access Services
  - Circulation
  - Interlibrary Loan
  - Stacks Management
  - Media
  - Faculty Reserves
2. Public Services
  - Information Literacy/
  - Library Instruction
  - Distance Education
  - Reference
3. Technical Services
  - Acquisitions/
  - Collection Development
  - Cataloging
  - Serials
4. University Archives

### FIRST FLOOR

**Director of Library Services:**  
1st floor, Room 106

**Interlibrary Loan Office:**  
1st floor, Room 109

**Copy and Scanner Machine:**  
1st floor, near QEP Satellite Writing Lab  
Room 118

**Book Checkout:**  
Circulation Desk 1st floor

**Book Collection:**  
1st floor A-PZ, 2nd floor Q-Z  
and reference materials

**Book Drop (during regular hours):**  
return slot on side of the circulation desk

**Book Drop (after hours):**  
Outside the front exit

**Circulation Desk:**  
1st floor, near entrance and exit doors

**Lost and Found:**  
Circulation Desk, Serials Desk

**Study Carrels:**  
The rear of the library, 1st and 2nd floors

**Suggestion Box:**  
Near the exit door

### SECOND FLOOR

**Board Room:**  
2nd floor, Room 207

**Conference Room:**  
2nd floor, Room 215

**Periodicals Department:**  
2nd floor, Room 218

**Student Lounge:**  
2nd floor, 219

**Instructional Labs:**  
2nd floor, Room 221

**Media Center:**  
2nd floor, Room 222

**Group Study Rooms:**  
Room 209, 223

**Claude Green Computer Lab:**  
2nd floor, 226

**Archives Department:**  
2nd floor, Room 227

**Seminar Room:** 2nd floor

**Restrooms:**  
1st and 2nd floor,  
opposite side of the elevator



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## Flashback: Dec. 8, 1978



Left to right: Dr. Louis Nadeau, Assistant Academic Dean; ECSU Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe; Dr. C.B. Jones, Sr.; Kermit White, DDS, Chairman ECSU Board of Trustees; Professor Bishop Patterson; Thomas Montague, SGA President; Helen L. Wood (daughter of the late ECSU Trustee Emeritus G.R. Little); and Jimmy R. Jenkins, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

In 1976, voters approved a bond issue which allotted \$700,000 for a two-story addition to the G.R. Little Library. These improvements were completed and the building rededicated on Dec. 8, 1978.

“We rededicate this building, the G.R. Little Library, in the name of all who will pursue knowledge through the use of books and materials in the years to come...”

“We rededicate this building as a temple of learning in which new vistas of ideas and

ideals will be created in the minds of those who seek to quench their thirst for knowledge...”

“We rededicate these facilities to the cultivation of the finest in man’s heritage and in his possibilities for the expression of his mind and spirit in science, art, drama, literature and music.”

According to the program for the opening of the newly enlarged library, the members of the audience responded, “So do we all.”