

# Top Shelf

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## Woodruff Library Preparing Shakur's Writings for Scholarly Access

**T**he Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and Afeni Shakur-Davis, mother of platinum recording artist, actor and poet, Tupac Shakur, are partnering with the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center to make available for scholarly research Shakur's manuscript writings and other papers.

Prior to his untimely death at the age of 25, Shakur had released five albums and appeared in four motion pictures to great success. Ten albums, numerous compilations and four feature films have been released posthumously,

including the film, *Tupac, Resurrection*, which received an Academy Award nomination for "Best Documentary (Feature)."

Currently housed within the Library's Archives & Special Collections Department, the Tupac Shakur Collection features Shakur's handwritten lyrics and track listings, personal notes, video and film concepts, fan correspondence, promotional materials and other items. The Collection is expected to be open for research in Fall 2010.

"Mr. Shakur was a multi-dimensional artist, who helped define a musical genre, and as the



*Tupac Shakur*  
Photo Courtesy: Interscope Records

academic library serving four institutions of higher learning, it is our mission, as well as a great privilege, to help promote scholarship and research of his work, and the mechanics of his creative process and the hip hop culture," said

**Loretta Parham**, CEO & Library Director.

Go to [www.auctr.edu](http://www.auctr.edu) for more information on the Woodruff Library/Shakur Foundation archival partnership. Contact Archives & Special Collections staff at [archives@auctr.edu](mailto:archives@auctr.edu) or **404-978-2052** for research inquiries.

### Your Library Access Policy

#### *Weekdays Until 5 PM*

Valid AUC, ARCHE school or government-issued photo identification required for entry

#### *Weekdays After 5 PM, Weekends & During Exam Periods*

Entry only with valid AUC school or ARCHE photo identification

*NOTE: Archives & Special Collections researchers with pre-arranged appointments permitted entry with valid, government-issued photo identification (e.g. driver's license, military ID, passport)*

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## The Coca-Cola Company Gives \$1.2 Million to the Woodruff Library

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) has received \$1.2 million from The Coca-Cola Company to upgrade the Library's IT infrastructure and enhance its ability to manage and provide access to critical archival documents, such as the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection. The upgrades will be completed as a part of the Library renovation now underway.

The Company also presented a total of \$6 million to **Clark Atlanta University**, **Morehouse College**, the

Morehouse School of Medicine and **Spelman College** to provide scholarship funding that will assist students facing economic hardship impacting their ability to complete their degrees.

Muhtar Kent, chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company, made check presentations to CEO & Library Director **Loretta Parham** and the AUC college and university presidents during a September 9 breakfast celebration held at the Library.

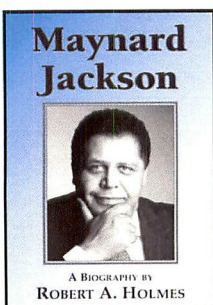
"We view this as an investment in the next generation of students who will pass through these campuses, continue their education and



Pictured l-r: Ingrid Saunders Jones, Senior VP, Global Community Connections, The Coca-Cola Company; Muhtar Kent, Chairman and CEO, The Coca-Cola Company; **Loretta Parham**, Woodruff Library CEO and Director; and Alex Cummings, Chief Administrative Officer, The Coca-Cola Company

benefit from having Dr. King's papers within arm's reach," Kent said.

## UPCOMING EVENT: Book Signing for Maynard Jackson Biography



signing featuring **Clark Atlanta University** Professor Emeritus and former Georgia State Legislator Dr. Robert A. (Bob) Holmes

On Friday, October 30, at 6:30 PM, your Woodruff Library will sponsor a Q&A session and book

and his latest work, *Maynard Jackson: A Biography*.

Maynard Jackson (1938-2003) was the youngest and first African American Mayor of Atlanta, and is thought to be the first African American chief executive of a major Southern city.

During the program, Holmes will discuss his written account of the three-term mayor's political life and the factors that shaped his goals and motivations, leadership

style, accomplishments and shortcomings. With insight gained as a member of Jackson's mayoral campaign and transitional teams coupled with experience as a state legislator, Holmes will also delve into the far-reaching impact Jackson administrations have had on the city of Atlanta's political landscape.

Call **404-978-2003** or email [afavors@auctr.edu](mailto:afavors@auctr.edu) to R.S.V.P. to the October 30 event.

## NEW FOR YOU: "Brawley Bounce" Evening Transportation Option

In addition to the safety and security measures currently in place at Your Library, we are now piloting a new transportation option—the "Brawley Bounce."

An evening golf cart pick-up and drop-off service, the "Bounce" transports AUC students, faculty and staff to any location along the



AUC Promenade. Weather permitting, the service will run Sunday-Thursday, from 5:00 PM-12:30 AM through November 13.

Your Library's comprehensive security plan also includes: **Patron and Building Safety**

### Measures:

- ♦ Trained security officers on foot patrolling inside and outside the Library building during hours of

operation

- ♦ Three emergency call boxes connecting directly with the Library Security and Clark Atlanta University Public Safety departments
- ♦ 24-hour video surveillance inside and outside the well-lit Library building
- ♦ Security Escorts to Library parking lot upon request

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## Photo Gallery: 2009 Library Orientation — On Your Campuses

### Operation Olive Branch...

*Dressed in green t-shirts, Library staff greeted over 1,500 AUC students during the Olive Branch "After Party" on August 22 in the **Spelman College** parking lot. Students met their librarians, received key tags with virtual orientation guide and website URLs and picked up frozen treats to help cool off on that warm Georgia evening.*

Photos Courtesy: Oscar Daniels Photography



### Graduate Research Fair...

*The Library's Information & Research Services Department hosted a "how-to" research fair for AUC graduate students September 23-24 in the Thomas Cole Science and Technology Center at **Clark Atlanta University**. Students met their subject specialists, learned how to use and access library resources, signed up for barcodes and Interlibrary Loan, and more.*







## Librarians on Your Campus!

Here's where and when you can find a Woodruff librarian on your campus during the fall semester:

### CAU

#### ***Mondays***

1:00-3:30 PM—McPheeters-Dennis Hall

4:00-5:00 PM—Merner Hall

#### ***Tuesdays***

1:00-4:00 PM—Park Street Bldg.

4:00-5:00 PM—Pfeiffer Hall

#### ***Wednesdays***

10:00-11:30 AM—Sage-Bacote Hall

1:00-3:30 PM—McPheeters-Dennis Hall

4:00-5:00 PM—Beckwith Hall

#### ***Thursdays***

10:00 AM-1:30 PM—Clement Hall

1:00-3:30 PM—Knowles Building

1:00-4:00 PM—Park Street Bldg.

2:00-4:30 PM—Clement Hall Room

4:00-5:00 PM—Brawley Hall

### ITC

#### ***Wednesdays***

1:00-4:00 PM—Education Building

### Morehouse

#### ***Tuesdays***

11:00 AM-2:00PM—Frederick

Douglass Commons

#### ***Wednesdays***

12:00-3:00PM—Frederick Douglass

Commons

1:00-3:00 PM—Brawley Hall

#### ***Thursdays***

1:00-4:00 PM—Frederick Douglass

Commons

### Spelman

#### ***Wednesdays***

1:00-3:00 PM—Spelman Writing

Center

#### ***Thursdays***

11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Cosby Bldg.

Call **404-978-2067** for more details.

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### **Library Access Policy:**

- ♦ Library access ***only*** to AUC faculty, staff and students after 5 PM
- ♦ Identification and bag checking

### **Woodruff Library Transportation Service:**

- ♦ Multiple routes arriving at campus and MARTA stops every 15 to 30 minutes on weekdays; a little longer on weekends
- ♦ AUC ID required to board shuttle
- ♦ Call 404-978-2060 for shuttle route information and more

### **Participation in AUC Council of Chief Security Officers:**

- ♦ Library safety officers collaborate with each school security department and the Atlanta Police Department

### **NOTE: Regular Library Hours**

Open until midnight, Sunday-Thursday; Until 6 PM, Fridays and Saturdays (Full Library calendar at: [www.auctr.edu](http://www.auctr.edu))

## **REMINDER: Extended Hours for Final Fall Exams**

### ***DUE TO RENOVATION:***

***No 24-Hour Access During Fall Exam Period***

### ***Library Hours Extended***

**OPEN 'Til 1:00 AM:**

**Monday, November 30-Thursday, December 10**



## **REOPENING JANUARY 2010...**

## **Your Library's Renovated Main Level!**

### ***Featuring:***

- ♦ Main Level Learning Center
- ♦ Technology Design Studio
- ♦ More Collaborative Study Rooms
- ♦ Multipurpose classrooms
- ♦ After Hours Study Area

## **Remainder of renovation completed in May 2010!**

Visit: [www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp](http://www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp) for more information.

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