## Ready, Willing, and Grateful: The Basics of Foundation Stewardship





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BE READY BE WILLING BE GRATEFUL







#### **Georgia Institute of Technology**

- Located in Atlanta, Georgia
- ~45,000 students from 50 states and 149 countries
- Engineering and Computer Science are top ranked in the country and the world
- Outstanding programs in business, design, liberal arts, and sciences
- \$1.3 Billion in Research annually
- Ranked #1 in ROI for UG degrees
- Public
- www.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech's mission is to develop leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.





## **Georgia Tech Library Mission:**

The Georgia Tech Library defines excellence in the creation, preservation, curation, and connection of scholarship. Through this work we create new paths of learning, knowledge, information, and resources to develop leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

### **Georgia Tech Library Vision:**

Innovating services, tools and access to all for an inclusive future.



### **Georgia Tech Library**

- Two Library buildings recently renovated in the heart of campus
  - Judge S. Price Gilbert Memorial Library (1953)
  - Dorothy M. Crosland Tower (1969)
- Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons attached to Library
- Shared high-density/high-tech storage facility with Emory University at Emory
- Library Records Center off campus
- ~100 Library Employees (2/3 staff, 1/3 faculty)
- 99% of circulation is electronic
- Diverse leadership team
- Lean organization operates on project management



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#### **MY VISION FROM DAY ONE**

To fully integrate the Library and Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons into the academic and research mission of Georgia Tech, so that we are the scholarly heart of the community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.







**BE READY** 



#### **BE READY**

- Talk about development & its importance
- Engage Library employees in your discussions
- Talk to campus
  - Students
  - Colleagues
  - Leaders
- Make your priorities clear and known
- Listen to your team about what they need
- Have lists ready





#### **UNDERSTANDING THE WHYS**

- Takes pressure off of state budget
- Allows us to experiment and do pilot
- Allows us to dream and take risks
- Provides opportunities
- Builds relationships
- Supports our students





#### DREAM

#### Engage others in your dreams. Regularly ask what you would do with:

- 25,000
- 50,000
- 100,000+
- One time and ongoing...



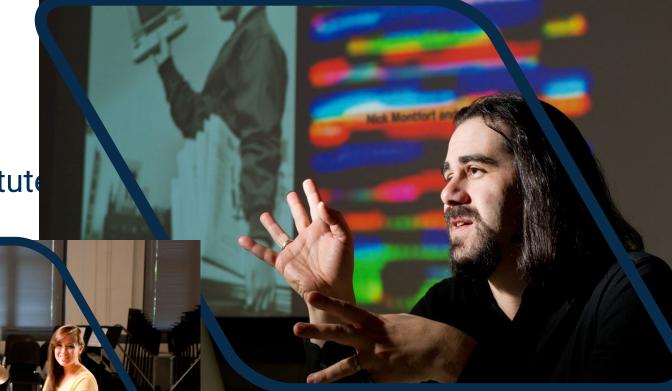


#### **KNOW WHAT YOU WANT**

- Collections/Content Management Group
  - Rare Books and Manuscripts
  - Special Collections
  - E-resources
- Initiatives/Technology/Projects
- Funding for People
- Connect priorities to Library and Institute vision and values

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#### **LIBRARY-GT STRATEGY ALIGNMENT**

	Outstanding Services	Information Expertise	Curated Scholarly Content	Innovative Digital and Physical Spaces	Investment in our People
Amplify Impact	Media Scholarship Commons Clough Strategic Planning Poster Printing	VentureLab partnership Patents and Trademark smART program	Digital Curation repository of unique digital collections	Scholar's Event Network Teaching studio Faculty Research Zone	Reading Rooms: Black History AAPI LibGuides: Hispanic/Latin LGBQTIA+
Connect Globally	Online classes Asynchronous classes Access to workshops via YouTube		Digital Curation 98% of resources Online	Library Website Service Portal Online Services	Support for Student Workers study abroad
Expand Access	Gadget Lending Contactless pickup Library Service Center – EmTech partnership	Librarian instruction and partnership in classes (LMC, Policy, GT1000) LibGuides	Open Education Resources Textbook Affordability ORCID implementation	Online Classes USG-Learning Together Clough Strategic Planning	Online Services Archival Collections that represent all of GT ACRL Diversity Residency Staff Blind Recruiting
Champion Innovation	Public Programming Artist in Residence Art Crawl	Research Support GTRI research services	Open Access/Author Fee Pilot	Media Scholarship Commons RetroTech DataViz	Develop Next Generation competencies
Cultivate Well- being	Art Crawl Stress Busters Klemis Kitchen support	Seamless User Experiences	Popular Reading Faculty/Alumni Book Spot Reading Rooms:	Graduate Student Community Quiet Study/Reading Rooms Wellness Room	Popular Reading Cameron Collection
Lead by Example	Service Evaluation and Assessment Five-Year Budget Forecast	Content Management	Black Lives Matter AAPI Expand Special Collections LibGuides: Hispanic/Latin LGBQTIA+	Media Bridge Space for All	Library Diversity Council Search/Hiring/Retention Toolkit

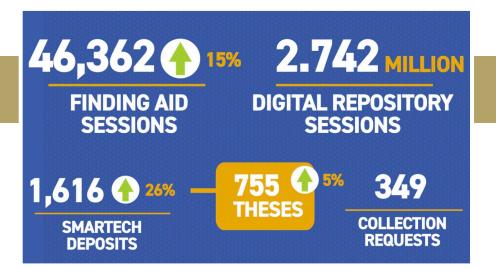
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# **BE WILLING**



#### **BE WILLING**

- Relationships
- Put yourself out there
- Engage faculty and staff
- Keep dreaming
- Know your priorities
- Never say NO, if asked to submit





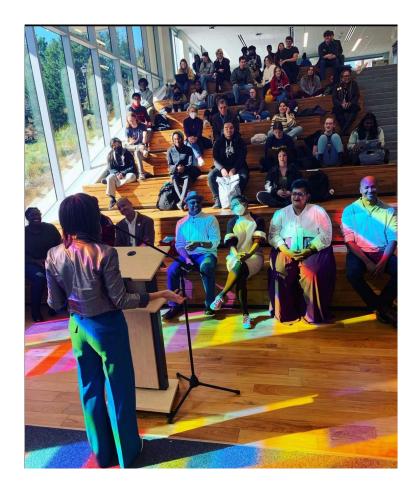


#### **PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT**

Faculty have to demonstrate leadership, growth, expertise, research, etc. for promotion.

Grant leadership...

- Provides the opportunity to develop a proposal and lead a project
- Gives them experience managing a project with funding
- "Gets" them to learn procurement
- Contributes to their portfolio and allows them to shine
- Allows them to take risks
- Engages them in the development process and friend building





#### **BUILD ON YOUR SUCCESS**







## **BE GRATEFUL**



#### **BE GRATEFUL**

- Write meaningful thank-you letters
- Send photos
- Offer tours
- Send links to cool things
- Send impact reports







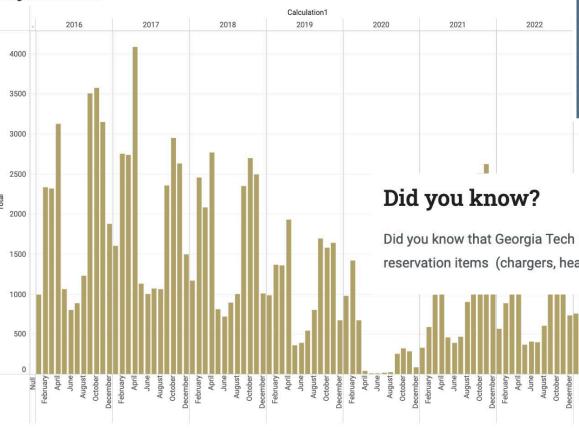
#### **2022 IMPACT REPORT**

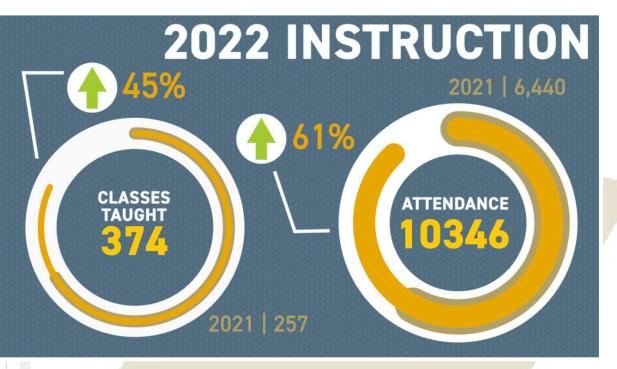
#### **Physical Item Circulation**

#### Borrowing, Lending, and Delivery



#### **Gadget** Circulation



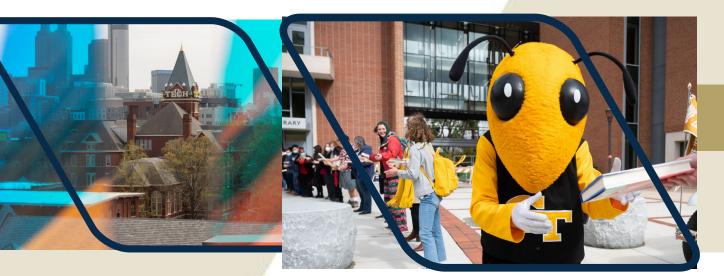


Did you know that Georgia Tech Library's gadgets service grew more than 200 percent in 2022, circulating nearly 14,000 instantreservation items (chargers, headphones, calculators, laptops)? That's a savings of more than \$100,000 in fall 2022 alone.



#### **BE AUTHENTIC**

- Update them on progress
- If you cannot spend money, tell them and explain why
- Talk about the future
- Talk about STUDENTS
- Always be grateful





#### **Foundation Relations**

- Regularly update your contacts
- Ask them about opportunities
- Keep them in the loop
- Make sure they know you appreciate them
- Stay top of mind









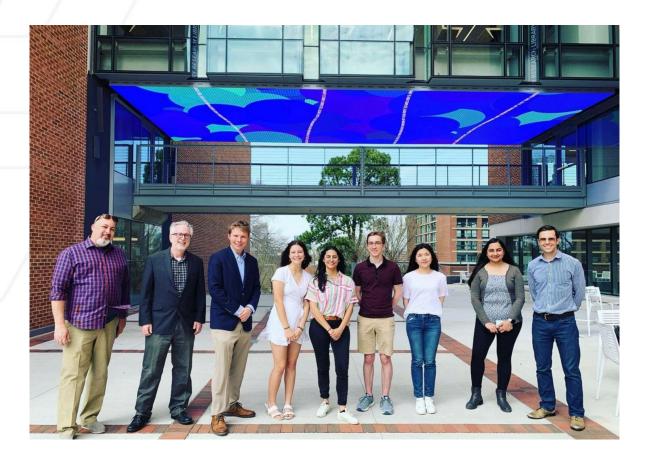
#### **HIGHLIGHT YOUR TEAM**







#### **BE GRATEFUL**







#### SUMMARY

- **READY:** having an ongoing list of Library wants and needs targeted toward past and future funders
- WILLING: engaging all of the Library and being willing to respond at a moment's notice through engaging Library employees; and
- GRATEFUL: providing timely updates that express deep gratitude for our shared passions







# Discussion

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Living Our Values Every Day

