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Over 1.5 million people come through the Georgia State University Library’s doors each year. Coincidentally, the library houses over 1.5 million items in its collection. There’s something here for everyone!

The library provides the university with access to extensive information resources; assistance with research; state-of-the-art computer stations; and a comfortable space to meet, learn and relax.

To increase the security of your Georgia State University Library account, the statewide University System of Georgia will soon require that all library users enter a new PIN for account access. **Without this PIN, you will be unable to access your library account, renew books online, get your GALILEO password or check your fines, due dates and requests.** Instructions are on our PIN FAQ page at library.gsu.edu/pins to help you get your PIN and use it to access your account.

Remember: without 1) a university e-mail address, 2) a PIN and 3) a PantherCard, you will be unable to access your account! Please obtain all three before trying to renew books online or check on other information within your account.

**RESOURCES ON ISLAM**

Interested in writing a paper about Islamic culture this semester? The Georgia State University Library has several excellent resources to begin your research with, including: *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World* (6 volumes), *The Grove Encyclopedia of Islamic Art and Architecture* (3 volumes), and the eBook *The Encyclopedia of Islam*. You can find all of these resources by searching our online catalog. In addition, don’t forget that you can access ARTstor through our databases, to research over one million images from museums, archives and photographers! The image to the right is from ARTstor and is a portrait of Islam Khan Mashhadi by Payag from the 17th century, provided generously by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**RESEARCH ANYWHERE YOU WANT**

Not everyone writes papers in the library, so why should you have to be at the library to get work done? With our Virtual Reference service, you can get research assistance from anywhere: home, work, outdoors or even your local coffee hangout.

We have accounts with AIM, MSN, Yahoo and Google. Our buddy name on these is gsulibref and we’re available to chat with you Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 10 pm and Fridays, 10 am – 8 pm.

Don’t have an IM account? You can still chat live with a librarian through the library’s homepage; just click the Ask a Librarian link.

**GRADUATE STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS**

The library is interested in finding out how graduate students use the library. Grad students, please participate in a 1-hour focus group in exchange for $5 PantherCash. Email jlink@gsu.edu to sign up.

Wednesday, February 3, 3 pm – 4 pm in Classroom 2

Friday, February 5, 3 pm – 4 pm in Classroom 2

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