A central feature of any educational institution is the library, and GIAL is no different. Located in the Pike building, the GIAL library contains invaluable resources for faculty and students, as well as International Linguistics Center employees and volunteers. Of a collection of over 50,000 items, many of the resources concentrate on linguistics and applied linguistics, minority languages, literacy, translation studies, Biblical studies, anthropology and ethnology, sociolinguistics, cross-cultural training, world arts, and area studies. While most of the items are books or journals, there are also several thousand collected articles. Several primary linguistic, anthropological, religious, cultural, and educational indexes may be accessed at the library. Not only does the GIAL library boast a trove of print resources, but it also offers access to digital resources, including over 300 online journals, databases, indexes, newspapers, tutorials and other on-line libraries.

With over 100 years of professional library experience and multiple master’s degrees, the library staff (see back page) is highly qualified to care for this valuable collection. GIAL’s library staff provide services such as cataloging resources, instruction on use of resources, reference help, and interlibrary loan (for items not found in the GIAL library). In the classroom, library staff teach students how to take advantage of all the resources available to them. In addition, every month they send an email informing students, faculty, staff and others of recently cataloged resources. The library also employs four student workers who assist in circulation, course readings, shelving, and other clerical duties.

Uniquely, the library is home to an artifact of which many people are unaware. Several years ago GIAL was given an original Torah scroll hand calligraphed in North Africa during the 19th century. Come by and see it some time.

Most GIAL students spend significant amounts of time in the library doing course reading, researching, and writing. With its thorough collection of linguistic, anthropological, and arts resources, the library is an indispensable part of GIAL.
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LIBRARY STAFF PROFILES

FERNE WEIMER
Ferne started her professional career as a librarian in 1974. As GIAL’s Library Director, she is the Head Cataloger, Course Readings Coordinator, and Acquisitions Coordinator.

CAROLE UNSETH
Carole served in Ethiopia with her husband for 14 years prior to coming to GIAL. She coordinates the interlibrary loans program at the library for students, faculty and staff.

SHARON NOYCE
Sharon worked in a corporate library for 10 years. She now uses her skills in the GIAL library as an assistant cataloger. Sharon’s work allows the library to manage its growing collection of more than 50,000 items.

ALICE HOHULIN
Alice worked for three years at the University of Notre Dame Library. She contributes to GIAL’s library as a circulation assistant, especially preparing required readings for classes each session.

DOROTHY BUICE
Dorothy served for 16 years at the Brooklyn Public Library. Using her knowledge and expertise as a reference librarian she works with collection development, reference service, and instruction.

GLENNA SOLLENBERGER
Glenna, who has studied linguistics and ethnomusicology, served as an SIL branch librarian before coming to GIAL. Currently an assistant cataloger, she was acknowledged for editorial assistance with the 17th edition of the Ethnologue.

ROBERT SIVIGNY
Robert has more than 30 years of experience in library work, serving for 29 years in the Regent University Library. He is now a reference librarian at GIAL and contributes to the library in the areas of reference service, instruction, and gift book coordination.