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Uncle Sam Informs Consumers

The Government Documents Department of Henderson Library at Georgia Southern University has enlisted Uncle Sam's assistance with improving community awareness of free government information and the availability of expert assistance at the federal depository library on campus. Uncle Sam (aka Documents Student Assistant Sam Russell) teamed up with Government Documents Librarian Lori Gwinett and Library Technical Assistant Virginia Thomas at the Mainstreet Statesboro Farmers Market on October 29, 2011 to share information from the Federal Trade Commission with market shoppers. Topics included how to get a free credit report and how to avoid fraud, scams and ID theft. What victims of these crimes should do was also covered after a rash of debit card abuse in the area brought the FBI to Statesboro to investigate.

This was the second community outreach event orchestrated by the Government Documents Department. Uncle Sam's first visit to the farmers market was intended to reinforce civic



engagement while showing patriotism. On July 2, 2011 Uncle Sam (aka Documents Student Assistant Xavier Green) shared *Pocket Guides to the Constitution* provided by Congressman John Barrow's office, and *How a Bill Becomes a Law*, provided by the Government Printing Office. Uncle Sam was popular with all ages on both occasions and is sure to make another appearance soon.

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