The Evans Library building is now 22 years old. The Faculty Library Committee has been asked to advise the Library and university leadership on future improvements to the library building. The Committee, chaired by Associate Professor Alex Vamosi, College of Business, devoted the February and March meetings to thorough tours of the Library, from the roof to the first floor, exploring every nook and cranny. The Committee will meet with campus architect Greg Tsark on April 18 to review their findings and recommendations. The Information Links will report on these recommendations in May.

Meanwhile, these are some of the ‘big’ questions. What changes to the interior of the building will enable it to serve the academic community for the next few decades? Should any changes be made to the exterior? A fifth floor? A new wing? A squared-off, taller pavilion? Is it feasible to close off sections of the interior, as originally planned, so that parts of the building can be open for additional hours with fewer staff? Are there better ways to accommodate students seeking quiet places to study and groups of students who meet to study together or to work on projects? Is compact shelving or off-site storage an inevitable outcome of growing collections? Is there a way to have food and drink in the Library, especially during late evening hours, without jeopardizing the collections, the upholstery, the computers, and the carpets? Is there a way to better distribute staff work spaces throughout the building?

However these and many other questions will be answered, it is clear that the Library needs to be true to its mission. The Library should not sacrifice spaces, collections, resources, and services, in favor of anything that is not truly related to student and faculty needs for the Library. The Library needs to be the Library.

**DISPLAYS**

Brand-new to the Evans Library is a timely and practical display, “The World of Business Etiquette: How Do You Do?” Its assortment of information resources are for those who wish to pay proper attention to professional protocol, feel more confident in public, and be more successful in the work world. These settings may be on a university campus, on the Web, or on the other side of the globe. This two-case display features books, government information, Internet sites, and a variety of artifacts that relate to impressing a potential employer during a job interview or conducting business in other cultures.

The first-floor lobby continues to feature “Women in Science: Trails & Trials of a Phenomenal Five.” This exhibit showcases information resources about well- and little-known female scientists. Continuing through July, it provides books, government publications, journal articles, and Internet sites BY and ABOUT:

- ophthalmologist and inventor Dr. Patricia Bath
- anthropologist Dian Fossey
- pioneer molecular biologist Rosalind Franklin
- award-winning geneticist Barbara McClintock, and
- botanist-turned-children’s-author Beatrix Potter.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Library Information NetworK (LINK) offers a Research Guide by Subject for each and every student! Visit the LINK’s Research Resources section to view the list of discipline-specific tools [http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/researchhelp/](http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/researchhelp/) that include direction to valuable print and electronic information resources, databases, Internet sites, contacts, and reference works.

**APRIL SPECIAL HOURS**

The Library will be open from 6:00 p.m. until midnight only on Sunday, April 16.

It’s that time of year when the Library extends its hours to support preparation for final exams and semester-end requirements. **Extended hours** will be offered according to the following schedule:

- Sunday, April 23: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- Monday, April 24 – Thursday, April 27: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- Friday, April 28: 8:00 a.m. – midnight
- Saturday, April 29: 9:00 a.m. – midnight
- Sunday, April 30: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 1 – Thursday, May 4: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- Friday, May 5: 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Otherwise normal hours for April are:

- Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – midnight
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – midnight

**LATEST AND GREATEST**

Visit the LINK’s Library News to find out about the latest New Materials [http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newitems](http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newitems) and New Links to Internet Sites [http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newlinks](http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newlinks) that have been added to the Library’s collections.

**SUMMER 2006 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DATES ANNOUNCED**

The Library’s Summer 2006 graduate research workshops will be held on Thursday, June 15, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., and Friday, June 16, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., in the Edwin A. Link Multimedia Room. These two identical sessions include three distinct one-hour modules - #1) research essentials, #2) LINK resources and services, and #3) subject-specific break-out sessions. Monday, June 12, is the deadline for the required reservations, which must include name, the last four digits of the Florida Tech ID number, Florida Tech email address, phone number(s), date of requested workshop, and student’s program of study. To initiate registration or to find out more, graduate students may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at savage@fit.edu or at x7656, or may visit the Library News section of the LINK.