FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

We welcome you to the new academic year with a few amazing facts about the Library’s collections. Did you know . . . ?

The Library added 5,600 journal titles in FY06.
36,576 A-Z Journal List searches were conducted. Use of electronic journals increased by 46% over the previous year.
176 titles were added to the Reference Collection.
1,180 purchased items and 1,956 gifts (including 902 gifts from faculty) were cataloged and added to the collections. Other notable additions:

- Ruth Funk Collection: 479 books on textile arts
- Kraus Collection: 150 items on oceans, coastal changes, coastal zone management
- Wimmer Collection: 143 books on art and architecture
- Software Testing Collection: 82 theses and dissertations (funded by NSF grant to Dr. Cem Kaner)
- Florida Tech theses and dissertations: 148 titles

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FALL 2006 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DATES ANNOUNCED

The Library’s Fall 2006 graduate research workshops will be held on Thursday, September 28, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 30, 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Link Multi-media Room. Geared toward the bibliographic research needs of graduate students, especially those preparing theses and dissertations, these three identical sessions will include three distinct one-hour modules - #1) research essentials, #2) LINK features, resources, and services, and #3) subject-specific break-out sessions. Monday, September 25, is the deadline for the required reservations, which must include name, the last four digits of the Florida Tech ID number, email address, phone number(s), date of requested workshop, and student’s program of study. To initiate registration or to receive more information, graduate students who are interested may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or at x7656, or may visit the Library News section of the LINK.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Intellectual freedom? Yes! Censorship? No! That is the title of a multi-faceted display brand-new to the Evans Library lobby. In advance of the American Library Association’s September Banned Books Week, this exhibit features materials that have been challenged, banned, or burned over the years.

Having peered through openings in the brown-papered glass case, scanned a l-o-n-g list of banned titles, or examined the faux bonfire, faculty and students have already begun to record their interest and appreciation in the nearby comments log.

- Great display! As if a book could stop a thought…
- A reminder of our freedom!
- My favorite display! Love it!

Rounding out this multimedia exploration are an enlightening computerized presentation and a sampling of materials that have been questioned for their religious, political, or sexual content. Also incorporated are inspiring graphics and quotes that highlight the responsibility of libraries to oppose censorship by providing “information and enlightenment.”

The display’s Web site is part of a LINK archive at http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/bannedbooks/website.htm.

To learn more about the September 23-30 Banned Books Week and the Library’s display, WMEL (AM 920) will interview Director of Instruction Kathy Turner at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8. Plans for a WRIT interview are also in the works.

Continuing on the third floor is a display on “US-Iran Relations.” It features government documents related to the development and current status of the relationship between the United States and Iran. It also provides a fact sheet about Iran’s government, demographics, and economy.

AUGUST HOURS

Through Friday, August 4, the Library will be open regular summer semester hours.

- Monday – Thursday
  8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Friday
  8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday
  1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday
  2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

From Saturday, August 5, through Sunday, August 20, the Library will observe break hours.

- Monday – Friday
  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday
  CLOSED

When classes begin on Monday, August 21, the Library will resume its normal semester schedule.

- 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 New Materials (http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newitems) and New Links to Internet Sites (http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/newlinks) that have been added recently to the Library’s collections.

DID YOU KNOW!

Always aiming to serve better the academic community, the Library’s various faculty and staff took advantage of 72 different professional development opportunities during the 2005-2006 year.