FROM THE DEAN’S DESK:

Applicants throughout the United States and Canada competed for places in the Association of College and Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy, Immersion ‘06, held this summer at Simmons College in Boston, MA. Two Florida Tech Library faculty, Kathy Turner and Nancy Cook, were selected. In its eighth year, the Immersion Program enables academic librarians to improve their institution’s information literacy instruction programs under the direction of a nationally recognized faculty. Preparation for the Immersion Program entails extensive required readings and development of case studies.

Kathy Turner, our Director of Instruction, followed the Institute’s Program Track. Prior to the 5-day session, she prepared a case study to address an instructional program challenge: how to advance information literacy at Florida Tech through the COM2012 Research Systems and Strategies course and through course-integrated instruction. During the session, she applied analytic techniques such as change dynamics; systems thinking; and institutional outcomes assessment to an analysis of her program challenge. Kathy is preparing an Action Plan/Portfolio of Strategies for Collaborative Change, parts of which will be completed within six months of her return from the Institute.

Nancy Cook, our Instruction Librarian, followed the Institute’s Teacher Track. Prior to the Institute, Nancy prepared an analysis of a single instructional situation: the COM2012 lesson that covers the five basic search strategies and the library catalog. Working with small groups of her classmates, Nancy practiced instruction methods and developed presentation techniques.

Kathy and Nancy followed an exhausting schedule in Boston under the guidance of two large, small world, Kathy learned that one of her new colleagues and formed new relationships with many. And yes, in this small world, Kathy learned that one of her new colleagues has a son attending Florida Tech.

FALL 2006 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP DEADLINE APPROACHES

Monday, September 25, is the registration deadline for the Library’s Fall 2006 graduate research workshop. The 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 Multimedia 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. Reservations are required by Monday, September 25, and 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 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

A brand-new lobby display on “The Arts” is now in place! Pulled together are information resources on musical and visual arts. Touchable sculptures by Florida Tech’s own Larry Buist are also featured. A multi-faceted display titled “Intellectual freedom? Yes! Censorship? No!” continues to draw many positive comments and the occasional crowd. 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Library Association of Brevard (LAB) installed its new board in June, with three of its members from the Evans Library. Continuing to serve as President is Linda S. Khan, Information Services Librarian. Continuing as Past President is Collection Management Librarian Suzanne Jones. Jean Sparks, Catalog Librarian, is Secretary. More information about LAB can be found at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/lab.

SEPTEMBER HOURS

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 4, in keeping with the campus Labor Day holiday. The Library’s normal semester schedule is:

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

Web versions of these lobby displays are part of a LINK archive at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/bannedbooks/website.htm.