The Linkanoe was designed, built, and named in 1944 by Edwin A. Link (1904 – 1981). The Linkanoe is a sectioned canoe with a shell made of phenolic resin and a canvas cover held in place with shock cord. Assembled in 10 to 15 minutes, the Linkanoe weighs about 70 lbs., carries up to 1,000 lbs., and has a 35” beam and a length of about 15’. Disassembled, the Linkanoe packs away in two duffel bags designed to be stowed in a small aircraft. About 4,000 Linkanoes were produced and sold by the Link Company between 1945 and 1949.

Thank you, Dr. Michael Grace, for bringing your family to the Library just before the holidays to assemble our Linkanoe.

From the Dean’s Desk: Library Welcomes a Linkanoe!

DID YOU KNOW?

During the month of December, to help students prepare for exams, the Library served 1101 patrons during 34 extended-service hours. Special thanks go to Scott Blackwell, who worked long, long shifts with very little time to catch a breath in between. Many thanks also go to Ilona Mueller, who worked until 2:00 a.m. and came in early on following days, as well as to all of the Patron Access staff, who worked until 2:00 a.m. during the week and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

SPRING 2007 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DATES ANNOUNCED

The Library’s graduate research workshops will be held Thursday, March 22, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Friday, March 23, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Link Multimedia Room. Geared toward the bibliographic research needs of graduate students, these two identical half-day sessions are made up of three distinct one-hour modules: #1) research essentials, #2) LINK resources and services, and #3) subject-specific break-out sessions. To initiate registration or to receive more information, interested 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.

ALL STAR LIBRARY

Central Florida Library Cooperative (CFLC) has named the Evans Library a 2005/2006 ALL Star Library for its interlibrary loan support to member libraries. Wendy Helmstetter, the Library’s Director of Resources and Services, thanks “Tori, Nate, Ann, Linda, Ilona, Arlene, and everyone who helps with the actual ILL process. Of utmost importance too are those who make interlibrary loan service possible through professional cataloging, OCLC, SIRSI, and technical interoperations expertise -- Jean, Joyce, Rodd, Travis, Nathan, Suzy, Sheila, and our contract catalogers. It truly does take a village to provide this service.” She cites their “professionalism and ongoing dedication to those beyond our own campus who continue to make use of our valuable resources in their research and academic endeavors.”

LATEST AND GREATEST

Visit the LINK’s Library News section to find out about the latest materials and Internet sites that have been added to library collections.

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