SUMMER 2007 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Summer 2007 graduate research workshop was held on Thursday, June 14. Geared toward the needs of graduate students who are involved in coursework or the bibliographic research related to their theses or dissertations, this three-module workshop was taught by the Library faculty. The day after the workshop, one participant’s faculty adviser emailed that his grad student had gotten “a great deal” out of the workshop. She had already begun to utilize what she had learned.

JUNE/JULY HOURS

Regular summer hours are:

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: Database Usage Numbers – Just Part of the Story

Database vendors have been notoriously slow to provide the tools to track the use of their expensive licensed resources. The Evans Library has been persistent in demanding these tools and urging our vendors to comply with standards for counting usage. In FY07, we counted 239,000 views of the database page; 105,149 licensed database login sessions; and 109,774 full-text retrievals. Total hits to the LINK (Library Information Network) numbered 2,228,255. However, we can track usage only through the Library’s home page, www.lib.fit.edu. Many patrons opt for the convenience of bookmarking the database page or particular databases and link to them directly. The Library cannot tally this form of usage. So our database usage numbers tell us just part of the story. We always appreciate hearing from you about the resources that have met your scholarly needs and the resources that you would like us to offer. We are all in this together.

DISPLAYS

Four information resources displays continue in the Evans Library.

Native American Culture and Art is a first-floor exhibit of books, periodical articles, Internet sites, government information, and colorful art work.

Also on the first floor is Uncommon Threads: Textiles of Southeast Asia, designed to promote library materials related to the Ruth Funk collection and gallery.

Next to the first-floor stairway is a Linkanoe, designed, built, and named by inventor Edwin A. Link.

In the third-floor federal depository is U.S. Patents, featuring a wide variety of interesting government information on utility, design, and plant patents.

WHAT’S NEW?

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

Ready to check out!