FROM THE DEAN’S DESK - Evans Library FINDS the 360 Search

Many databases have proprietary search interfaces. 360 Search, new from the Library, provides a single, easy-to-use interface for searching 50 of the most popular Library databases at the same time. You can expect a dramatic reduction in search time, effort, and frustration. Results across databases are clustered by sub-topics, dates, journals, and authors, for selection of specific items and discovery of new ones. Hot links will take you to full-text items available through the Library. 360 Search is not a ‘perfect retrieval tool’ because the underlying databases differ from one another in searchable fields, controlled vocabulary, or truncation symbols. 360 Search is an excellent place to begin your search, if not always the place to end it.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND SERVICES, WENDY HELMSTETTER

Systems Librarian, Mary Barker, along with the Library’s UNIX Systems Administrator and Systems Integration Manager, Jon Beliveau, are currently implementing a highly robust SIRSI/DYNIX integrated library system. This technology offers convenient, easy-to-use, and powerful access to the Library’s online catalog of bibliographic records and it will allow us to enhance access to other e-resources and online library services. In addition to a significant upgrade in technical power and functionality, you will notice the online catalog now has a more contemporary and intuitive interface, which we will continue to customize and enhance for improved remote service delivery.

FALL 2007 EXTENDED HOURS

Dean of Libraries Dr. Celine Lang recently announced that “Library use during extended hours is up!” During the extended hours of service offered by the Library’s personnel over the final exam period in December 2007, 1374 students used the Library. This is an increase of 26% over December 2006. Dr. Lang extends her most sincere gratitude to those in the Library who worked until 2:00 a.m. over several days to provide this service.

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. Brand new to the first-floor New Books section are three “painless” books - Painless Spelling by Mary Elizabeth (LB1574 .P63 2006), Painless Grammar by Rebecca Elliot (LB1576 E45 2006), and Painless Writing by Jeffrey Strausser (LB1631 S822 2001).

JANUARY SPECIAL HOURS

Beginning January 7, the Library will be open regular semester hours.

- 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

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 21, in keeping with the campus observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dr. Jerome P. Keuper was the founder and first president of Florida Institute of Technology, serving from 1958 - 1986.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Florida Institute of Technology!

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