The Library will be closed on Monday, October 13, in keeping with the campus Columbus Day holiday. On Tuesday, October 14, which is one of the Fall Break days, the Library will observe normal hours. Those are:

- 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

FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: DEAN’S ANNUAL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

What I see is that every person who works in the Library has something very unique and special, and each individual shares special qualities, characteristics, and expertise with each other, with the students, and with the faculty. In the spirit of this observation, this year, the 7th annual Dean’s Award for Excellence honored several Library faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to fulfillment of the Library’s mission of service and access. Kathy Turner, Director of Instruction, and Ann Sepri, Research Librarian, received awards. Travis Jones, Nathan Miller, Jon Beliveau, and Mary Barker, the Library’s technical team, were also honored. This team maintains and improves the electronic infrastructure supporting most of the Library’s operations and services. With a nod to the bear market and with thanks to Wendy Helmsetter, Laura Metz, and Stuart Culy for helping to get the best value for every penny of Library expenditures, I awarded to each of them a small bear dressed in a Florida Tech tee shirt.

NOVEMBER 15th BARNES & NOBLE EVENT

by Kathy Turner

Saturday, November 15, is “Florida Tech Evans Library Day” at Barnes & Noble! Faculty authors and student groups will be on hand at the New Haven Avenue location, signing their books, reading excerpts from their poetry and novels, or providing great acts for your viewing and listening pleasure. Everyone is encouraged to present a SPECIAL bookfair voucher when making an on-site Barnes & Noble purchase anytime from Saturday, November 15 through Friday, November 21. Whether you are purchasing food, drinks, books, or music, a percentage of the net sale will be donated to the Evans Library. For a complete line-up of the day’s authors and entertainment, as well as access to a print-able voucher, visit www.lib.fit.edu/bookfair. We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING FLORIDA TECH’S 50th ANNIVERSARY!

In conjunction with Florida Tech’s 50th-anniversary celebration, the Library is sponsoring a contest! Because “the Evans Library wants to know what you think!”, there are two ways to enter. At the Service Desk are forms and an entry box, where contestants can fill out both sides of a paper form and submit it. Also those who wish to enter online can go to the LINK’s Library Displays section (http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays) to visit the Web component of the “Celebrating Florida Tech’s 50th Anniversary” lobby exhibit. On the upper-right side of the display’s Web page is a spot where participants can enter to win. Just like the lobby display, the site’s content focuses on campus organizations, faculty publications, biographical sketches of Florida Institute of Technology presidents, and excerpts from Dr. Gordon Patterson’s published history. Everyone is invited to enter for a chance to win one of the 21 prizes. All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17th. Winners of the drawings will be notified in person and will be announced on campus forums.

WHAT’S NEW?

Brand-new to the Library is the Testing & Education Reference Center. This online database includes test preparation ebooks for TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and more, as well as various entrance licensing and career placement practice tests. It also covers undergraduate and graduate college and scholarship search information. This Gale database can be found on the LINK’s Databases/Indexes list.

FALL 2008 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Fall 2008 graduate research workshops drew more than 40 students to the Library’s late-September, half-day program that was geared toward the bibliographic research required for theses, dissertations, and graduate-level coursework. Each and every completed evaluation form indicated that participants would recommend the workshop to their classmates. The next workshops will be held in Spring 2009.

Fill out this form and be eligible to win one of 21 prizes!