FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: 21st-Century Learning Commons

Jason Ball, Rodney Bowers and I invite you to participate in and to follow the progress of developing a 21st-Century Learning Commons in the Evans Library Building. The Learning Commons model combines the services of applied computing, academic support, and the library into a seamless, one-stop-shopping research and learning experience for students. Whether the students are in the Library or distance learners, they will have all of the information resources and staff expertise that they need. Students will use leading-edge technologies and improved spaces for collaboration as well as individual study. Faculty and students will have places to meet and to showcase the outcomes of their research. Undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty will enjoy the 21st-Century Learning Commons.

LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning Monday, January 12, the Library will observe normal semester hours, which 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

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 19, in keeping with the university’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

WELCOME, HAYDEE HUERTAS!

The Library is pleased to introduce Senior Library Technician Haydee Huertas. Haydee comes to Florida Tech with a wide variety of experience in library public services and scientific research. She holds a BS in Biology from the University of Puerto Rico.

SPRING 2009 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Library’s Spring 2009 graduate research workshops will be held Thursday, March 12 (5:30 – 9:00 p.m.) and Friday, March 13 (1:00 – 4:30 p.m.). More information can be found on the LINK under Library News or directly at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/workshops.

DISPLAYS

Continuing in the Library are two displays. One is related to Florida Tech’s 50th anniversary. The other is a popular exhibit called Outer Worlds, located near the Library’s north entrance. It is a colorful collection of miniature landscapes by Celine Lang.

Event organizers Dr. Celine Lang and Tama Johnson enjoy having Dean Winston Scott sign their copies of Reflections From Earth Orbit. Dean Scott and other Florida Tech presenters drew hundreds to Barnes & Noble on November 15th, resulting in the Library reaching its $1000 goal! (Photograph by Beverly Sanders)