FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: GOVERNMENT INFORMATION RESOURCES COLLECTIONS
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The next few issues of Information Links will feature articles about a gem that may be overlooked among the wealth of other resources in the Library: government information resources collections. We will start this month with some basics. Florida Tech, nominated by a member of the US House of Representatives and designated by the US Superintendent of Documents, became a selective regional federal depository in 1963. ‘Selective’ is important, meaning that we choose the government publications that we wish to receive free of charge. We select over 40% of the total available. The entire 3rd floor of the Library is devoted to the print collection. On the LINK, at Research Resources – Government Resources, you will find an electronic collection that rivals the print collection in size and scope as well as currency. Next month, we will focus on some components of the collections that are of special value to our students, faculty, researchers and community.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on Monday, February 16, in keeping with the university’s observance of Presidents’ Day.

Otherwise, in February, the Library will observe the following 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

DISPLAYS

New to the Evans Library is “Postcards from Home,” a collection of 230 original postcard-sized watercolor paintings by members of the Brevard Watercolor Society. Exhibited throughout the Library’s first floor, these remarkable paintings show local flora and fauna, landmarks, attractions, historic buildings, rockets on launch pads, and many more of the very things that, according to Dean Celine Lang, “make our area a great place to call home.” In March, the postcards will go on display in the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee.

Also in the Library are its two continuing displays. One celebrates Florida Tech’s 50th anniversary. The other is a colorful collection of miniature landscapes by Celine Lang called Outer Worlds.

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.

- Abraham Lincoln

SPRING 2009 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Registration continues for the Library’s Spring 2009 graduate research workshops. These half-day sessions will be held Thursday, March 12 (5:30 – 9:00 p.m.) and Friday, March 13 (1:00 – 4:30 p.m.). The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 9. More information can be found on the LINK under Library News or directly at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/workshops."