FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: 
THE LIBRARY’S 25TH-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

More than 550 students, faculty, staff, and community friends attended the Evans Library’s 25th-Anniversary Open House on September 25. They enjoyed:

- exhibits of the Library’s history and government information collections
- TWITCHY, the President’s all-faculty rock band
- Pete the Panther dancing with guests
- delicious cuisine from the Library’s Cook It by the Book II cookbook, and
- furnishings and technology on loan from vendors.

Above all, guests had a preview of the 21st-Century Learning Commons transformations of Library spaces. These are evident in the Presentation Practice Room and the Collaborative Study Room on the 3rd floor. Students will soon be able to reserve these rooms. Students in the Library’s popular and rapidly growing instructional programs now benefit from the formal and informal teaching spaces on the 1st floor. Each of these spaces, designed with Information Technology and Library expertise as well as suggestions from students, will foster the academic excellence of every Florida Tech student. If you missed the party, we will be happy to arrange a tour.

ASK A MOBILE LIBRARIAN!

The Evans Library is taking its reference service on the road! As part of an ACITC grant, Instruction Librarian Rebecca Weber will be out and about over the next month, offering one-on-one research consultations. With laptop in hand, she will be in the Denius Student Center, the Crawford Building, the Academic Support Center, the Applied Computing Center, the Olin Engineering Complex, and the Harris Village. Currently faculty, staff, and students are invited to “ask a librarian” in person, by email, by chat, and by phone. Soon they will have an opportunity to get help in other spots on campus where they gather. Announcements will be made soon regarding the availability (exact timing and locations) of these upcoming research consultations.

LIBRARY SURVEY – COMING TO A CLOSE

It’s not too late to participate in the Library’s Fall 2009 survey. Friday, October 9, is the deadline for entries that answer the question “Where do YOU go for information for academic assignments, papers, projects, presentations, or research?” Forms are available at the Service Desk as well as on the LINK (www.lib.fit.edu). From among the entries, one winner will be selected to receive an iPod Touch. Director of Instruction Kathy Turner encourages everyone — faculty, students, and staff alike — to provide this valuable feedback!