FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: SPOTLIGHT ON ASHLEY ROMANS, CATALOG AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIBRARIAN

The metadata cataloging expertise of Ashley Romans gives distance learners instant access to an excess of 62,000 electronic books and documents in the Library’s collections. Each month, Ashley adds about 3,000 new electronic books and documents to the catalog. Ashley’s passion for organizing the information that describes resources, at a time when standards are primitive and volatile, is evident in her smile when she discusses the challenges of her pioneering work. A Master of Science in Computer Information Systems will soon complement her Masters in Library & Information Science and keep her at the forefront of technologies for remote access to scholarly information.

SUMMER 2010 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – REMINDER

The Library’s Summer 2010 graduate research workshop will be held on Friday, June 4, from 1:00 – 4:45 p.m. The registration deadline is Monday, May 31. More information can be found on the LINK under Library News or at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/workshops.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS – EVANS LIBRARY’S FLORIDA TECH RESEARCH SHOWCASE - COLLEGE SERIES

On Friday, April 30th, Dean of Libraries Dr. Celine Lang hosted a reception celebrating the launch of the Evans Library’s brand-new Florida Tech Research Showcase – College Series. This ongoing cycle of displays focuses on a sampling of the research conducted in each Florida Tech college. The essential scholarly information resources required for the research, the wide range of publications resulting from the research, and the high-quality relevant bibliographic databases will be featured.

On hand to see the first in the series, the College of Science, were Florida Tech Board of Trustees members and associated researchers. Organized by its departments, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, Physics & Space Sciences, and Science & Mathematics Education, the exhibit amply demonstrates international collaborations and far-reaching scientific applications that result in higher quality of life, health, security, teaching, learning, environment, and understanding.

Filling the Evans Library’s lobby, this five-part exhibit underscores the even-wider array of research accomplishments featured in Dean Gordon Nelson’s 2009 Research News & Report (http://cos.fit.edu/documents/2009_COS_NEWSLETTER.pdf). In September 2010, Dr. Nelson will give a presentation, The History of Science Research at Florida Tech, in the Evans Library’s Link Multimedia Room. This summer the Web counterpart of the College of Science’s presence will be added to the Library’s archive of displays (www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/). Continuing into the Fall 2010 semester, the College of Science display will be followed by an exhibition focused on another Florida Tech college.

UPCOMING SPECIAL HOURS

The Library’s extended hours continue through Thursday, May 6.
Friday, 4/30—Saturday, 5/1
Open until midnight
Sunday, 5/2—Wednesday, 5/5
Open until 2:00 a.m.
Thursday 5/5—Open until midnight

The Library will be open on Friday, May 7, from 1:00—5:00 p.m. only and will be closed Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9.

Beginning Monday, May 10, summer hours begin. They are:
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Library will be closed Monday, May 31, for the campus’ observance of Memorial Day.