LIBRARY DISPLAYS – TWO POPULAR EXHIBITS CONTINUE

Already attracting over 500 visitors, the College of Engineering Research Showcase features the College’s signature research areas:
- Intelligent Systems
- Sustainability of the Environment
- Assured Information and Cyber Security
- Communication Systems and Signal Processing
- New Space Systems and Commercialization of Space

What do muck and microgravity have in common? Bach and bandwidth? Autonomy and ash? All are represented among the many research-related papers and projects on display in the Library’s first-floor lobby.

Closing the first week of December, The Books of David Macaulay display has drawn both on-campus and off-campus visitors. Macaulay’s writings and art are known to fascinate readers of all ages. The web counterpart (http://lib.fit.edu/?app=librarydisplays&display=201108) of this colorful first-floor exhibit is available anywhere, anytime.

NaNoWriMo RECEPTION

On Thursday evening, November 10th, faculty, students, and community members attended a reception hosted by the Library as part of National Novel Writing Month. Every November, NaNoWriMo dares prospective authors to draft a 50,000-word novel in thirty days. (That’s an average of 1,667 words per day!) At Florida Tech, the Library featured readings by campus novelists.

Veronica Giguere, Assistant Director of Academic Support, talked about the process of podcasting a novel. She demonstrated her voice-over talents as she read from Secret World Chronicle: A World Divided, a braided novel she co-authored with Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Dennis Lee, and Cody Martin.

Andy Stanfield, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, read from his historical fiction novel The Battle of Rattlers’ Bluff and told about how his preparing to teach a literature course inspired him to include Walt Whitman and Edgar Allan Poe in his book based on the Mexican-American War.

Finally, Robert Shearer, Assistant Professor of Humanities, read from his 2008 novel The Beethoven Years. This story follows the life of a schizophrenic who thinks he is the great composer Ludwig Van Beethoven. Ludi’s adventures include his thinking that he is being interviewed by David Letterman.

Instruction Librarian Rebecca Weber, pictured here, organized the event and hopes the Library’s 2011 participation in NaNoWriMo is the first of many years. For more information, visit http://www.nanowrimo.org.

FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: SMELL THE COFFEE?

Florida Tech Food Services and the Evans Library are pleased to announce that the Library’s long-awaited café will open on Tuesday, November 29, and is being celebrated on Thursday, December 1, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony! Initially the café will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Other events to celebrate? On behalf of the Library faculty and staff, I wish you all the happiest of holidays!

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