COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS RESEARCH SHOWCASE

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Mark your calendars now for Friday, January 25! You are invited to a reception to launch the library’s latest Research Showcase, which will feature the publications and accomplishments of the College of Aeronautics. From 2 – 4 p.m., guests will be able to meet and greet the researchers, whose work will be evidenced throughout the lobby. Featured will be:

- a flight simulator
- publications authored by college faculty and students
- a wrap-around timeline of the college’s history
- Mars,
- and more.

Continuing in the library are two other exhibits:

- *Edmund Skellings, Poet of Technology*, featuring the inspiring memorabilia and publications of the late Dr. Edmund Skellings ([http://lib.fit.edu/library-displays/201202.php](http://lib.fit.edu/library-displays/201202.php))
- *Open Access*, celebrating Florida Tech faculty who are writing for free and freely available publications ([http://libguides.lib.fit.edu/OpenAccess](http://libguides.lib.fit.edu/OpenAccess)).

BEYOND WORDS!

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When I first stumbled upon the Homeland Security Digital Library during Research Sources and Systems (COM 2012), I found information that I had no idea was available. Articles on terrorism from the 1700s, for example! (My research topic for the course was the investigation of computer crimes.) Although my class project is over, I have continued to browse this site because it helps me in my work as a government cybersecurity contractor. To locate the Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL), go to the library’s A to Z Databases list. There you will find high-quality open-source books, journals, dissertations, websites, statistics, and grants on terrorism, cyber infrastructure protection, natural disasters, border security, energy security, and more.

FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: RALPH JOHNSON, TRUE LIBRARY FRIEND

On December 4, 2012, the Evans Library lost a great friend. Ralph Johnson, who served as Florida Institute of Technology’s Director of Development in the 80s and 90s, was a strong influence during the campus’s early days and was a terrific supporter of the library. In recent years, it was not uncommon for Ralph to drop in just to touch base and give an encouraging word. His dedication and affection for the library was returned with great respect and admiration not only from myself, but also from the library’s director from 1971 - 1994, the late Dr. Lew Henson.

Ralph Johnson closed his support loop by asking that friends and family, in lieu of flowers, direct support to the Evans Library. Yes, Ralph Johnson was a great friend!