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## library services



### ◆ Reference Inventory Project

FGCU Library completed in late February 2002 an extensive book-by-book inventory project of the entire printed Reference Collection.

Utilizing data printouts from the Florida Center for Library Automation, Reference Team members compared the printed data list to the materials shelved in the Reference Collection. Items found on the Reference shelves not listed on the report had their data records corrected. Items listed on the data report, but not found on the Reference shelves, were later searched for in various Library locations and returned to the Reference Collection.

During the inventory project some outdated reference materials were identified, and, when possible, newer editions were purchased.

The results of this project is a better organized Reference Collection to meet the research needs of the FGCU community.

—Linda Marie Golian



### ◆ New Electronic Resources

We would like to highlight two electronic resources added this year through consortial purchase with the other state university libraries.

The first resource is Oxford Journals Online, which provides access to 131 Oxford University Press journals. Examples include *Age and Aging*, *American Law and Economics Review*, *Brain*, *Essays in Criticism*, *Journal of Environmental Law*, and *Teaching Mathematics*. Use the Library's Electronic Resources page at <http://library.fgcu.edu/OnlineResources/esources.htm> to access Oxford Journals Online or pull up individual title links in the List of Full-Text eJournals.

The second new resource is full-text of *The Wall Street Journal* through ProQuest Newspapers. Coverage goes back to 1984 and is updated daily.

—Kitti Canepi

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## ◆ Message from the Director

The Web has certainly changed the way most of us communicate, shop, and look for the information we need every day about everything from the latest consumer products and fashions to parenting techniques and healthcare options.



Are libraries passé?

Lots of folks across the country don't seem to think so. *Library Journal* reports that between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001 more than \$686 million were invested in 80 new libraries and 132 additions or expansions. Here in Florida, Nova Southeastern University, well known for its distance learning programs, recently completed a \$45-million library building—the largest in Florida—on its Fort Lauderdale campus.

Our library had 160,000 visits last year, and expansion plans are underway. Students, faculty and community members come to us for a variety of reasons. Technology allows us to offer many information resources via the Web, but those are only a small drop in the ocean of scholarly information. Librarians and libraries offer the full range of information services that are an integral part of the academic enterprise:

- ◆ Collecting scholarly materials that are not available electronically, such as books, journals, videotapes, curriculum kits, manuscripts, maps, microfilm, etc.
- ◆ Organizing physical and electronic collections so students and faculty can readily retrieve the materials they need.
- ◆ Archiving research materials. (Even digitized materials can vanish, since commercial publishers must make market-driven decisions about maintaining them.)
- ◆ Providing a location on campus for collaborative research and learning, and
- ◆ Teaching students to identify and evaluate information resources.

Do we still need libraries? Consider that, according to American Libraries (March 2002), more than

## Tips & Tricks: Browsing the Shelves

Have you ever wondered why we don't just arrange our books by subject, the way Barnes & Noble does? Actually, the Library does arrange its collection in subject order, using the Library of Congress Classification system.

- ◆ The letters and numbers that make up the call numbers of books correspond to subject areas.
- ◆ The first letter represents a broad subject area: L for Education, K for Law, and N for Fine Arts, for example.
- ◆ An additional letter on the top line of the spine label narrows the subject area: H is for Social Sciences; HG is for Finance. Signs indicating these subjects are posted at the ends of our shelves.
- ◆ The other letters and numbers represent greater refinement of the subject, the author's name, and the year in which the item was published.
- ◆ The LCC system has peculiarities that reflect its origin, such as an emphasis on law and military science. Still, the Library of Congress collects so many materials on virtually every subject (7,000 items per working day), that the LCC system has been adopted by most college and university libraries.
- ◆ You can pick up a pocket-sized leaflet with an outline of the LCC system at the Reference or Circulation desk, refer to the posters on the ends of our shelves, or view the LCC outline online at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco.html>

—Becky Donlan

## ◆ Director's Message cont.

1 million web pages simply disappeared last year. Librarians can be relied upon to create and preserve authoritative collections and to teach our students to be information literate. The campus library is the locus for intellectual interaction among students, faculty, and recorded knowledge. Academic librarians and their libraries will be partners in the learning process for the foreseeable future.

—Kathy Hoeth



## ◆ Library Hosts Black History Month Display

From mid-February through mid-March, the Library hosted “Continental Express: A Trek through Black History”, a display prepared by students from Dr. Valerie Smith’s SYG 2250: Multicultural Issues class.

Using the Underground Railroad as a theme, the display “tracked” African American history using posters the students made featuring images and text of important people and events.

The posters were hung above railroad tracks made out of colored paper on the pillars of the Library’s first floor. A handout of library resources related to African American history and culture developed by Pam Sawallis, FGCU’s history librarian, was distributed from the Reference Desk for the duration of the display.

Examples of some of the posters included profiles of W. E. B. DuBois, Condoleeza Rice, Colin Powell, and Phyllis Wheatley. Also depicted was the founding of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first African-American Greek letter society for women; Crispus Attucks, the first casualty of the 1770 Boston Massacre; and the Cuban Giants, the first all-African-American professional baseball team, founded in 1885.

The Library is currently developing a policy and procedure that will facilitate the involvement of faculty and students in presenting library displays. In the meantime, anyone interested in working with the Library on a display is encouraged to contact Daniel Liestman, Associate Director for Library Services, at [dlietma@fgcu.edu](mailto:dlietma@fgcu.edu).

—Chuck Malenfant



## ◆ FGCU Library Staff

This Issue:

Lisa Burke

ILL Assistant



A long time resident of Baltimore, Maryland, Lisa moved, with her boyfriend to Southwest Florida only 8 months ago. She quickly decided that, although she missed the playing in the snow, she liked it down here. Originally from a farm town in Indiana, she especially enjoys the local beaches.

As an ILL assistant, Lisa spends countless hours processing Interlibrary Loan requests for students and faculty alike. If you are not sure where she is, it’s a safe bet to look by the copy machine.

Lisa is a recent graduate of Frostburg State University. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Studies and a minor in French. She was lucky enough to spend 8 months studying in France through a student exchange program.

This past Christmas Lisa was surprised by some new additions to her Florida family. She is now the proud owner of 3 Sugar Gliders, one of whom is soon to be a mother. Sugar Gliders are native to New Guinea and Australia. They are marsupials and look like flying squirrels. In addition to the Gliders, Lisa also has a Red Tailed Boa. But don’t worry; they are kept in separate rooms.

Lisa’s hobbies include snowboarding and skiing but she has yet to attempt them on water.

The Library Staff is proud to say that Lisa is one of their newest and brightest employees and would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome her to sunny Southwest Florida.

—Kelly Sonnanstine

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## ◆ FGCU Library Book Sale

Many of you might have known about the successful book sale that occurred in our library from February 25th to March 3rd that liquidated about 170 boxes of books to the tune of about \$325 which will go back into the Library's budget.

We have had several of these book sales, at which we charge a quarter a book, a dollar a bag, or two dollars a box. (Typically, during the last day or two of the sale, even these lower prices are slashed.)

The purpose of these book sales is to save these books, which are typically duplicates, or are outdated or worn-out, from the recycler and find them a happy home. This time, most were from the stock initially acquired from Upsala College, a private Lutheran college in New Jersey that went out of business soon before FGCU opened. These were duplicate copies of what constituted that pillar of our collection.

Many people, especially collectors, may find a book

sale perusal rewarding. For example, I, myself, found a beautifully gilded 1891 edition of *Cranford*, by Elizabeth Gaskell, a moderately well-known 19th-century British woman writer. Because of wear and tear, library property stamps, the application of gummed labels, and other evidence of library processing, the book has no appreciable dollar value on the serious collector's market, but it displays wonderfully. There were even older books alongside a complete works of Shakespeare, a few dictionaries, some art books, and many other niceties.

We still have about 170 boxes of these books left for our next book sale. Stay tuned for more great book-buying at absurdly low prices.

—Will Noel



## ◆ Making Contact:

### Library Hours:

M-Th	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### Reference Assistance Hours:

M-Th	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Contacting the Library:

Website	<a href="http://library.fgcu.edu">http://library.fgcu.edu</a>
Reference Email	<a href="mailto:libref@fgcu.edu">libref@fgcu.edu</a>

Reference Desk	590-7630
Circulation Desk	590-7610
Interlibrary Loan	590-7613
Computer Help Desk	590-7617

Phone numbers and email addresses for the FGCU Library can be found through the "Call Us" link on the Library's home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/AboutTheLibrary/employee.htm>

## Suggestion Box

You can follow the "Suggestions" link on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/AboutTheLibrary/suggest.htm>.

You can follow the "Suggest a Book for Our Collection" link through the "Faculty Resources" menu on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/Forms/booksuggest.htm>.

You can send us an email through the "Ask a Librarian" link on the "Research Tools and Help" menu on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/forms/askref.htm>.

You can speak with the Director's office by calling 941/590-7600.

Or you can send written comments to:



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