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Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Reference Assistance Hours

Mon- Thurs: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Reference: 590-7630
Circulation: 590-7610
Interlibrary Loan: 590-7613
Computer Help: 590-7617
TTY: 590-7618

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7—11

Library Hours for Spring Break
Mon. 8-9 Tues. 8-9
Wed. 8-5 Thurs. 8-5
Fri. 8-5 Sat. 8-6
Sun. 1-11

Suggestions ?

Have you got an idea for how the Li-
brary could serve you better? Is there
a book or resource that you would
like us to purchase? You can follow
the "Suggest Materials for the Collec-
tion" link through the "Faculty Re-
sources" menu on the Library home
page or go directly to: <http://library.fgcu.edu/Forms/booksuggest.htm>.

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

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There are many opportunities for donating to the FGCU Library. We accept monetary donations as well as gifts of books and other information resources. Your monetary gift may be directed to a specific program or need in the Library, or your gift may be unrestricted, thus enabling the Library to use the funds in the areas of greatest need. Gifts may be made for immediate use or to build the Library's endowment to secure the Library's future. Your gifts are tax deductible.

If you are interested in making a donation to the FGCU Library or would like additional information on how you can help, please contact:

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Some of the best things in life are free! While most of the print and electronic materials in the library have to be purchased by the University, in this issue of *Eagle Advantage* you may discover the PALMM collections for the first time. PALMM contains a number of digitized collections held by the public universities of Florida and it is available on the Web at no charge to the user. Beyond the PALMM collections there are, of course, a multitude of high-quality sites on the Web that may be interesting to the FGCU community. How does one know which sites are high quality? When in doubt, ask a librarian.



Librarians have expertise in evaluating materials in all sorts of print and electronic formats, including Web sites. Librarians assess resources with specific criteria in mind; we must know the kinds of materials required by our constituencies and then we typically evaluate works in terms of accuracy, authority, objectivity, currency, and coverage. In addition, librarians determine whether a work under consideration is well-organized so that us-

ers are able to find the information they need in a reasonable manner.

The quaintly named Machine-Assisted Reference Section (MARS) of the American Library Association has taken advantage of the expertise of its members and has created a tool to help you find the best free reference Web sites. MARS issued its sixth annual list of the best free reference sites on the Web in January and it is available to you (at no charge!) at www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaourassoc/rusasections/mars/marspubs/MARSBestRef2004.htm.

A range of topics made the 2004 list including: *Earthtrends-the Environmental Information Portal*, the *Math Forum* and *The Valley of the Shadow*. My personal favorite is the *NYPL Picture Collection Online*. The New York Public Library has gathered a digital collection of images from books, magazines and newspapers as well as original photographs, prints and post-cards. Why is this site one of the best? RUSA found "the organization and cataloging of the online collection is what makes these images so valuable. Users can browse the collection by name, title, subject, and author . . . , and a source is given for each image." When you have a question about resources, contact your Liaison Librarian. ~K. Hoeth



Check out the new ARTstor Database!

FGCU Library recently acquired an exciting new database, called ARTstor. If you are teaching art, studying art, or need a graphic for a project, this is the database for you. "The ARTstor Charter Collection currently contains approximately 300,000 images; by 2006 it is expected to contain 500,000. The Charter Collection documents artistic traditions across many times and cultures and embraces architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, and design as well as many other forms of visual culture." Special features allow users to zoom or pan across images and save these images to a folder. Users can print or download these images for papers, presentations, or lectures. In addition, instructors can create a shared folder, as a "course reserve", for their students to access. Images may only be used for noncommercial educational and scholarly purposes.

To access ARTstor, go to the library's homepage (<http://library.fgcu.edu/>). Click on "Journal Articles & Databases". In the "Database Name" search box, type "artstor". Click on "Connect Now". Now you should be on ARTstor's main page. On the left, you will see a small link (right beneath the ARTstor title) entitled, "Search and browse for images". Click on this link, and the database will download. From this page, you can do a keyword search for images, view your folders, and register. Registration is required to create a folder and it is free. Click on the register button, type in your email address, and create a pass-

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word. Now when you search for images, you can save them to a folder. Instructor level access is required to create a shared folder. Please contact Rachel Cooke, Humanities Librarian for instructor access. Rachel is available for classroom visits, departmental meetings, or individual training sessions. Contact her at rcooke@fgcu.edu or 590-7606.

SUS Virtual Collections

Publication of Archival, Library & Museum Materials (<http://palmm.fcla.edu/index.html>), known as PALMM, is a cooperative initiative of the public universities of Florida to provide digital access to important source materials for research and scholarship. PALMM projects may involve a single university or may be collaborative efforts between a university and partners within or outside of the state university system. PALMM projects create high-quality virtual collections relevant to the students, research community and general citizenry of Florida.

The Florida Heritage Collection is an ongoing PALMM project to digitize and provide online access to materials broadly representing Florida's history, culture, arts, literature, sciences and social sciences. Thematic areas in this growing collection include Native American and minority populations, exploration and development, tourism, the natural environment, and regional interests. Materials are taken from archives, special collections, and libraries of the eleven state universities which make up the SUS. These



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materials represent only a small part of the wealth of historical and archival treasures held by the SUS libraries. Users should note the source of materials they use on this site and should contact the holding libraries or archives directly for more information.

The FGCU Library has created the *Southwest Florida Environmental Documents Collection* within the Florida Heritage Collection. This site is composed of recent and historical scientific information related to the environment of Southwest Florida, the Caloosahatchee River, and its watershed. Reports, surveys, monographs, and other materials from agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are collected together with materials from local agencies such as the South Florida Water Management District, the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, and local consulting and engineering firms. Many of the titles in the Collection are available online; all of the documents are available through Florida Gulf Coast University Library Services.

These collections were made possible in part through grants generously provided by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and the South Florida Water Management District for the benefit of scientists, researchers, and planners working in Southwest Florida and has since also proven valuable to students interested in the biology, geology, and environment of the area.

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Welcome!



Lee LeBlanc joined the FGCU Library in January of 2005 as a *Senior Library Technical Assistant*. He received his BA from Florida Gulf Coast University with an individualized concentration option. Before beginning his college career, he spent four years in the United States Air Force Special Operations Command.

Lee, and his friend Jen, have a special place in their hearts for animals and together have rescued quite a few. The most recent being a dog they named Bodhi. Bodhi was a victim of the last hurricane and lucky for her, turned up on Lee's doorstep! Currently, Lee is working towards a Masters degree in Leadership and Business Ethics. In addition, he has hopes of beginning a Masters in Information Studies online through Florida State University this Fall. Look for Lee at the Circulation or Reference Desk!

Congratulations!



Geoff Burgerhoff Geoff has co-written a case study for the Sustainability Case Study Series — a collection of Florida-specific teaching cases produced through the Educational Alliance for Sustainable Florida (EASF). Geoff is a graduate student of Environmental Sciences and a valued staff member of the library's computing services student staff. Check out his first published work!

Bonita Bay Marina by Geoff Burgerhoff, John Fitch and William Ritchie
The Florida Sustainability Case Study Series, a project of EASF. With help from Ivey School of Business and Council of Sustainable Florida. Ivey Management Services. June 2004.



Timeline

- December 2004**
Site preparation begins
- May 2006**
Substantial completion of the expansion
- July 2006**
Relocate collections from existing library and close for renovation
- October 2006**
Substantial completion of renovation
- November 2006**
Final completion of project

Opportunities to Give to the Library

The expansion project will present many opportunities within the Library to recognize individual donors, corporations, and foundations. One may also choose to honor or memorialize friends and loved ones.

For additional information please contact Kathy Hoeth, Director of Library Services at 239-590-7600 or khoeth@fgcu.edu, or Steve Magiera, Vice President, University Advancement, at 239-590-1067.

Attention Faculty! Remember to place your Course Reserves early!

To ensure that course reserve materials will be available to your students during the first three (3) weeks of each semester, instructors should submit their requests at least two (2) weeks prior to the first day of classes or earlier, if possible. Additional time is needed for items that require obtaining copyright permission, or for materials that must be ordered from a vendor.

All materials are removed from the Course Reserve Collection at the end of each semester. To retain materials on reserve the following, or additional semesters, a new Course Reserve Form must be completed and submitted to the Library each time.

The complete Course Reserve Policy is available on the Library Services web site at <http://library.fgcu.edu/Reserves/respols.htm>.

Please call 590-7610 or contact Jenny Fritchka (jfritchka@fgcu.edu) or Geraldine Collins (gcollins@fgcu.edu) if you have any questions.

