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Message from the Director

What an exciting time for the FGCU community! Fall 2006 will see our largest freshman class to date and those returning to campus after a summer break will discover that Academic Building V and the FGCU Library Annex have opened for business.

Considering the ability of students and faculty to access rich library resources from their home computers, one may wonder why a university would invest in a library building these days. And FGCU is certainly not the only institution that has done so. *Library Journal* reports that 91 new libraries and 94 additions or expansions were completed in fiscal year 2005 with a price tag of more than \$832 million.

What is so important about library facilities? The main reasons that colleges and universities are still investing in libraries are collections, study spaces, and services.

It may not be apparent to everyone, but the information resources

available over the Web are only a small drop in the ocean of scholarly information. Librarians build collections of scholarly materials in multiple formats such as books, journals, videotapes, curriculum kits, manuscripts, maps, and microforms. Many of these resources are simply not available electronically. In addition, libraries are concerned with archiving research materials; even digitized materials can vanish since commercial publishers must make market-driven decisions about maintaining them.

The value of libraries though, is more than collections; it may be difficult to quantify, but it is easy to observe. The FGCU Library Annex integrates information technology, library collections, student study spaces, and library services. The library is the campus location specifically intended to support collaborative research and learning--an intellectual crossroads for interaction among students, faculty, and scholarly material.

Please stop in and see the new Library Annex—we look forward to helping you get the most out of your experience at FGCU.

Kathleen Miller

The New Lab is Open!

- 105 computers
- 20 b/w printers, 1 color printer
- 4 multi-media workstations with digital imaging
- course-specific software
- technical support
- wi-fi throughout the library



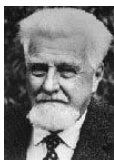
Collection Development

New Online Resources



Access World News

Full-text information and perspectives on local, regional and world issues from over 600 U.S. and over 700 international news sources, including newspapers, magazines, trade journals, newswires, transcripts. Thirty-three Florida newspapers are available including the Fort Myers News-Press, the Naples Daily News and the Port Charlotte Sun.



PsycArticles

A database of full-text articles from journals published by the American Psychological Association, the APA's Educational Publishing Foundation, the Canadian Psychological Association, and Hogrefe & Huber. It contains all the material (with the exception of ads and editorial board lists) from 55 top psychology publications.



ENVIROnetBASE, BIOSCIENCEnetBASE, ENGnetBASE

The library now subscribes to three fantastic engineering databases from CRC Press. Together, the collections include almost 800 electronic books, with new content added periodically throughout the year. Titles are also listed individually in the Library Catalog, and will link out to the database. Be sure to check out the "New Books" section in each database for the latest additions. ENVIROnetBASE(220 e-books) • BIOSCIENCEnetBASE(87 e-books) • ENGnetBASE (500 e-books)

For assistance in using these new resources or any of our 300+ online databases, please come to the Reference Desk - 3rd floor, call x7630 or email libref@fgcu.edu. All Contact and Research Help links are on the Library's website: <http://library.fgcu.edu/>

Training sessions on specific databases for groups of up to 10 can also be arranged in our new Information Literacy Lab. Please contact your subject specialist librarian to arrange a training session. See page 4 of the newsletter.



Research Services

Where are the Reference Librarians?

The new Library Annex maintains a large computing lab on the first floor, with a Help Desk nearby to assist students with their computing needs. The Reference Desk, where librarians ("information professionals"¹) and library technical assistants provide research guidance and individualized instruction for students, faculty and community members, is located on the third floor of the new building, to the left of the elevators. There students can get help in formulating effective information queries; selecting the best databases and search strategies to locate books, scholarly articles, newspapers or primary sources; and finding facts or data in Reference sources in both print or on the Web. Library patrons can begin their research at wired PC's near the Reference Desk, or on their wireless laptops, taking advantage of the Reference staff's ready assistance.

These information professionals, aka "knowledge workers"², at the Reference Desk provide face-to-face and telephone service from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons from 1 – 5. Directly in front of the Reference Desk, the print periodicals, Reference books, and the media collection are located. Comfortable chairs and tables, all with a fabulous lakefront view, await each researcher in the Reference area.

Additionally, the information professionals offer web-based Chat Reference for short-answer questions, and an email service (libref@fgcu.edu) which will put the questioner in touch with a subject specialist librarian. All of the Reference services are explained and linked from the Library homepage (<http://library.fgcu.edu>) under "Get Personal Research Help." Whether we are called "librarians", "information professionals" or "knowledge workers," we are but a phone call, an email, a Web chat or an elevator ride from helping researchers along the information superhighway and beyond.

Mary Kay Hartung, Health and Social Work Librarian



Rachel Cooke, Humanities Librarian

¹ Roccos, L.J. The New Information Professional-Not Your Father's Librarian. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* . 44(2) (Spring 2003): 188-93.

² White, H.S. Do we want to be knowledge workers? Fundamental role and mission of librarians. *Library Journal* 121 (Sept. 1996): 41-2.



Chat with an FGCU Librarian!



Virtual reference service is now available for FGCU faculty, staff and students. You can now get assistance with your questions about library services or reference needs, through Ask a Librarian, our online reference service.

The FGCU virtual desk is open:
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - noon
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To connect, go to the Library's website and click on the Ask A Librarian link.

When the FGCU desk is closed, you may seek help through the statewide virtual reference desk through the same link. Your query will be responded to by a librarian located in one of the many academic and public libraries across the state of Florida.

If you have any questions about Ask a Librarian contact:
Geraldine Collins - 590-7632

Cinema Libre

A free international film series, Cinema Libre, sponsored by the FGCU Library, will begin September 6. New release, independent, award-winning films from around the world will be shown the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 213 in the Student Union.

Selected by curators attending international film festivals, the library hopes to bring thought-provoking, horizon-broadening, and entertaining movies to the FGCU campus. After the showings, the films will be added to the library's media collection and will be available for checkout.

9/6 *Rage in Placid Lake* -Australia
10/4 *Man of the Year* - Brazil
11/1 *Drifters* - China
12/6 *Aaltra* - Belgium

All films begin at 6:30 p.m., 213 SU
Everyone is welcome!

Look for our posters for details. And on the library website.

For more information call:
Kate Lippincott - 590-7604

What is RSS?

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an XML-based Web standard that allows you to receive and display the latest headlines, news and articles from your favorite sites. Using special programs call RSS readers (also news readers, news aggregators) your computer is "fed" information directly without your having to visit each website. For example, the AccessScience RSS feed delivers headlines and links back to the latest Encyclopedia articles, news stories, and announcements posted on the AccessScience home page.

To date, the following databases provide RSS feeds:

Access Science, Ageline (free version from AARP), American Chemical Society Journals, Cambridge University Press Journals, EbscoHost Research Databases, Proc. of the Nat. Acad. of Sciences, Springerlink Beta Version

Keep looking on your favorite database homepage, they may be adding the service at a later date. Free "readers" are available to download from the Web. Search for "rss reader" or "news aggregator" to locate one.

Danielle Rosenthal

New Faculty & Staff

Barbara Stites

Assistant Director,
Public Services

Barbara comes to the FGCU Library from the Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN) where she served as the Executive Director for the past seven years. A 42-year resident of Florida, she moved to Fort Myers in 1995.

Having earned a B.A. in Education and an M.A. in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida, Barbara is pursuing a doctoral degree in Leadership and Education from Barry University.

She is in the process of renovating an older Cape Coral house, putting in a butterfly garden and learning to play golf.



Chuck Bryan

Computer
Support
Specialist

Chuck joins the Library's Computing and Technology Systems team

coming all the way across the lawn from FGCU Computing Services where he has provided computer support for the past 4 years. His expertise will be a real asset in the library's greatly expanded computer lab and in the many other ongoing technology initiatives.

A familiar face on campus, Chuck is involved with many FGCU activities including the Staff Advisory Council's WOW committee that welcomes new USPS and A & P employees and in ongoing efforts to make the campus more bicycle friendly. An avid cyclist, he recently started an informal Saturday bike group that goes on rides on campus and in the area. He is also working with Health and Safety to promote better walking paths so that FGCU will become more pedestrian friendly as well.



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Enjoy the view

Regular Library Hours

Mon -Thurs: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Reference Assistance Hours

Mon- Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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