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Library West reopening update

Library West progress

Staff has moved into Library West, and is working hard to have all facilities, collections, and services in place for the beginning of fall semester. The book move began on June 8 and is progressing well. Since the building will hold 1.7 million volumes on compact shelving, this is a large undertaking. The microforms move is a particular challenge because all microfilm reels, microfiche, and microcards are being removed from their cabinets and re-shelved in specially designed shelves and cabinets that are part of the compact shelving system. The move is scheduled to continue until early September. The last materials moved will be the Judaica collection, which is coming

to Library West from its most recent home in the Education Library.

When will the building open? What is available?

We hope to open Library West in mid July. Summer library users will be able to study in the building and explore its features and services. Research assistance and reference service will be available on the third floor. The video collection will be available for loan from the circulation desk on the second floor. Other collection materials will continue to be retrieved for pick-up at Marston Science Library because the book movers will be actively working in the stacks. Many of the public access computers will be installed and

available for use. Group study rooms, along with faculty and graduate studies will be available for use but will not be assigned until fall semester.

Retrieval and access to collections

Until the Library West book moves are complete, library users will not be able to go into the book stacks to retrieve materials for themselves. The libraries will continue to operate the retrieval service for all Library West books, journals, and microforms. Items may be picked up in the Marston Science Library. Because the microforms have been packed for moving, they will not be accessible until early September. We encourage library users who need an item in the Library West microform collection to seek assistance at a service desk. An alternative form of the item may be available or we will request the item through Interlibrary Loan.

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Faculty studies

Library West has 36 individually assigned faculty study rooms that are furnished with a desk, chair, and bookshelf and will provide Internet access. The assignment period is for one academic year, beginning at the end of the first week of classes during fall semester and ending on the last day of the summer C semester. Any current University of Florida faculty member who is in social science or humanities fields and who is at the rank of assistant professor or above may apply for a study. Priority will be given first to those on sabbatical who are using the resources of Library West and second to those at the rank of assistant professor. The chair of Access Services makes study assignments, using a lottery if there are more applicants than studies in the priority categories. A waiting list will be maintained so that studies relinquished early may be reassigned.

Applications are made by submitting the faculty study room application form (available as an online form from the library home page) any time prior to the first week of fall semester classes.

Graduate studies

Library West has 84 individually assigned graduate study rooms that are furnished with a desk, chair and bookshelf and will provide Internet access. The assignment period and application process is the same as faculty studies, except a graduate study room application form is used. Currently enrolled graduate students in the social sciences or humanities who have passed their general exam and are writing their doctoral dissertation can apply and will receive priority. Master's thesis students may apply for remaining studies.

Library West technology

Library West will include several new features that integrate technology with the facility and its services. Wireless access will be available throughout the building. The third floor will house more than 100 public access computers in the information commons along with an additional 18 enhanced machines with specialized software in the digital media center. Twenty laptop computers will be available to check out from the circulation desk for in-library use. Traditional microform readers are being replaced by new digital microform

readers that allow users to digitize content from microfilm, fiche, or card and download, print, send to e-mail, etc.

Please note that staff are working diligently to have the new technology in place for the beginning of fall semester. Not all equipment and services will be in place when the building initially opens. More details will be included in the next Library News and on the library Web page.

Library West telephone numbers

Administration – 273-2505

Business Services – 273-2555

Circulation Services – 273-2525

Collection Management – 273-2629

Course Reserves – 273-2520

Facilities – 273-2575

Human Resources – 273-2595

Humanities & Social Sciences Services
– 273-2615

Interlibrary Loan – 273-2535

Research Assistance Desk – 273-2665

NOTE: Telephone numbers for individual staff members are linked from the staff directory at the bottom of the library Web page (<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu>).

*Carol Turner
Director for Public Services*

New faculty orientation

A session on the libraries is included in this fall's "Resources for Success" new faculty orientation. The session will be presented by John Ingram, director for collections, and Carol Turner, director for public services. Among the topics included in their presentation are:

- Collections, services, and library contacts
- Full-text resources and how to gain easy access from your desktop 24/7
- Using the Research Gateway to search multiple databases simultaneously and to set up a service to notify you of new publications
- Integrating library resources and services into your teaching

The library session will be given on Wednesday, August 16, at 9:00-10:15 a.m. and again at 1:00-2:15 p.m. in the Reitz Union Classroom G.

*Carol Turner
Director for Public Services*

Libraries to participate in graduate student orientation

The libraries will have a table display at the 2006-2007 new graduate student orientation in the Grand Ballroom of the J. Wayne Reitz Union on August 14.

Last year over 1,500 new graduate students attended the orientation, providing them an excellent opportunity to obtain materials and speak with librarians.

With the completed renovation of Library West including new and expanded graduate student facilities, library staff will have a chance to introduce students to the new building as well as provide other information and services to assist in their research.

The table will be located on the second floor lobby area outside the ballroom from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that day.

*Barbara Gundersen
Collection Management*

Announcing release of Research Gateway beta test

Smathers Libraries is pleased to announce the availability of a new online resource called Research Gateway. Described as a “one-stop shop” tool, Research Gateway enables users to search multiple databases simultaneously using a single interface. The online tool also allows users to locate e-journals and other electronic resources. Research Gateway currently is accessible by using the search box displayed at the top of the libraries’ home page (<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu>).

Research Gateway can save valuable time during the research process. In the past, a researcher looking for articles on a particular topic might have to conduct searches in four or five databases before locating satisfactory resources. This process could be quite time-consuming and frustrating for users. With Research Gateway, the researcher can save valuable time by accessing multiple, cross-searchable databases with a single interface. A search need only be entered once; Research Gateway takes care of submitting the search query to each of the databases selected by the user. Results are retrieved in a matter of seconds, duplicate records are discarded automatically, and results are sorted and displayed according to relevance, date, or some other criteria selected by the user.

In addition to providing simultaneous cross-searching capabilities, Research Gateway allows users to identify and locate

databases, journals and other electronic resources. When looking for a particular title (e.g., JSTOR or the library catalog), users either can locate the resource using an alphabetical list or by conducting a keyword search. Additionally, all of the electronic resources are categorized according to subject coverage. Once a database, e-journal, or other resource has been located, users either can submit queries to the resource using Research Gateway or they can open the resource’s native search interface in order to conduct searches.

A particularly useful and powerful feature of Research Gateway is the “My Space” area, where users can save their article citations and full text documents. Users also have the ability to save search queries so that they can conduct the same searches repeatedly without having to remember and re-enter the search parameters. Each time that the user logs in to Research Gateway, he or she has full access to all of these saved resources and queries.

The current beta implementation of Research Gateway is based on several months of planning, testing, and configuration. During the spring semester usability tests were conducted with a small group of faculty and students, and the data gathered allowed for improvement of the tool prior to its release to the general university population. Researchers using

Research Gateway in its current beta mode will have full access to the tool and will be encouraged to submit qualitative feedback to the libraries. The libraries are working to improve Research Gateway, and users should not be surprised to notice that we are making modifications to this resource on a regular basis.

As this is a new resource for the university community, we are making a significant effort to provide help and instruction in its use. Library public services and instructional activities are being modified to accommodate Research Gateway. All of the online help pages are currently being revised and online tutorials will explain its use. As with all library services, librarians and staff are more than happy to answer your questions and provide guidance.

The beta test for Research Gateway will continue throughout the summer with an expected full release in fall 2006. For more information, please visit <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/gateway.html>.

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The George A. Smathers Libraries’ Directors and the PR and Marketing Committee
invite UF faculty to a

“THANK YOU” OPEN HOUSE

to celebrate the reopening of Library West
Tuesday, August 22, 2006 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

in the first floor study area to the left of the front door
Enjoy light refreshments and a tour of the building

Jewish literature reading and discussion series

The George A. Smathers Libraries will sponsor a reading and discussion series entitled "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature — Identity and Imagination" beginning August 2006. The series is designed to offer participants an opportunity to learn about Jewish literature and culture by reading the best in contemporary and classic Jewish literature and discussing five works in a scholar-led discussion. The theme of the discussions will be "A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World." Discussions will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Hillel House library.

Associate English professor Andrew Gordon will lead the five-part series. Dr. Gordon has been a member of the UF faculty since 1975, teaching American fiction since 1945, Jewish-American fiction, and science fiction literature and film.

The Smathers Libraries join a distinguished list of more than 150

libraries nationwide that have produced this program over the last two years. Smathers is the only Florida library to receive this award in the current round of funding.

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature, a reading and discussion series, has been made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association.

The libraries would like to thank the Hillel House at the University of Florida and the University of Florida Center for Jewish Studies for co-sponsoring this program.

For more information about this program or to register, please contact Chelsea Dinsmore at chedins@uflib.ufl.edu or (352) 273-0369. The programs are free and open to the public.

Chelsea Dinsmore
International Documents Librarian



The titles chosen to complement this theme are the following:

August 27

Tevye the Dairyman by Sholem Aleichem (1911)

September 10

Bread Givers by Anzia Yezierska (2003)

October 1

1185 Park Avenue: A Memoir by Anne Roiphe (1999)

October 22

American Pastoral by Philip Roth (1997)

November 5

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg (2000)

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Library faculty promotions

Michelle Crump, chair of the Smathers Libraries Acquisitions and Licensing department and Michele Tennant of the Health Science Center Library have been promoted to university librarians, effective July 1.

Priscilla Williams, head of the Smathers Libraries Authorities and Metadata Quality unit, has been promoted to the rank of associate university librarian, effective July 1.

Robert Singerman, recently retired chair of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica, and Frank Di Trolio, recently retired humanities bibliographer, have been granted Emeritus status.



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