



LIBRARY NEWS

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Welcome from the director

As each academic year begins, there is a sense of reinvigoration and renewal on campus. Returning faculty and students make the campus feel lively, and expectancy reigns as plans for the new year are put into place.

The good news

The good news is that the university has been able to increase the libraries' resources allocations so that we will not have to cut journals this year. We would like to say a special thanks not only to the president and provost, but also to those faculty who helped us identify the cuts that would be least disruptive to their work. We have not had to cut journals since 1991 – and we are very happy to keep that streak going!

Not your father's library

We look forward to the exciting possibilities of the renovated and expanded Library West. The reopening makes possible greater access to the university's humanities and social science collections, and offers private study rooms for faculty and graduate students. But we can do a lot more. For the first time, we can provide group study rooms for joint assignments and a study floor designed especially for graduate students. Tripling the space for study seats has allowed the libraries to separate noisy, interactive areas from those designed for quiet study and to provide a variety of study seats at carrels, tables and booths. Expanded space for public computers has

made possible the addition of high end computing facilities that will support Digital World assignments. A café will provide coffee and snacks for those spending long hours in the library. Lap-top check-out and wireless Internet access make it possible for students to work with electronic information anywhere in the building.



Library without walls

But while working on the new Library West, we haven't forgotten the electronic library! Available to all of our users 24 X 7, our online resources are getting more use than ever. Last year, UF users did more than eleven million searches of the online catalog and clicked through to more than 300,000 full text items. Of our 70,000 journal subscriptions, 44,000 are electronic and almost 300,000 books are in electronic form – all clickable through the catalog. In 2005 the percentage of on-campus catalog searches was 58.5%. In 2006, that dropped to 49.5% with 50.5% of the searches coming from off-campus – clearly people are integrating library use into their work patterns wherever they may be. Faculty and students also did more than 3 million searches directly on the electronic journals and databases provided through the SUS consortium and more than 6.4 million downloads of full text information from journals

and databases licensed directly by UF's libraries. These use numbers dwarf any that libraries had in the "old days." As we integrate increasing amounts of electronic information into library services, use by faculty and students is sky-rocketing. UF's libraries are no longer bounded by walls.

Let us know what we can do to serve you better. We are looking forward to a busy and challenging year improving library services for UF's academic programs.

Dale B. Canelas
Director of University Libraries

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Library West reopens!

The past few months have been spent fine-tuning the building, re-stocking the shelves, hooking up 139 public computers, and readying the study spaces. Come in and discover the vast collections, special treasures and unique spaces housed in 139,000 square feet on six floors.

The overall arrangement of collections in Library West has improved. Installation of compact shelving has provided us with an opportunity to rethink the overall layout to maximize user convenience. For example, in response to feedback from library users, all call numbers in the circulating book collection are arranged in one linear sequence, beginning on the 1st floor and continuing up to the third floor. All books and periodicals are shelved according to the Library of Congress Classification System. The Judaica Collection will also be located in Library West. The Library West collections comprise humanities and social science research collections that include books, periodicals, videos, and microforms.

Did you know these interesting facts about our compact shelving?

- Book capacity: 1.7 million volumes
- Number of shelves: 68,909 shelves (lined end to end, they would stretch 39 miles, from Gainesville to Ocala)

- Weight: 634 tons (48 elephants)
- Length of rails: 1.2 miles
- Eighteen-wheelers transporting the shelving: 55 truckloads, plus two truck loads of book ends

Library West is your place for learning, collaboration, and access to information and knowledge.

Ben Walker
Assistant Chair, Access Services



Lori Driscoll
Chair, Access Services



Faculty study rooms

Library West has individually assigned faculty study rooms that are furnished with a desk, chair, and bookshelf and that 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.

Thirty-six faculty study rooms will be assigned this fall. Apply online by completing the form available at <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/ps/Circ/facultystudy.html>. This form is linked from both the Online Requests page and the Faculty Services page.

Carol Turner
Director for Public Services

Graduate study space

Library West has two kinds of new facilities that support research and study for graduate students.

First, the sixth floor is designated for graduate students. The attractively renovated floor is well-lit and appointed with skylights and new furnishings. It contains three group study rooms (assigned at the circulation desk on the second floor) and a variety of seating that includes study carrels, tables and lounge chairs. Lockers are available on the floor and assigned at the circulation desk. Access is via the elevator's Gator 1 card swipe.

Second, the renovated building has 84 graduate study rooms that contain a desk, chair, shelving, and Internet access. Graduate students desiring a study room should apply online prior to the first week of fall semester. Assignments are made by the chair of Access Services at the end of the first week of classes for fall semester. Priority is given to currently enrolled graduate students who are social sciences or humanities majors completing doctoral dissertations or master's theses. Graduate students with disabilities will be given special consideration. A waiting list is maintained so that studies relinquished during the year may be reassigned. The assignment period ends on the last day

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of the summer C semester. Renewal of graduate studies is not automatic and reassignment is not guaranteed. Graduate students must re-apply before each fall semester. The online application is available at the Online Requests page or directly at <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/ps/Circ/graduatestudy.html>

Carol Turner
Director for Public Services

Storage retrievals

With the return of materials to Library West, it might be helpful to define the collections that will be available at the new library and those that will remain in storage.

The following collections were formerly only available via the request mechanism in the online catalog. However, they will now be publicly available and located in Library West:

- Microfiche
- Microfilm
- Bound Periodicals
- Books with Library of Congress call numbers (a letter or letters followed by a series of numbers)

These items were formerly held in Library East. They are now publicly available and located in Library West:

- DVD and VHS formats
- Current (loose) periodicals

The collections that have always been classified as "Storage" will remain in the off-campus storage facility and will be available for retrieval using the request link in the online catalog. Prior to the move back to Library West, certain titles were selected to remain in storage. These determinations were based on usage, but all items will still be available within 24 hours, Monday through Friday, using the retrieval service.

Ben Walker
Assistant Chair, Access Services



Library West facts at a glance

Library West initially opened in 1968. Renovated Library West re-opened in 2006.

- 89,000 net sq ft of renovated space
- 50,000 net sq ft of new space
- 139,000 total net assignable sq ft of space in the facility
- Collection shelving capacity increased from 950,000 volumes to 1,700,000 volumes
- Total seating increased from 465 to 1,400

Cost of Project

Construction	\$23,000,000
Furniture & equipment	\$ 2,652,205
Site prep, infrastructure, architect & design fees, etc.	\$ 4,847,795

TOTAL COST \$30,500,000

Architecture firm: Long & Associates

Interior design: Ross Barney + Jankowski Architects

Construction management firm: Biltmore Construction

- Two training rooms for information resources/library instruction
- Large screen presentation area
- Starbucks coffee shop

Special study areas

- 20 group study rooms – one equipped for teleconferencing and two equipped with special digital media and ADA equipment
- 84 graduate studies
- 36 faculty studies
- 8 booths equipped with computers
- 6 booths equipped with video players and monitors
- Wide array of individual seating at carrels, tables, and lounge chairs
- Sixth floor is the designated graduate student floor

Technology

- Building is wireless throughout
- 139 general-use computers including 18 computers with specialized software in the digital media center area
- 8 digital microform readers
- 6 video monitors/players

Carol Turner
Director for Public Services

Building Features

- Entire collection of bound volumes, microforms, and VHS and DVD videos is housed on compact, movable shelving



The Information Commons in Library West:

Public workstations in a collaborative work environment

The mission of the George A. Smathers Libraries is to meet the information needs of the University of Florida community by serving as a catalyst for research and discovery. The burgeoning use of technology has had a profound impact on the information-seeking and research behavior of library users. Library facilities are evolving from collection-centered to learning-centered institutions. A vital component of that process is the development of an area designed to foster collaborative learning in a creative environment.

With the renovation of Library West, the libraries designed an Information Commons to match patron needs with the latest resources and technologies. Located on the third floor of Library West, the Information Commons offers a total of 130 workstations with the same basic productivity software already available in all of the campus libraries. These Windows XP workstations provide access to the Internet, library resources, applications to create documents and complete assignments (Microsoft Office), and access to the WebCT Vista e-Learning system. The new facility has areas set up for quick access to information as well as spaces that accommodate collaboration with colleagues and classmates on extensive projects.

In addition to basic productivity software, some workstations in the Information Commons include specialized software and peripherals to enable web development, conversion of documents and photographs to digital formats, and audio/video creation and editing. Eighteen workstations in the Digital Media Center, located at the east end of the third floor are available on a first come, first serve basis. Some media areas are available for reservation, including:

- two ADA/media studios (Rooms 335 and 336) with adaptive technology,
- a group presentation area for users to practice work they have created (NE corner of the 3rd floor), and
- a media viewing/video-conferencing room (Room 229).

Further details on the Library West Information Commons, including equipment, use, and reservation policies, can be found at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/hss/infocommons/>.



Marilyn Ochoa
Humanities and Social Sciences
Reference Librarian

- Patrons will need to spend less time locating items in the library
- Patrons will be assured that they have located all of the titles they need within a subject in one area of the library
- Patrons will find it much easier to browse by call number online as well as in the stacks

The overall benefit to users of the library is easier access and use of the collections in the new library building.

Priscilla Williams
Associate Librarian, Head,
Authorities and Metadata
Quality Unit



Enhanced access to library materials in Library West collections

While the building was closed, we took the opportunity to reclassify 40,000+ books and over 1,500 serials from Dewey to Library of Congress numbers. This completed the second phase of the library's on-going efforts to have all print materials re-classed in to the Library of Congress Classification System before the building reopened.

Previously, patrons had to deal with dual classification systems that required searching for items in separate shelving areas in both the Dewey Decimal and the Library of Congress classification system. As a result, patrons had to spend much more time locating all of the titles the library owned in a particular subject.

Some benefits of using a single classification system are:

- Patrons will no longer suffer the inconvenience of searching for materials in dual classification systems in two areas of the library



New book shelving

New books in Library West will be stored on the wood shelving which is located near the circulation desk on the second floor. New books will be kept on these shelves for eight weeks, or until the first circulation, at which time they will be returned to the general collection. Each new book will be marked with a label on the spine indicating "New." Additionally, these books will display in the catalog as "New Book." These items will be available for circulation for the same period as other books.

Ben Walker
Assistant Chair, Access Services



Microform readers

Eight new ST 200 digital microform readers in Library West have replaced the old machines that were available prior to the building renovation. The new equipment provides for viewing and capture of information from microfilm, microfiche, slides and opaque microcards – all using the same machine. Readers may use the equipment to zoom in, zoom out, and enhance images for viewing using a PC monitor. They can then scan the images to capture them and make them available in their desired output format – printed on one of the library printers, on a USB storage device, burned on a CD, or temporarily saved on the hard drive and sent to the user via e-mail.

The new machines are located on the third floor of Library West – on a long counter behind the Research Assistance Desk. The new machine is also available in Marston Science Library, the Documents Department, and the Education Library. Library staff can assist new users, and there is an introductory video available at each microform workstation.



Carol Turner
Director for Public Services

Library West Locations

FLOOR	COLLECTIONS	SERVICES	STUDY AREAS	LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS
1st	Collections AC1-PG2640 Oversized Collection Judaica Collection		General Study Group Study 142	Facilities Management
2nd	Collections PG2640-Z DVDs & Videos	Checkout & Return Course Reserves Information Interlibrary Loan Library Instruction & Training Rooms 211 & 212	General Study Group Studies 219, 220, 222, 223, 224, 225, 227, 228 229, 230 Graduate Studies G201-G226 Faculty Studies F201-F212	Access Services
3rd	Reference Collection Bound Journals Current Periodicals Newspapers; Microforms	Computer Access & Assistance Research Assistance	General Study Group Studies 335 and 336	
4th			General Study Group Studies 401, 405, 415 & 417 Graduate Studies G401-G458 Faculty Studies F401-F424	Business Services Human Resources
5th				Administration Collection Management Humanities and Social Sciences Services
6th			Graduate Reading Room Graduate Group Studies 610, 612 & 613	

Library West now offers a wide variety of study spaces, 130 public computers and compact shelving



Why use library course reserves?

- Insures that your assigned readings are in compliance with U.S. Copyright Law.
- The libraries pay any required copyright fees.
- Links to library-licensed journal articles, etc. can be included.
- Library reserves staff can help by scanning materials and creating links for you.
- Materials not available online can be placed in a campus library.

How does this work with WebCT?

You can link from your WebCT course page to your Library Course Reserve list. Use WebCT's unique functions (e.g., interactive quizzes, chat rooms, bulletin boards) in tandem with lists of assigned resources made available in Library Course Reserves.

Training sessions on how to submit materials for reserves will be held throughout the semester.

For more information, please contact the course reserves office: 273-2520; eres@uflib.ufl.edu. Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-11pm; 8am-5pm Friday; 1pm-8pm Sunday. Hours will vary during intercession.

Faculty open house at Library West

UF faculty are invited to a "thank you" open house to celebrate the reopening of Library West on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the first floor study area to the left of the front door. Faculty are invited to enjoy light refreshments and take a self-guided tour the building.

For specialized resources for your students, contact your subject specialist at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/selects.html>

Hesham Monsef joins Documents Department

Hesham Monsef is the new spatial and numeric data librarian. Hesham joins the Documents Department's Spatial Data Services Unit headed by Joe Aufmuth, GIS librarian and assistant chair. Monsef will work closely with Aufmuth in the selection, organization, delivery and archiving of data collection to support the research needs of the faculty and students. He will also serve as Aufmuth's back-up for consultations with researchers who need expertise in the area of GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

Hesham comes to us with an impressive scholastic background in addition to extensive professional experience. He has a doctorate in remote sensing/geology from the University of Florida and the Suez Canal University, Egypt (USA/Egypt Channel System Program).

His area of expertise is remote sensing and GIS applications in geology and environmental science, with field work in both Egypt and the United States. He has most recently been working on projects such as the Red Sea Sustainable Development and Improved Water Resources Management Project, USAID; the location of shallow aquifers in North Sinai, Egypt; the construction of a fully automated geological map of Sinai; the monitoring of unauthorized cultivated area in South Sinai using SPOT images; the locating of flash flood risk zones in the Red Sea coast using TM-images; the development of an ArcView interface with forest inventories; and the assessment of national wetland inventory recognition of wetlands with hydrophetic vegetation, north Florida. Also, he is working on a project near and dear to his heart funded by USAID to build democracy in the Middle East entitled "Dissemination of Information on Democracy, Law and Political Science through the Public Library System and Women's Centers in Egypt."



Jan Swanbeck
Head, Documents Department



Smathers Library Bookstore

Quality pre-owned books at low prices

Convenient Location:
UF Smathers Library
(East) 1st floor

Store reopens Aug. 24
Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm
Fri 10am-2pm

*Sale excludes specially priced and promotional items



SPOTLIGHT on faculty/librarian collaboration

Would your students benefit from a more in-depth familiarity with the key literature in your field? If you had an almost sure-fire way to increase the quality of the scholarship contained within the papers turned in to you, would you use it? Do you want to ensure that your students have access to the latest data in your field? Of course you do.

Kendal Broad, associate professor of sociology and women's studies, feels the same way. Dr. Broad has asked these questions and can testify that the Smathers Libraries have many options for ensuring her students have all the information and data they require to conduct the highest quality scholarship possible. With the vast quantity of resources now available online, collaborating with library faculty and staff to ensure that the information needed is quickly and easily made accessible to your students has never been more important.

During her seven years here, Dr. Broad has worked closely with Dr. Carol Ritzen Kem, the library bibliographer for women's studies and gender research and an affiliate faculty member in the center, to ensure that her students are aware of and know how to access the variety of resources available in the field. At the request of Dr. Broad, Dr. Kem creates a presentation custom designed for

each class. The presentations showcase the range of resources available within the library, including books, journals and databases, which may be of value to students for their assignments. In addition, Dr. Kem explains to the students how to access materials via the Internet, including which online journals are available in full text. The presentations take place in the classroom or in a special hands-on training room at the library.

Dr. Broad, who regularly teaches undergraduate courses such as *Introduction to Lesbian and Gay Studies* and *Sociology of Gender*, as well as graduate seminars including *Feminist Challenges to Positivism* (WST6936) and *Sociology of Gender* (SYD6807), has noticed a definite increase in the quality of the scholarship produced by her students during a semester that Dr. Kem has presented a library research seminar.

Dr. Kem will offer regular office hours this fall in the recently renovated Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall. Ustler Hall, formerly known as the women's gymnasium, is the new home of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

In addition to making a subject specialist available for classroom presentations, there are many other ways that the library can be supportive of Dr. Board and her students. Remote login

and E-Reserves are two services that Dr. Broad finds particularly useful. Remote login is the process whereby UF students are authenticated in order to access online library resources from their dorm rooms, homes and via wireless networks across campus. E-Reserves is the service that allows UF faculty to identify the library resources needed for their

particular class and make them easily and quickly available to their students online. A Course Reserves Web page is automatically generated and the URL can be pasted into your syllabus. For many titles, E-Reserves can be set up in two ways, either connecting directly to the required article or connecting to the table of contents page of the particular journal issue. This second method allows students to examine other articles in the issue that might be of value to them in their studies. It is also possible to add a link from your Web CT page to the E-Reserves system so that students have one stop shopping for all their information needs.

Dr. Broad finds that using the E-Reserves system permits her students to become more familiar with the journals and databases available within the library than they would be if she used the traditional method of placing photocopies of individual articles on Hard Copy Reserve. As often as technically feasible, she requests that E-Reserves staff link to a higher level within the electronic journal issue, rather than point the student directly to the first page of the article. She feels encouraging the student to navigate to the article within the resource allows the student to become more involved in the learning process and increases their overall familiarity with the scope and content of the journal being used. Consequently, when doing self-directed research at a later date, the student has a deeper awareness of the scholarship available.

Dr. Broad has noticed that her students are becoming much more comfortable using online resources. The libraries will continue to allocate their limited resources to support this trend

If you can use help with library resources related to one of your courses, please contact your librarian or go to <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ps/faculty/>.

Cathleen Martyniak
Head, Preservation Dept.



Drs. Kem and Broad review the list of online journals available to Dr. Broad's students.

New titles lists to be available

Early in the fall semester the libraries will begin posting lists of the most recent acquisitions. Once available, users may simply connect to the library catalog at <http://uf.aleph.fcla.edu/F> and select CHANGE DATABASES to see a link to this new service.

To enable this service, library processing staff have been coding new records as they are added to the library catalog. A program is run automatically each night to remove records that are over 120 days old.

There will be two main ways to display lists of new titles:

- Select “Quick Check” and click on the name of a campus library or

collection to generate a list of all recent records added.

- Select “More Options” to display a search form where you may choose more precisely what to list by selecting one or more of the criteria in the lower part of the screen (Library Location, Material Format (e.g., book or video), Language, and Date Record Added to the Library Catalog). If desired, you may also include any author, title, subject, etc. Keyword(s) to further refine your list.

Library catalog records retrieved will generally be listed with the most recently added shown first. You may then click at the top of the Results List to re-sort the list in order by author or title if desired (and if

the list is not greater than 2,000 records). NOTE: We are exploring adding the ability to sort results by call number as well.

After you have completed any re-sorting of the Results List and online viewing, you may also use standard library catalog procedures to download or e-mail a list of any/all of these new titles.

We hope that this new service will be useful for helping users keep up with library collections as they grow. We also hope that it will be possible following a planned upgrade of the library catalog system in 2007 to begin offering the option of setting up automatic RSS feeds of lists of new titles to your desktop.

Rich Bennett

Electronic Access Services Coordinator

Keeping up with technology

The Marston Science Library is implementing a digital signboard system to enhance the usability of the building. Developed by TTSS Interactive Products (<http://www.ttss.com/>), this 46-inch LCD monitor is programmable to display library news and messages, interactive maps, calendars of events, schedules of classes, graphics, and even live TV and video. Sara Russell Gonzalez, science librarian and coordinator of the TTSS project, commented, “This system will be an effective way to keep our patrons informed about what’s going on at the library.” The TTSS system will be installed sometime during the fall semester. For more information, contact Sara Russell Gonzalez at sargonz@uflib.ufl.edu.

Kathryn Kennedy
Engineering Outreach Librarian



Library seminar series for the College of Engineering

This fall the Marston Science Library is offering a seminar series to all students and faculty of the College of Engineering. Each seminar consists of a 30-minute session where we will demo a key resource for research needs.

The seminars will take place in room L107 of the Marston Science Library from 3:30-4:00 p.m. on the following dates. The seminars are open to students and faculty.

Literature searching for Engineers — September 6, 2006

Come learn about Compendex, the most comprehensive interdisciplinary engineering database in the world. With Compendex articles can be located on all engineering topics dating back to 1984.

The IEEE Library — September 27, 2006

Electrical engineering and computer science literature source.

Intellectual Property Basics — October 18, 2006

Patents are useful for learning more about a new field, market information, competitor tracking and technology tracking.

Searching the chemical literature — November 8, 2006

Starring SciFinder Scholar, the search engine for Chemical Abstracts. Find articles, book chapters, patents, conference proceedings, technical reports, and dissertations from the chemical literature dating back to 1907.

Cookies will be available during seminars. Space is limited to 50 seats. Contact Kathryn Kennedy (katkenn@uflib.ufl.edu) or Carrie Newsom (carnews@uflib.ufl.edu) for more information.

Kathryn Kennedy
Engineering Outreach Librarian



Retirements

Frank DiTrollo, humanities bibliographer, retires

Frank DiTrollo, the humanities bibliographer for the Smathers Libraries, retired as an emeritus librarian in June after 18 years of service to the University of Florida. DiTrollo, the first and only person to hold the position, was instrumental in establishing a comprehensive and logical method of building the humanities collection. In



fact, he founded the entire program, hired several staff members over the years, documented policy and procedures and ensured that the humanities collection contained materials relevant to all the colleges and disciplines in his area. DiTrollo stressed the interdisciplinary nature of the humanities, and strove to ensure that a very broad scope of knowledge was accessible to scholars and researchers within the university. He also felt that 'collection management is collection management, regardless of format,' strongly supporting the trend towards purchasing more and more materials in both electronic and audio/visual formats.

DiTrollo, who has also been the assistant chair of the collection management department since 1991,

graduated with a master's degree in French and Spanish and a doctorate in French from the University of Western Ontario in addition to a master's in library science from Florida State University. As with many retiring faculty, Frank plans to continue to teach as the opportunity arises, publish and finally be able to finish a couple of projects he has in the works. He also hopes to travel a bit more, especially to Ontario, Canada to see his family. Library staff will miss him, his expertise and his calm, rational demeanor.

*Cathleen Martyniak
Head, Preservation Dept.*



Robert Singerman, Judaica librarian, retires

After 27 years with the University of Florida, Judaica librarian and bibliographer Robert Singerman retired in June of this year. Singerman came to UF in 1979 from the world-renowned Klau Library at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Two years later, the Price Library of Judaica was formally established here at UF, and Singerman began his tenure as its first and only librarian. Over the span of his career, he was instrumental in significantly increasing the size of the Judaica collection from 24,000 volumes to over 85,000 cataloged volumes.

Commenting on the Price Library, Singerman stated that it "is built upon a very solid foundation of retrospective and newer materials. It reflects my sense of subject balance."

Today, the Price Library is without peer in the southeastern United States, and has taken its place alongside other well-

respected and mature Judaica collections in the United States.

Singerman is as a widely-published and esteemed Judaica researcher and bibliographer. For over 30 years, he has contributed to Judaica scholarship by compiling bibliographies on topics such as Jewish and Hebrew names, the Jews of Spain and Portugal, Jewish serials, and Judaica Americana. Fortunately, Singerman will continue this work during his retirement. He plans to complete three book-length bibliographies, and he also currently is conducting research to assist a colleague in the publication of a book related to nineteenth-century Egyptology.

For his outstanding achievements, Singerman was awarded Faculty Emeritus status following his retirement.

When asked what he will miss most about his former position here at UF Singerman stated, "I will miss the book selection aspects of the position, being able

to pour through offers and catalogs, and capturing prizes for Florida before other research libraries beat me to the punch." To learn more about his career here at UF you can read Singerman's own reminiscences, entitled "Not the Work of a Day," available online at <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/news/singerman.htm>.

Singerman leaves the Price Library in the capable hands of Yael Herbsman, who took over as interim librarian in early July. A trained Israeli librarian, she has had a lengthy relationship with the Judaica collection, providing invaluable assistance to Singerman over many years. Her first big project will be to oversee the transfer of the Price Library and offices from the Education Library to the newly renovated Library West.

*John Nemmers
Descriptive and
Technical Services Archivist,
Special and Area Studies Collections*



Departures

Martha Hruska, director for technology services and associate director for libraries, assumes new position at University of California, San Diego

Director for Technology Services and Associate Director for Libraries Martha Hruska left her position in early August to assume responsibilities as the associate university librarian for collection services at the University of California, San Diego. Her colleagues are both saddened and excited for her as she moves on to this new and challenging post.

During her tenure at UF, Martha has been one of the driving forces in the transformation of the libraries from a relatively paper based organization to one rich and diverse in electronic resources, in both the materials available in the collections and in the methods used to manage the library. At a recent going away party for Martha, Director of University Libraries Dale Canelas noted that "hers has been the major directional contribution to the technological changes taking place so rapidly at the libraries."

Personally, Martha has said that the most significant change she has coordinated has been the emergence of the Digital Library Center, the unit charged with the creation and maintenance of digital collections for use in teaching and research.

Martha, who has been with the libraries since 1981, has had a variety of positions in the organization, each with increasing responsibilities over the years. She started as assistant chair of the cataloging department, moving steadily up through the ranks, with stops at acquisitions librarian, acting chair and chair of the cataloging department before being appointed director for technical services in 1990. In addition to publishing in the area of serials management, she has been the principal investigator for both NEH and Mellon grants and has been influential at the national level via her many contributions to the American Library Association.



While working at the libraries, she was responsible for coordinating many broad university efforts, in some cases even setting the course for campus-wide technology. She was chair of the 1994-1996 CWIS policy implementation committee, which was appointed to develop the policies that would govern a home page for the University of Florida. She is also the library representative to the ITAC group and has been the chair of the ad hoc electronic thesis and dissertation committee since its inception in the late 1990's.

Martha is a well-respected member of the libraries' faculty and her leadership within the Smathers Library is unmistakable. She constantly challenged herself, and therefore the rest of us, to think in broad terms about what we do and why. Embracing the potential of technology and dealing in a positive manner with change were her constant themes. She will be a terrific asset to UC San Diego just as her loss is a big one for UF.

*Cathleen Martyniak
Head, Preservation Dept.*



Chair of Special and Area Studies Collections departs for Queens College

Robert Shaddy, chair of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections for the past four years, has accepted a position as chief librarian at Queens College (City University of New York). Upon his departure, Shaddy stated that there would be much he would miss after leaving UF, including "being able to work with faculty and staff in the department who have such a deep knowledge of and respect for the materials, researchers, and others they work with."

He enjoyed having responsibility for (and access to) the rich research collections in Special and Area Studies Collections, as well as the opportunity to work with a library administration that recognizes the value and potential of those collections. During his tenure here, Shaddy worked on several lectures, exhibits, and other public events including the annual Florida Writers Festival, a *Caribbean Collage* exhibition at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami, and the Howe Society annual dinner. He also is thrilled that he had the opportunity to help shape, develop, and make accessible the Comics Studies Collection with the collaboration of Special Collections staff and Professor Don Ault and several graduate students in the English Department's Comics Studies Program. As Robert moves from serving as head of a department to head of a library, we wish him the best.

Rita Smith, librarian for the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, has been serving as interim chair for the department since July.

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Library orientations for new faculty and students

New to campus or just need a refresher on library services and resources? Come to an orientation to learn which of the libraries is best for you to use and what library services are available. Learn how you can use the libraries from home or office. Take a library tour to learn about how it's all arranged. Find out how to get help when you need it. All this and more is included in each session. All sessions are held in Library West, room 211.

Monday, August 28	10:40-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 29	3:00-3:55 p.m.
Wednesday, August 30	1:55-2:45 p.m.
Thursday, August 31	10:40-11:30 a.m.

All subject areas are covered and no registration is needed. Please bring your Gator 1 card so you can log in to the computers. If it's your first time in the library, take your Gator 1 card to the circulation desk to have it activated. For more information, call an information desk at 273-2525 (Library West) or 273-2856 (Marston Science Library).

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Scavenger Hunt @ your Library – orientation has never been this fun!

UF Libraries have begun to use role-playing, games and creativity to give freshmen a more relaxed first impression of our facilities. These orientations are set up in a scavenger-hunt/clue-based style, where the students' goal is to successfully navigate basic library resources, such as finding books and articles, getting help from library staff, and activating their Gator 1 ID.

This summer, the libraries hosted two Survivor-themed scavenger hunts. Held after hours, with appropriate theme music, the scenario unfolds: "Becalmed in the Tropics of Libra by Hurricane Albert, you and your team must confront teeming databases, negotiate with literate natives, and follow countless clues in order to find the resources you need to return to civilization... and cake."

Students were grouped into teams and had about an hour to find the answers to six clues. The first team to find all the answers received prizes. Random drawings were held with additional prizes. Library staff were available to offer tips and help—making sure that students finished with a basic understanding of how to access library resources. "If nothing else, we want them to know that

it's okay to ask the librarians for help," said Carrie Newsom and Chelsea Dinsmore, co-originators of the program.

In the fall 2006 semester, Newsom and Dinsmore are holding two more orientations. One is "Murder in the Stacks" in Library West on August 20 and 24 from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and the other is "Pirates of the Library" in Marston Science Library on August 22 and 27 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Pizza, sodas and dessert will be provided.

After the pilot is finished, Newsom and Dinsmore plan to continue the program in addition to offering class- or group-specific sessions, so faculty will be able to request these interactive, fun-filled orientations for your students and clubs. Contact Carrie Newsom at 273-2863 or Chelsea Dinsmore at 273-0369 for more information.

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