



# LIBRARY NEWS

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## Try the libraries instant messaging assistance

The UF Libraries have joined other peer institutions in offering real-time research assistance to students, faculty and staff using instant messaging (IM). The new service is called Ask a Librarian IM and is hosted by the UF Computing and Networking Services (CNS). Students at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Temple University, SUNY-Buffalo and many other universities use similar IM services heavily. Several professors have helped us to test the usability of the new IM service during our pilot and we hope you will too.

At present, getting connected to Ask a Librarian IM requires that you install

and configure an IM client, connect to the UF Jabber server, and join the library staff member on duty in the library chat room. There are many free client software packages for Windows, Macintosh and UNIX computers that you can use with Jabber. Exodus and Psi are both clients supported by CNS. Detailed instructions are available at the Ask a Librarian IM site, <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/hss/ref/rx/askaim.html>. For further assistance, UF Computing Helpdesk offers personalized assistance at <http://helpdesk.circa.ufl.edu/> or 392-HELP.

*Marilyn Ochoa & Jana Ronan  
Reference*

**Check the libraries' holiday and intersession hours at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ps/hours/>**

## Tis the season...to be thinking about E-reserves

Seriously, we know you're busy, and are likely to get even more so, but take a moment during your planning to let us know what you want to do with your reserve materials.

Please e-mail us at [eres@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:eres@uflib.ufl.edu) if you would like your hard copy reserves materials available again in the spring. All materials not picked up by the end of the semester are returned via campus mail unless other arrangements are made.

Remember that our busiest times of the year are during those few weeks before and after the start of the new semester. Please submit your course

reserves requests as soon as possible to avoid a delay in processing. You can even send in your requests as you have them ready, it isn't necessary to wait until you have your entire semester planned.

If you haven't taken advantage of e-Reserves yet, come and explore what the Electronic Reserves department can do for you this spring by visiting our faculty information page at: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/as/ERes/FacultyInformation.html>

*Angela Mott  
Electronic Reserves*

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# Online Instruction for Database Searching

It wasn't long after the Internet exploded on the scene that teachers recognized its potential as an instructional tool and began to employ it. The University of Florida Libraries, with its own instruction component, wasn't far behind.

The libraries started with simple online tutorials, where guided web pages taught users about resources in a particular field or the steps in searching a database. Examples of these tutorials include the libraries' online Business and Psychology Subject Guides and the Health Science Center Library's PubMed Tutorial, winner of a 2000 Davis Productivity Award. After six years, this tutorial for the world's largest biomedical database is still going strong and is linked to from around the world.

New technologies for online instruction are continually emerging. Currently, the UF Libraries are exploring the use of Flash video tutorials. These dynamic tutorials teach users to search the library catalog, Web of Science, and the chemistry databases, SciFinder Scholar and CrossFire Commander. These videos take the user through various searches and use text in callout boxes to explain the steps. Links to the videos and other tutorials are available at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jgs/hand2.htm>.

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### Tutorials

**Using the UF Libraries and General Research Skills**

- [Information Skills Mini-Course](#)
- [Online Orientation to the UF Libraries](#)
- [Information Cycle \(PennState\)](#)

[UF Libraries Catalog Tutorials](#) (best with Internet Explorer, requires Shockwave)

[E-Journals Tutorials](#) (JSTOR, ScienceDirect, Kluwer, etc.)

[Intellectual Property \(UCLA\)](#)

**Databases**

- [CrossFire: Beilstein and Gmelin databases](#)
- [Using FirstSearch: Overview](#)
- [ISI Current Contents Connect tutorial](#) - see "Searching" to set up e-mail alerts
- [netLibrary](#)
- [PubMed](#)
- [SciFinderScholar](#) (Chemical Abstracts)
- [Web of Science](#) (by the UF Libraries)
- [Web of Science](#) (from ISI, the database producer)

**Bibliographic Software Programs**

- [RefWorks and the UF Libraries Catalog](#)
- [RefWorks Quick Start Guide](#)
- [EndNote, Reference Manager and ProCite](#)

Online tutorials can be accessed at any time – a gift of unparalleled value to the proverbial night owl. Plus, tutorials can be accessed anywhere an Internet connection is made, such as on a laptop under a shady tree in a wireless area. How about this scenario? A class of biology students have to use the library catalog and science databases to do an assignment. Half of the students had library catalog instruction in their freshmen English class and half did not. In the traditional classroom model, the former half would have to sit through catalog instruction again in order to get the whole class on the same level. Using online tutorials, the first half can skip taking the UF Libraries catalog tutorial and just take the Web of Science one to help with their assignment. The latter half can do both to get up to speed. Now, that's good time management.

Are there any drawbacks to using online tutorials for library instruction?

Sure. Not everyone has a learning style that adapts to the online environment. Also, many people prefer to face-to-face contact with a librarian. If you have a question while taking an online tutorial, librarians can be reached by phone, e-mail, in a chat room or in person to assist you (see the Ask-a-Librarian webpage at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ask.html>).

The team of instruction librarians at UF provides a variety of classroom instruction along with online training, including in-class demonstrations and hands-on computer training. For questions, comments, or requests regarding library instruction, please contact the instruction coordinator for your area. Names and contact information are listed at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jgs/customar.html>.

*Tara Tobin Cataldo  
Marston Science Library*

## New exhibition highlights life and career of landscape architect

*John Ormsbee Simonds: Visionary Landscape Architect, Planner, Educator, and Environmentalist (1913-2005)*, an exhibition in the Special Collections Exhibit Gallery, focuses on the philosophy and accomplishments of an individual who has helped to shape development and growth in Florida and the U.S. His numerous landmark and innovative projects include Mellon Square and the Aviary in Pittsburgh, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and several new communities in Florida, including Miami Lakes, Pelican Bay, and Weston.

Not only as a practitioner but also as an author and educator, Simonds was instrumental in shaping the profession and promoting environmentally sensitive planning. The exhibition features plans, photographs, writings, and documents selected from the Simonds Papers, which Mr. Simonds donated to the libraries in 1990.

This exhibition would not be a reality without the generous support of the Department of Landscape Architecture, particularly department Chair Bob Grist and graduate coordinator Kay Williams. They recognized the importance of the Simonds Papers for students and scholars, and demonstrated a rare level of commitment by appointing two graduate students over three semesters to assist with the arrangement of the collection and the creation of this exhibition. Without the hard work of the talented graduate students, Brenda Curtis and Nicole Hawkins, the Simonds Papers would still be inaccessible to library patrons, and we would not have been able to locate and select

many of the materials included in this exhibition.

The exhibition is on display in the Exhibit Gallery of Smathers Library (East) November 15, 2005-February 3, 2006.

*John Nemmers  
Special Collections*



**Now is the opportune time to donate to the UF Libraries.** For almost one hundred years, librarians have worked hand-in-hand with scholars to create collections that support the university's academic programs. Many of the unique and one-of-a-kind archival materials purchased through the donations of library patrons benefit students throughout the world. Your gift will help the libraries to both create and share resources. To make a gift to the libraries use the form below or go online: <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/Libraries.asp>.



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## Michelle Foss named new interlibrary loan librarian

Michelle Foss is the new head of Interlibrary Loan for the George A. Smathers Libraries. She comes from the Health Science Center Library where she was the assistant director of Access Services. Michelle earned her master's degree in French translation from the Institute for Applied Linguistics at Kent State University.



While teaching French at Kent, Michelle earned her master's degree in library science. After working as both a corporate and academic reference librarian, her interest shifted to Interlibrary Loan, which she feels blends public services with technical services. Michelle believes the mission of ILL is to support the research needs of UF faculty, students, staff, and researchers. She looks forward to implementing new technology to streamline the ILL operations and make the service faster, more convenient and more reliable.

*Angela Mott - Electronic Reserves*

## Valrie Davis is the new outreach librarian for off-campus researchers

Valrie Davis is the new Outreach Librarian in Marston Science Library. As Outreach Librarian she provides service to off-campus IFAS researchers and students, and ensures that they get the same access as those on-campus. She has a master's degree in library science from Florida State University, and previously worked at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania handling reference and instruction and serving as liaison to academic departments. Val, who joined the faculty in August, says that it was the subject area that attracted her to the position, and that she is looking forward to visiting the research and education centers around the state.



*John Nemmers - Special Collections*

## Kathryn Kennedy is the new engineering outreach librarian

Kathryn Kennedy is the new Engineering Outreach Librarian for the Marston Science Library. She is responsible for selecting materials for biomedical engineering, mechanical and aerospace engineering, and nuclear and radiological engineering. She provides library instruction and reference desk assistance. She also provides library assistance for the UF EDGE Program (EDGE=Electronic Delivery of Engineering Education), the distance learning engineering program. She assures that the graduate engineering students have everything they need to complete their online degrees.



The distance learning phenomena is nothing new to Kathryn. She completed her entire Library Science master's degree online through FSU. One of the highlights of her master's degree was an international internship, sponsored by the FSU College of Information, which placed her in central London as a supervisor librarian at the FSU London Study Centre Library from August 2004 to May 2005.

Kathryn isn't new to UF either. She received her bachelor's degree in English from UF in 2000. And while working on her master's degree, she was employed at the UF Division of Human Resources as a classification analyst. Contact Kathryn at 273-2866 or [katkenn@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:katkenn@uflib.ufl.edu). Or stop by her office in Marston Science Library - L201B.

## Sara Russell Gonzalez is physics, astronomy and geology selector at Marston Science Library

Sara Russell Gonzalez recently joined the faculty of the Marston Science Library (MSL). She selects materials for physics, astronomy, and geology; provides library instruction; and works on the MSL reference desk. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from California Institute of Technology and received her Ph.D. in geophysics from University of California, Santa Cruz. She received her master's degree in library and information science from Florida State University in August 2005.



Gonzalez worked as a scientist conducting research in nuclear explosion detection and monitoring at Weston Geophysical Corporation prior to library school. Her experience as scientist and training as a librarian enable her to anticipate and relate to the needs of faculty and students in her assigned disciplines. She plans to visit her departments regularly to keep faculty and students informed about how the library can aid their research. She can be reached at [sargonz@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:sargonz@uflib.ufl.edu) or at 273-2867.

*Marilyn Ochoa  
Reference*

## HOLIDAY BOOK SALE!

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Hours:  
Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm; Fri 10am-2pm

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BOOKSTORE**

## Jingfeng Xia named new digital projects metadata librarian

Jingfeng Xia is the new digital projects metadata librarian in the Cataloging and Metadata Department at the George A. Smathers Libraries. Jingfeng began his career at UF on September 1, 2005. He works closely with the Digital Library Center and the Systems Department to provide access to digital collections.

Jingfeng received his M.L.S. degree in the School of Information Resources and Library Science and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Arizona, Tucson. Prior to coming to UF, he worked as a research assistant in the school's Digital Libraries of Information Science & Technology. He was responsible for creating and maintaining metadata documentation, in print and web formats for a disciplinary digital repository. He coordinated with scholars and organizations to collect and select archiving materials and conducted usability research on digital resources.

Jingfeng worked many years in the fields of archaeology and anthropology. A decade ago in China, he participated in and organized various archaeological excavations and ethnographic fieldwork. The *Chinese Science Journal* rated one of his archaeological discoveries, a complete skeleton of Ape Man in northern China existing 150,000 years ago, as one of the top ten scientific discoveries of the year in 1984. It earned him a national award for social science research. He is hoping to bring his knowledge and training in social sciences into his present work in the investigation of historical and ethnographic names and subjects for digital collections.



*Priscilla Williams*  
Cataloging & Metadata

## Hikaru Nakano is the new east Asian cataloger

In September, Hikaru Nakano joined the Cataloging & Metadata Department as its new east Asian cataloger with the faculty rank of Assistant University Librarian. Hikaru earned her bachelor's degree in art at the Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan. She has a master's degree in educational technology from Radford University, Virginia and a master's degree in library science from Florida State University. Her most recent position was assistant Japanese cataloger at Hillman Library at the University of Pittsburgh.

Hikaru is responsible for the cataloging of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language materials for the University of Florida's growing Asian Studies Collection. Hikaru enters the bibliographic data into the cataloging records using both romanized transcription as well as vernacular script. In the last two years, Chinese vernacular was added retrospectively to Chinese language records in the database, and one of Hikaru's first goals is to complete a project to retrospectively enhance our older Japanese language records with vernacular script as well. She will also be working closely with the department's Authorities and Metadata Quality Unit and the Florida Center for Library Automation to make it possible some day for patrons to search the online catalog using these vernacular scripts.

*Tatiana Barr*  
Cataloging & Metadata



## Brian Keith named human resources officer

Brian Keith, the new Human Resources Officer for the George A. Smathers Libraries, has a strong commitment to customer service and, as an alumnus, to the success of the University of Florida. He believes these can only be accomplished through positive interactions with both faculty and staff and "input from the greater university community". Brian received a bachelor's degree in psychology and an MBA while at UF, and recently received his SPHR certification from the Society for Human Resources Management.

Brian comes to the university having just served as the Human Resources Director for the Cathedral Foundation of Jacksonville.

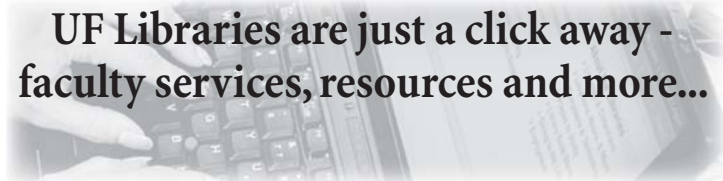
The university's environment offers Brian an opportunity to serve in a larger organization with more resources and distinct challenges. He is excited to work in the libraries with the focus on continuing to be an essential resource to the university's faculty and students. He believes that university faculty input is vital, and particularly so in recruiting library faculty and staff that serve specific academic areas.

*Barbara Gundersen*  
Collection Management Support



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## Library West Construction Update

All the compact shelving rails have been installed and the concrete topping has been poured to the top of the rails. Carpet has been installed on the sixth floor and this floor is now 90% completed. The contractors are completing the drywall finishes, ceiling grid, lighting, and the marble window sills on the third, fourth, and fifth floors. The project is on schedule for spring 2006 completion.

For up-to-date construction news and photos, see <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/construction/>



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## Interlibrary Loan at the University of Florida

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) locates and borrows materials not owned by the UF Libraries.

### WHO may use interlibrary loan?

- UF Faculty
- UF Staff
- UF Graduate Students
- UF Undergraduates
- UF distance learning students
- Off-campus Research and Education Centers staff affiliated with the university

### WHAT types of materials will ILL borrow?

- ILL will request materials not owned by the UF Libraries, materials that are lost, missing, or otherwise unavailable to the user.

### WHAT types of materials are difficult to borrow?

- Rare or old items
- Newly published items
- Theses and dissertations
- Newspapers
- Genealogical materials
- Audio/visual materials
- Popular books/videos

### HOW does a patron submit an ILL request?

- Requests are submitted online through the Interlibrary Loan system ILLiad.

- To create an ILLiad account, please go to the ILLiad homepage at <http://illiad.uflib.ufl.edu/illiad>, and select "**First Time Users: Create Account.**" Enter your 14-digit library number and complete your profile information.
- Requests also may be submitted via FirstSearch databases such as Worldcat.

### HOW long will it take to receive materials?

- Articles via electronic delivery take 1-3 days. Photocopies take 2 to 10 days.
- On average, books take 2 to 14 days depending upon lending library and location.
- Rush service is available for faculty and graduate students.

### HOW do Distance Learning patrons submit requests?

- Requests are submitted online via ILLiad: <http://illiad.uflib.ufl.edu/illiad>

### WHAT does Distance Learning service cost?

- All requests for articles are free. Books will be shipped via UPS. Patrons are responsible for return shipping costs. To contact Interlibrary Loan call (352) 273-2535, fax (352) 392-7598 or e-mail [illoan@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:illoan@uflib.ufl.edu).

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