Chapter One

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FACULTY BOOK DONATIONS

Advance Library Collections

Little doubt exists that University of Florida faculty members are an important source of support for our libraries because they generously and continually donate their collections to the libraries. These gifts are made available to students and other library users through valuable additions to the collection in the form of books and journals. They enhance a subject area with new material or replace missing volumes. Donations range in size from a few books to entire collections, and in some (more often, many) budget years such gifts are especially welcome because they mitigate the effects of stretched and diminishing materials budgets.

Dr. Raymond Gay-Crosier, professor of modern French literature, will be retiring on June 30, 2003. With great concern for the continuing development of the libraries' collections, he is donating approximately 1,000 volumes from all sections of his personal library. The first two installments consist of 835 books and 110 issues of "Bulletin des Amis d'André Gide". The third and most significant installment (although not the largest) will be transferred to the libraries in the spring. The selections will enhance students' research in the areas of philosophy, French history, French literature, criticism and critical theory, German literature, Swiss culture and civilization, French language, and romance philology. A broad selection of works by and on Albert Camus and an 11-volume critical edition of the complete works of Carl Spitteler, the winner of the 1919 Nobel Prize for Literature, are included in his donations.

Retired chemistry professor and former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dr. Charles Sidman, recently donated 339 books in the fields of Germanic studies, British history, American history, political literature, and science, with more to follow next year.

Dr. Sidman said he gave books that he will no longer be consulting or reading for pleasure. "I'm sure they will be valued by the library. They are books useful for students' coursework and papers. It is a potpourri of subjects with most being sets on modern German history from 1918-1945 that would be difficult to find in Antiquarian shops."

Dr. Alan Katritzky, who is Kenan Professor and director of the Institute for Heterocyclic Compounds in the University of Florida's Department of Chemistry, has over the years donated a significant quantity of learned journals to the libraries. Some of these titles have gone directly into the collection, thus enabling a useful expansion of coverage. Others have been used for exchange with other libraries and have thus indirectly helped to increase resources at the University of Florida. Examples of donated titles include runs of

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Government Documents Department Offers Publications From Nearly all Levels of Government

by Jan Swanbeck, Mary Gay Anderson, Joe Aufmuth, and Sally Cravens
Government Documents Department

At the top of the stairs on the second floor of Library West is the Government Documents Department, appreciated for years by scholars at the University of Florida and researchers throughout the state. The friendly staff pride themselves in the high level of service they provide. They recognize that information is their output and never say, "No, we don't have it" to a patron.

Michael Gannon, author of the recently published *Pearl Harbor Betrayed*, a work described by Kirkus Reviews as "thoroughly researched, closely argued, utterly convincing" cites in his acknowledgements Sally Cravens, state/local documents librarian, and her fellow librarians in the Documents Collection. Prolific author Kevin McCarthy, an avid user of the collection, says that the Government Documents Department has been very helpful to him, especially with documents that are not available online. Economics professor Larry Kenny spends so much time with the collection that a server at Ruby Tuesdays restaurant once said, "Oh, I know you, you work in the Government Documents Department".

The Department receives publications from nearly all levels of government and from virtually all areas around the world. Serving as the Regional Depository of U.S. Federal documents for Florida and the Caribbean, Federal publications make up the majority of the collection. However, the second floor also houses a collection of Florida Planning Documents and the European Union documents collection, one of only two in the state. The most popular publications, by far, are those published by the Bureau of Census. The Bureau of Business and Economics Research has long depended on the UF collection to obtain the raw data used in its Florida Statistical Abstract and other publications. Whenever the Bureau receives telephone questions from the general public requesting information, they are transferred to the Documents Department.

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International Documents Librarian Mary Gay Anderson has supplied information to patrons in a variety of ways through the years including helping a blueberry grower with regulations, trade stats, and contact numbers so he could export his crop to the European Union. She also found cigar production statistics from the 1950s-1990s for economists who were using that as an indicator of Cuba's economy. And because they are the only European Union library to catalog all of their materials, they get many Interlibrary Loan requests.

The Urban and Regional Planning Documents collection contains information of interest not only to students and faculty in urban and regional planning but also to those in architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, building construction, real estate, political science, and those doing research related to the counties and communities in the state of Florida. Local and area planners use the collection for background information and examples for their planning projects. Access to the collection is through a card file or browsing, and over half the collection is now searchable in the libraries' online catalog.

The department's comprehensive holdings of current and retrospective Florida state documents include not only administrative reports but also budget and financial reports; statistical reports; laws and regulations; handbooks, manuals and guides; research reports on studies prepared by or for the agencies; and consumer information to name a few. The Documents Department's "Florida Government Information Resources" page at **http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/fefdl/florida/florida.html** provides links to the current state agencies.

Increasingly, government information posted on the Internet is replacing paper documents. Researchers needing current data go first to the Internet. Recognizing this trend, the staff of the Government Documents Department has created a web site to deliver information over the Internet (**http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/docs/**). In 1998 the State awarded the department a grant to create the Florida Electronic Federal Depository Library (**http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/fefdl/**). This site delivers a vast amount of government information for the counties and cities of Florida and is used by libraries and government agencies

GIS Librarian Joe Aufmuth shows the FEFDL web site to English professor Richard Brantley.

throughout the state. In 2001 the State awarded another grant to update census information on the Florida Electronic Federal Depository Library and to add virtual reference. The new virtual reference service, GovXpress, (**http://govxpress.uflib.ufl.edu/gov**) allows anyone logged on to the Internet to chat with a staff member of the Documents Department.

While the number of in-person users of the Government Documents collection continues to decrease, the number of virtual visitors to the web sites has gone sky high and far eclipses in a month the number of visitors in a year. There were 23,539 visitors to the document department's web sites in September 2002. Thus the staff have learned to coexist in the traditional paper environment as well as the exciting new world of the Internet.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

GIS and remote sensing at the University of Florida is integrated into many academic departments and research efforts. In support of patrons and the university's programs, the library offers free GIS and remote sensing consulting services.

GIS Librarian Joe Aufmuth is available to consult with faculty, staff and students on all aspects of spatially referenced data and GIS software. Large format plotting services are available for U.S. government electronic maps and images such as 2000 census maps, nautical charts, and topographic maps. Aufmuth also participates in UF's interdisciplinary certification in GIS.

Consulting projects have included a re-certification mapping for UF's nuclear reactor, population distributions for a Health Science Center breast cancer study, and mapping travels of historic naturalists. Teaching opportunities have extended GIS instruction to building and construction, anthropology and Civil and Coastal Engineering's Geomatics program.

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Map & Imagery Library

The Map & Imagery Library (**http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/maps/**), located in the Marston Science Library and featured in the fall 2002 issue of Chapter One, is another component of the Government Documents Department and the largest academic map collection in the southeastern United States.

Friends of the Libraries

Donations received by the Smathers Libraries between November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2002

The Libraries of the University of Florida form the largest information resource system in the state of Florida. Nine campus libraries reflect the university's increasingly broad research and instruction programs. Over the past 100 years, faculty and librarians have built hundreds of specialized collections, now totaling nearly four million volumes, printed in practically every written language by publishers throughout the world.

The George A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida include specialized collections in science, architecture, art, history, languages, and music. Our collections cover all areas of contemporary knowledge, from agriculture to zoology and from philosophy to history. All of the libraries serve all of the university's faculty and students, but each has a special mission to be the primary support of specific colleges and degree programs. The libraries support the very best educational, research and service performance by university faculty and students using the latest on-line technology and time-honored methods of collection and preservation.

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Carol Drum, head of the Marston Science Library said, "Dr. Katritzky's generous contributions to the Marston Science Library have broadened our journal holdings, provided research materials for faculty and students alike, and added to the international dimension of the collection. Heterocyclic chemistry continues to be of major importance in organic chemistry research and some of the work Dr. Katritzky and his group have done is widely used in pharmaceutical and chemical industries."

For hundreds of years libraries — great and small — have benefited from donations of library materials from their institutional members. Great research libraries build collections within the framework of their budgets. Genuinely great libraries are able to advance their support through another significant source of research materials: donated collections from their faculty. The level of library resources for our students and faculty would be truly diminished without faculty support through donations of their personal libraries (large and small). With continued encouragement and appreciation of their efforts by the libraries, we hope that UF's faculty will maintain that cultural tradition of sharing their resources.

Libraries to Add Four-Millionth Volume in Spring 2003

This spring the UF Libraries will celebrate an important milestone in its history — the addition of the four-millionth-volume. The book that has been chosen is *Urania Propitia* by Maria Cunitz (1610-1664). The book examines the theory and art of astronomy, as well as presents her calculations, and a guide to astronomy for nonscientists. According to Cunitz, there were four components to astronomy: carefully recorded observations, the construction of astronomical instruments, theory, and the calculations or tables of predictions.

Cunitz was the first modern female astronomer. The book is very rare — one of nine copies in existence — and is an important addition to the libraries because it celebrates the university's commitments to women's studies, history of science, astronomy, and the printed word as the prime means of communication for more than five hundred years.

The original university library was moved to the Gainesville campus in 1907 and contained 3,000 volumes housed in a one-story frame building. The UF Libraries marked its one-millionth volume in 1963 with *The Great Bible* of 1541 in English. Then-director Stanley West said, "The library is the fountainhead of a university and its depth increases the effectiveness of the learning process and also of the contributions to research."

The two-millionth-volume mark was reached in 1979 and celebrated with the addition of several titles to support major areas of study at UF: *Reichenbachia: Orchids Illustrated and Described, 1888-1894*; an original *red book* by Humphrey Repton for the House and Grounds of Witton in Norfolk, 1801; *Washburn College Bible,* 1979; Walter Crane's *Triplets*, 1899; manuscript diary of Lt. Henry Prince re: Seminole War, 1835-1838; *Studies in Psychology and Pedagogics*, Vol. 2, Vilna, 1940.

1963 photo of the one-millionth-volume, *The Great Bible,* from 1541. Shown are English professor Charles A. Robertson, Stanley West, director of University Libraries, and J. Wayne Reitz, University of Florida president.

1991 marked the addition of the third-millionth-volume and the selection was *The Generall Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles: with the names of the Adventurers, Planters, and Governours from their first beginning, Ano: 1584 to 1624* by Captain John Smith, 1580-1631. The book was presented at the annual dinner of the Howe Society, the support organization for the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections, which partially funded the purchase.

Milestone volumes are always significant to an academic institution in that they help keep alive the history of an institution's evolution and development. To measure how 'great' a library might be is not only to note the number of holdings contained in the collections, but also — perhaps more important than sheer size — to esteem the value of the collections for their intrinsic worth and potential use for research. The University of Florida's milestone volumes range among broad disciplines, and our latest millionth most appropriately represents where the university is currently directing its strategic energies in the sciences and humanities.

Message From the Director *(Continued from page 8)*

We plan to have the main service areas on the second and third floors, leaving space on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors for quiet study and reflection. There will be well-designed workspaces for the use of online databases, digitized images, video and audio formats and micro-formats. All of these formats are permanent parts of UF's research library collections because they provide information that cannot be stored and accessed in traditional ways and they are essential to meet university requirements for access to information. There will be training facilities for group instruction in the use of electronic information or use of library collections. Most floors will have quiet reading areas, wired group study rooms, carrels and tables for the use of personal computers, centrally located photocopiers, etc. Noise producing activities will be isolated insofar as possible from study areas. We anticipate that this building will create library conditions genuinely supportive of UF's faculty and students.

Desiderata

Students, faculty, and librarians are always looking for the perfect resource to complement their research. While we do our best to be responsive to special needs, there are always a few titles or equipment needs that lie beyond our grasp. If you are interested in helping the Smathers Libraries acquire any of the following, please contact Sandra Melching, director of development, at (352) 392-0342.

Allgemeines Künstlerlexikon: Die Bildenden Künstler aller Zeiten und Völker (Artists of the world throughout all ages). Volumes 16-32 plus indexes for volumes 11-20 and 21-30. Libraries have volumes 1-15 and index for volumes 1-10. *EURO 210 per volume or 3990 for complete set*

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Sources of British Feminism. 6 volume set. A collection of documents that record the uneven progress made in the area of women's rights from the late 17th century up until the early decades of the 20th century. *$785*

Perry Mission to Japan, 1853-54. 9 volume set edited by W. G. Beasley - Richmond, Japan Library, 2002. *$577*

Church Missionary Society Archives Africa Missions. Part 8 Nigeria/Yoruba Missions 1880-1934. 23 reels microfilm. This resource has potential use for linguistic, religious, cultural, anthropological and historical research in West Africa. *$2,875*

Warum Sind Wir Antisemitten? (Why Are We Antisemites?) by Adolf Hitler. 1920. One of only two recorded surviving copies of a broadside advertising the first speech given by Adolf Hitler in public immediately after the union of the National Socialist and German Workers Party into the NDSAP or "Nazi" party. The condition of this extraordinary piece of Nazi propaganda is very fine. *$18,500*

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A Message from the Director

Library West Addition

It's an exciting time for the library; we are busy designing a new addition for humanities and social science students! Library West, completed in 1968, had needed additional space for growing collections and expanding electronic services for 15 years. However, the university had just finished the Marston Science Library in 1987, so a second major library project was out of the question. In the meantime, university-wide, our collections grew by 1.2 million volumes and public access computers grew from 0 to 350. We were desperate for more space house expanded collections and services.

A 60,000 square foot addition has been approved, planning funds received, and we expect construction to begin late next summer. The selected architects are Ross Barney + Jankowski of Chicago partnering with Long & Associates of Tampa. Ross Barney +Jankowski have recent experience working on main library renovation with the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and the University of Illinois.

The concept for our library project is that the new building will house the collections in electrically operated compact shelving while the current Library West will be renovated to provide state-of-the-art user space. The goal is to create, in the heart of the humanities and social science part of campus, a library designed to emphasize support of the scholarly needs of faculty and the learning needs of students.

We expect the expanded building to house a collection of about two million volume equivalents (books, journals, microforms, electronic, and multi-media formats) and provide space for 1,600 readers, creating an environment where scholars can move easily between books and journals and electronic, micro and multi-media formats by providing readily available service space for each, so that the flow of ideas and research need not be interrupted. In increasing the amount and diversity of reading space for students and faculty, we hope to create habitats suited to learning and research in multiple disciplines by diverse users. The new "Library West" will have a stack area closely related on each floor to reading areas with combinations of carrels, tables, group study rooms, and closed studies so that scholars at every level would find appropriate working conditions as they use the needed collections.

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