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## Bill Maxwell to Speak During People Awareness Week at UF

**B**ill Maxwell, award-winning editorial writer for *The St. Petersburg Times* whose column also appears in *The Gainesville Sun*, will speak on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Memorial Auditorium. His topic is "Celebrate Diversity: Read, Reflect, Make a Difference." The George A. Smathers Libraries, in conjunction with the campus-wide People Awareness Week, January 14-18, will sponsor the talk which is free and open to the public.



Maxwell joined *The St. Petersburg Times* in 1994 after spending six years as a columnist for *The Gainesville Sun* and *The New York Times* Syndicate. Prior to that he was an investigative reporter for *The Fort Pierce Tribune* where he focused on labor and migrant farm worker affairs.

Maxwell has won many honors, including awards for general excellence in commentary by the Florida Press Club in 1989 and 1991. Also, in 1989, he won an editorial writing prize from the Unity Awards in Media contest sponsored by Lincoln

University, and in 1990 he received the Community Champion Award from the American Trial Lawyers Association.

He graduated from Bethune-Cookman College with a bachelor's degree in English and History and received his master's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago. He also attended the University of Florida graduate school of journalism. He taught English and journalism for 18 years.

The libraries will also feature displays and sponsor two brown-bag sessions during People Awareness Week. See our Website for more information on the events and a bibliography on diversity at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/instruct2/paw.html>

People Awareness Week, in its twelfth year, celebrates diversity with art, dance, food, film and music and

encourages acceptance, respect, and appreciation of diversity in relation to race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status, and religious affiliation.

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## Libraries Initiate New "5-Star" Service



Beginning with this spring 2002 semester, Library West and Marston Science Library will put real meaning to the system-wide goal of being "5-star" libraries by offering a TRIAGE service. Loosely adopted from hospital terminology, Triage simply suggests making on-the-spot decisions as to the level of help needed and then delivering that help as quickly as possible. Teams of Triage staff, stationed at the inside library entrances, will be there during the first week of classes to help new students with class schedules, registration via ISIS, phone books, quick online questions, campus maps — all the things that come up by the hundreds at the beginning of a semester. There will be large 3' x 6' campus maps posted by the front doors to help students find their way to classes. For questions that are a little more complicated, students will be directed to service points in the libraries that will best answer their questions. This semester's efforts will serve as a pilot project for the fall semester, when the number of new students is nothing short of monumental.

*Kate Lee*  
Marston Science Library

## Use of Library Computers

Beginning spring semester, to improve security and comply with University of Florida policy, the George A. Smathers Libraries are requiring individuals to key in a 14-digit number in order to use library computers. This number appears below the bar code on the Gator 1 card and begins with "200" or "21262". For anyone who has ever used the Gator 1 card to check out books or to access library resources remotely, the number is active and should work at library computers. People who have never used the card or who have a new card can activate the number at any library circulation desk or online at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/distreg.html>.

Campus visitors and the general public may register for a Library Computer Access card at any Smathers Libraries circulation desk during all hours the library is open. This card allows access to library computers but does **not** allow borrowing library materials or remote access to databases.

Because there is no "time out" setting on the libraries' computers, **users must log-off at the end of their session to protect their privacy**. The Libraries have developed a privacy policy statement (<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/privacy.html>) that addresses this topic in the broad context of library services.

*Carol Turner*  
Director for Public Services

## Services for Distance Learners

On December 31, 2001, the Florida Distance Learning Reference and Referral Center closed its doors and discontinued its services because of reduced funding for library distance learning programs. Located at the University of South Florida and established through the Distance Learning Library Initiative in December, 1997, the RRC was charged with providing "centralized reference and referral services to students enrolled in off-campus courses offered by the State of Florida's public universities and community colleges." The RRC received national recognition as a model service program for distance learning library support.

The Reference and Referral Center was always designed to augment and not replace the services provided by the home institutions of the state's distance learners. At the University of Florida, we provide an array of services for distance learners that is comparable to those provided for on-campus students, and we encourage faculty and their students to take advantage of them. These include remote access to databases, document delivery/interlibrary loan, reference service, and reciprocal borrowing privileges at all public university and college libraries in the state. Furthermore, staff will provide special instruction sessions for off-campus classes, assist faculty with class web pages, arrange for course reserve materials, and make an effort to meet the various information and library needs of distance learning faculty and students. A Web page (<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/dltop.html>) outlines these services, but please call or email me if you have questions or seek assistance.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** Have state budget cuts thwarted plans for a new library management system?

**A.** No, current expectations are that the purchase will be made and implemented in all SUS and Florida Community College libraries. We are in the final stages of contracting to buy the Aleph 500 system from Ex Libris. We expect to be planning and testing in the coming year and hope to implement the 15.2 version at UF in 2003. For further information check the FCLA LMS implementation Website at

<http://www.fcla.edu/FCLAINfo/lmsimp/imppg.html> or the Ex Libris company Website at <http://www.aleph.co.il/>

**Q.** Why are all library users now required to log in before using library computers?

**A.** This increase in online security is part of a campus-wide effort to better protect our networked computers. For more information see the article on page 2 or check the libraries Website for details at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ws.html>

*Jimmie Lundgren  
Resource Services*



### "9/11 Resources" Website

The Smathers Libraries have recently added a Website of resources related to the September 11th World Trade Center terrorist attacks to its list of electronic subject guides. Developed by Journalism and Communications Librarian Patrick Reakes and Science Librarian Alice Primack, the page includes numerous links to Internet resources including Websites, databases/indexes and electronic books.

It is organized into selected media sources, images related to the tragedy, media organizations, academic/university Websites, government Websites, alternative press resources and miscellaneous sources that have dealt with the tragedy and

its aftermath. The resources were generally chosen with the idea of providing access to information on the tragedy and its aftermath that would be more difficult to find, as opposed to the standard media outlets. Also included are links to other relevant University of Florida resources, such as the Arabic Studies page, the Health Science Center Library page on Bioterrorism and the Islam Research Guide. The "9/11 Resources" page can be accessed on the Smathers Library Website at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jour/911resources.htm>.

*Patrick Reakes  
Journalism and Communications  
Library*

### LIBRARIES OFFER CLASSES THROUGH UCET

Watch for publicity from the University Center for Excellence in Teaching and register to attend our library classes on Desk-Top Delivery of the Electronic Library. A demonstration of library-subscribed databases and RefeXpress, our interactive reference service, will be offered on February 5 or 6, and hands-on sessions to try the resources most suited to your subject area will be offered February 12 or 13. For more information, contact Alice Primack at 392-2822 or [primack@mail.uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:primack@mail.uflib.ufl.edu).

# UF Libraries and IFAS Work to Improve Information Sources

The University of Florida and its libraries have always valued their association with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Through IFAS, the libraries have played a special role and fulfilled an important duty to serve the needs of farmers, homemakers, and others in the state who depend on us to discover and disseminate current and reliable information to make their efforts more successful.

Throughout the 20th century the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences supplied farmers, gardeners, and homemakers in Florida with thousands of books and informational pamphlets to address specific questions on many subjects, from citrus crops to dairy cattle and from canning tomatoes to keeping lawns. These materials were made available through the county agent in each Florida county, directly from offices on campus, and through libraries. In time these documents became too numerous to store and distribute in print form, and thus centralized print distribution was dropped in favor of electronic distribution. Howard Beck and Jack Haldeman of IFAS's Office of Information Technologies have been instrumental in developing and managing the database of these documents. Initially the database was distributed on CD-ROM throughout the state to offices of the county agents and to public libraries where each individual document could be printed as needed. Subsequently, an Internet database known as EDIS, was developed (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>). As an Internet accessible database,

these resources are now easily available to anyone in the state or the world who has access to a networked computer with a browser. At the same time authors can update the information as frequently as is needed. Users can read the html versions online or print the PDF versions for reading later.

The UF libraries collected and cataloged the printed IFAS books and pamphlets, but discontinued cataloging each document separately when IFAS shifted to electronic versions. This database is currently cataloged as one record in the libraries' online catalog, WebLUIIS, which provides a link to its Internet address. Access to individ-

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ual documents in the EDIS database is dependent on use of a menu system and keyword searching in the database. While the menu system of access at first seems very easy to use, the number of documents now available makes this approach less than effective for efficient and thorough access. While keyword access provides an important supplement, the searcher

must still sift through many less relevant documents (that may include incidental mention of the search term in the text) before finding the needed information. Additionally, the actual document may contain a synonym rather than the search term chosen by the user and thus be omitted from the search results. A better approach is needed. To this end, the libraries and IFAS information scientists have been exploring new options for providing a more effective, concept-based access to help users obtain the information they seek more quickly and reliably.

The classic library method for providing conceptual access is the Library of Congress Subject Headings, a long list of subject terms that has been growing and improving for more than a hundred years. Approved subject heading terms are coded in the catalog records, and the authority records containing related terms, which are also in the records, allow functional cross-referencing. There is a “cost” associated with such efforts: a skilled person must assess the document and select the appropriate subject term(s) to include in the record. There are also many thesauri available that provide both direct and related terms, but typically they address only one area of knowledge. The thesauri generally provide fuller treatment of the area of knowledge for which they are developed than the Library of Congress subject headings do, but they omit other areas. Conversely, the Library of Congress attempts to address the full spectrum of knowledge, but often covers specific

areas less thoroughly than thesauri. Information specialists such as Howard Beck and his colleagues at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's Agricultural Ontology Service Project (<http://www.fao.org/agris/AOS>) are dreaming of a sophisticated net to weave the various thesauri together (Web taxonomy site <http://orb.ifas.ufl.edu>).

The individual cataloging of information in any medium is not only time-consuming; it is also a drain on human resources. In response, UF libraries are investigating ways to develop a more efficient and effective method to catalog material on the World Wide Web with the aid of an automated computer program. In February 2001, UF librarians began to develop a method for the automatic generation of MARC-formatted Metadata by crawling the IFAS e-publications residing in the EDIS database. The Web Crawler gathers relevant metadata stored in each e-publication in the Web page and the Converter transforms the metadata into a MARC-formatted record. The generated record can be automatically loaded into the library's online database and later into a bibliographic utility for sharing. Throughout the spring and into summer the project staff worked together to refine the details of the program, and in July 2001 the system was implemented. As a result bibliographic records were created for more than 2,500 IFAS documents, and the records were loaded into the online catalog. In the months since then, library catalogers

have been editing these descriptive records and loading them — complete with their URLs — into an international bibliographic utility (OCLC's Worldcat) which is widely available at UF and beyond as part of the FirstSearch group of online databases.

The libraries will once again offer access to these IFAS information sources through the library catalog. While assignment of subject heading terms has been postponed, the records include summary and/or contents notes extracted from the documents, which greatly enhance

the effectiveness of keyword searching in the catalog.

A small group of librarians continues to meet regularly with IFAS staff to discuss ongoing issues. New and revised documents will be included as the IFAS scientists continually work to provide current and critical information to support Florida's enormous agribusiness industry as well its everyday homeowners and citizens.

Jimmie Lundgren  
Resource Services

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## Give Your Students Information Power

### Library-Classroom Partnerships

The Libraries provide course-integrated orientation to library use and instruction in use of information resources for students. A typical session usually involves a lecture/demonstration or hands-on workshop and an assignment created by collaboration between the course instructor or faculty member and the librarian that teaches the group. If you'd like to have a library session in your course, contact your subject-specialist librarian or one of the Instruction Coordinators: Jana Ronan for Humanities and Social Sciences (392-4919) or Alice Primack for Science and Engineering (392-2822).

### Course Web Pages

Add Library Instruction to your online course or class web pages! If you are interested in adding online information about the UF Libraries or how to use specific information resources for your course, please get in touch with your subject specialist librarian or contact Alice Primack (392-2822). The Libraries have created several online tutorials, and you may see samples at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jgs/hand2.htm>. We can tailor a Web page to your course, incorporating appropriate tutorials and other information.

# Florida in a World at Conflict: The Second World War

Presented by the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections

**F**lorida in a World at Conflict is the inaugural exhibit in the newly refurbished exhibit area outside the Research Room of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections. The exhibit is located on the second floor of Smathers Library and runs from December 7, 2001 through March 2, 2002. The exhibit is open during the department's normal business hours.

This exhibit is dedicated to the men, women, and children of Florida who built the ships, grew the crops, collected the scrap metal, and took up arms in the war against Axis aggression. Featured are wartime publications, photographs, letters, memorabilia, and artifacts from the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, the University of Florida Archives, and the Belknap Collection for the Performing Arts. Also on display are propaganda posters from the private collections of Fay Prost and Michael Gannon. We thank them for the generous use of their materials.

Florida was one of the few states directly impacted by the war. For several months, German U-boats wreaked havoc on merchant shipping along America's poorly defended eastern seaboard. Florida's long coastline was particularly vulnerable. Posters in public places entreated Americans not to talk about ship movements and other strategic matters that enemy agents might overhear.



Florida was a major supplier of war material, especially naval stores and ships and its favorable climate made it an ideal location for military training. Photographs of the Jacksonville shipyards where minesweepers, PT boats, and the famous Liberty Ships were built, are included. The exhibit also highlights the men and women who trained in military bases throughout the state.

The Home Front is looked at also. Floridians not in uniform contributed to the war effort in many ways. Rationing of commodities was required and the ration book was a fixture of every household. Housewives were encouraged to salvage kitchen grease for use in industrial lubricants. The war also produced a number of memorable songs including the plaintive "When the Lights Go On Again".

The exhibit also commemorates the University of Florida's contribution to the war. The war virtually shut down the university's college programs, but the school's commitments to education, service, and research continued. UF became a center for army officer training, and faculty in the College of Engineering played an important role in the development of the proximity fuse. The university's extension organizations promoted Victory Gardens and home canning and helped to alleviate the wartime labor shortage through its occupational training programs.

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Area Studies Collections*

## Libraries Receive Library Services and Technology Act Grant

Ken Wells began work November 26 in the new position of project cataloger for the Library Services and Technology Act grant entitled Enhanced Access to Special Collections in the Libraries of Florida's State Universities. He will be based at the George A. Smathers Libraries Resource Services Department. The grant, which is administered by the Florida Center for Library Automation, is intended to improve access to a wide range of valuable, unique, primary source materials held by libraries in eight of Florida's state universities, thus increasing public awareness of the existence and content of these collections. In addition, the grant allows for a trial implementation of online finding aids using the standard Encoded Archival Description format.

Wells received an MLS from the University of South Florida in 2001 and a BA in Spanish from the University of Florida. He was successfully recruited into the library profes-

sion during his undergraduate years when he worked in the libraries as part-time student assistant. Before accepting this position he worked in the Acquisitions and Serials Section, Resource Services Department, of the George A. Smathers Libraries and was responsible for processing orders for a variety of areas including the Latin American Collection. In Spring 2001 Wells did a field practicum as part of his graduate work which involved participation in the development of the Publication of Archival, Library & Museum Materials digital collection, a cooperative initiative of the state universities of Florida coordinated by the Florida Center for Library Automation to promote digital projects such as the Linking Florida's Natural Heritage project.



## Lori Driscoll Named Chair of Access Services

Lori Driscoll is the new Chair of Access Services with responsibility for interlibrary loan, document delivery, storage collection management for all the George A. Smathers Libraries and for circulation, reserves, and stack management services for the Humanities and Social Sciences collections. In almost ten years of library experience, Driscoll has facilitated change and innovation and provided exemplary services to patrons. Most recently, she assisted with the planning and construction of a new library facility as the Library Access Services Coordinator at Santa Fe Community College. Previously, she was the Webmaster and reference librarian at the UF Health Science Center Library. Lori began her career in libraries working as the Medical Research Coordinator for Kemper National Services managing a corporate medical library. She is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a BS in Psychology and a Certificate in Women's Studies. She earned her Master of Science in Library Studies from Florida State University.

Driscoll was recently honored by the UF Association for Academic Women for being one of only 19 women who are chairs out of over 150 departments on campus. She has taught online library science courses for Santa Fe Community College and for Florida State University.



## One City, One Story

Grab your book and be a part of Gainesville's city-wide reading program called One City, One Story. Patterned after similar programs in Seattle and Chicago, the idea is to ask everyone to read "The Diary of Anne Frank" and then share in discussions and other events including art exhibits, the stage play, essay and art contests, readings, and bookclub discussions. The "Diary of Anne Frank" stage adaptation by Wendy Kesselman opens at the Hippodrome on March 1 and runs through the month. For

more information and a listing of events, or to find out how to get involved, see the One City One Story Web page at



<http://hipp.gator.net/onecityonestory.html>



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## Libraries Offer Free Orientations

### Library Orientations

Come to a Library Orientation Session! Learn what library services are available, which of the nine campus libraries is the best for you to use, about information resources on computers (such as UF Libraries' catalog and indexes) and how it is all organized. Instruction lasts ½ hour, and then you may stay the second ½ hour and get help to try it out by looking for information on a topic you're interested in. Come to Library West room 148 at either of the following times:

**January 16 (Wednesday) 3:00 - 3:50**  
**January 24 (Thursday) 10:40 - 11:30**

### Presenting the 10th Library: The Electronic Library

Learn about the Web-based Catalog, indexes and abstracts, the Database Locator, e-journals, the Web of Science, First Search, and other databases. Come to Marston Science Library room L107 (MSL107) at either of the following times:

**January 17 (Thursday) 8:30 - 9:20**  
**January 23 (Wednesday) 2:00 - 2:45**

All subject areas are covered. No registration is necessary. Need more information? Call an information desk at 392-2836 (Science) or 392-0361 (Humanities and Social Sciences).

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