National Novel Writing Month (NANOWRIMO) “Final Push” Event (November 2007) - A “Final Push” Writing Event was held in the InfoCommons @ West and allowed Gainesville Nanowrimo (National Novel Writing Month) participants to write together and work on final word count from 5pm - 1am. There were 27 attendees from UF & the Gainesville community. Stacey Ewing & Laura Jordan hosted the event.

Guitar Hero III Event (November 2007 and March 2008) - There were over 125 people who came to rock out in the InfoCommons. Stacey Ewing & Laura Jordan hosted the event.

GatorWell Outreach - Stacey Ewing & Laura Jordan hosted three Gatorwell outreach Events including “Manage Your Time, Utilize Your Resources” and “Stress Relief Before Finals” (Event/ Presentation) Presentations were given by Tina Long from GatorWell and Stacey and Laura. We used these opportunities to showcase the resources in the InfoCommons as well as to promote all of the libraries.

Technology Expo - The Technology Expo was hosted by the Web 2.0 Group and showed patrons the technologies that the libraries have to offer. It included new technologies (such as Bioactive: a library game, GeoWall, the Information Commons resources and GatorScholar), interactive technologies (such as LibGuides, blogs and wikis) and undead technologies in a technology graveyard (card catalog cards, microfilm, laser discs).

Art Bash - The AFA Library hosted a reception and exhibition of sketchbooks created by participants in the Skopelos, Greece, study abroad program. The event at the library attracted over 500 attendees and was part of the evening open studio event hosted by the UF School of Art and Art History.

Documents Department Celebrated its 100th Anniversary as a Federal Depository Library - The Celebration took place in August in Library East and was attended by invited dignitaries from UF and the surrounding community along with Documents coordinators and directors from the forty selective Federal Depository Libraries in Florida.

First Annual GIS Day - This event was organized by Carol McAuliffe and Hesham Monsef and was held in November. It featured poster sessions and a GPS treasure hunt.

Mystery in the Stacks - Held on two nights last fall. Students participated as junior detectives who worked their way through through Library West learning about its resources as they followed clue paths leading to the discovery of who kidnapped Alberta Alligator. Organized by Laura Jordan and Missy Shoop.

Faculty-Author Series: The PR and Marketing Committee hosted Thomas J. Sheehan, co-author of Orchids to Know and Growing Orchids: Easier Than You Think! spoke on “The Orchid Flower – Variations at their Finest.”

Common Reader Program - Haiti in Film Festival - Students and faculty viewed library videos related to the “Mountains Beyond Mountains” theme of health and culture in Haiti. Organized by Suzanne Brown.

National Library Week Celebration: 6th Annual Read-a-thon - Students, staff, faculty, and community members celebrated reading by sharing a story, poem or excerpt from a favorite book during our celebration of National Library Week.

2nd Annual Edible Book Contest - Cakes were made UF students, faculty and staff and Eastside High School culinary students that related to books. Cakes were judged by the crowd and prizes were awarded in five categories.

One Community One Story lecture at UF: Old Savannah in the New South - Jordan Dominy, Ph.D. student from the University of Florida English Department, spoke on the topic of “Old Savannah in the New South: John Berendt’s Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil,” which is the book chosen for the seventh annual “One Community One Story” for Gainesville and surrounding communities.

Latin American Collection’s Eighth Annual Film Day - The Latin American collection hosted its Eighth Annual Film day on Friday, January 11th, 2008. Feature films and documentaries were shown throughout the day in the Latin American Collection area on the 4th floor of Smathers Library.