Reprogramming Library West

As I described in the first fall issue of Library News, there has been a reduction in the size of the addition for Library West from 120,000 square feet to 60,000 square feet. Since the original plan brought Judaica back to the central campus and fully utilized all of the space in the larger addition, we had to reduce something to fit in the smaller space. By far the largest consumers of space are collections and user seats. We found it a Hobson’s choice to sacrifice either, knowing that strategically reducing either made it harder for people to use the library. In an attempt to have our cake and eat it too (or at least to have both collections AND users in the same building), we have elected to move some units out of Library West so that the remaining collections and services will be fully accessible to students and faculty.

The Government Documents Department, along with its collections, will move to Marston Library's first floor near the Map Collection. Increasingly, government publications are coming in electronic format, which means that they can be accessed from anywhere on campus.

And the growing importance of GIS to the use of both government data and traditional maps, makes bringing these two units together a good juxtaposition, one that should make research somewhat easier for scholars.

In addition, the libraries had intended to create an Area Studies Department that would centralize service for our four area studies collections (Latin America, Judaica, Africa, and Asia). We tentatively allocated to this function most of the third floor of the renovated Library West including the third floor of the addition. Given the reduced space, that plan is clearly untenable, so we will move the four collections to Smathers Library and service them from that location.

Both of these plans rely upon additional off-campus storage. Our current storage (35,000 square feet) is completely filled and cannot contain any additional material. Both Marston and Smathers libraries hold collections that will need to be removed so that Government Documents and Area Studies can be relocated there.

The university is looking into providing a 65,000 square foot building that would lend itself to high density shelving. Once we receive that building and get shelving, we will be able to begin the transfers of collections and departments that will allow us to both renovate Library West and improve seating and collection spaces for students and faculty in the humanities and social sciences.

Dale Canelas
Director of UF Libraries

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Off-site Storage Necessary for Libraries

The University of Florida continues to grow and with it the need for library storage space. According to a recent study in the Chronicle of Higher Education, print publications still surpass electronic formats in perceived value and frequency of use by students and faculty (3 Oct 2002). In striving to meet this continued demand for books and journals in print, libraries must find space to house them. In order to serve as a catalyst for high-quality research, the libraries must simultaneously acquire new and interdisciplinary collections while preserving a research collection of older materials. Because the planned addition to Library West has been reduced by half, a storage facility will continue to be necessary for the humanities and social sciences materials that cannot be brought back to campus, as well as the ever-increasing collections in architecture and fine arts, education, music, and the health sciences.

The majority of academic research libraries use storage facilities to cope with space crises. Materials located in storage are generally older and less-used publications including serials (titles which have ceased publication or older portions of active titles) or books (single volumes or multi-volume sets). The University of Florida Libraries’ Limited Access Depository (LAD) was established to augment shelving space in campus libraries. The facility contains approximately 367,000 bound volumes that would reach over 11 miles high if stacked on their sides. The 63,500 linear feet of shelving would stretch over 70 football fields. While it is not desirable to maintain an off-site collection, limited access affords greater security and an opportunity to maintain consistent environmental conditions for the collection. Only 1% of the items in storage circulate each year, compared to approximately 30% of our other collections.

Items located in the Limited Access Depository are listed in the online catalog with the location displayed as “STORAGE S-See Circulation West” or, in the case of titles which may have recent volumes located in campus libraries, with a note indicating that Some Items are in Storage. Requests for items in storage may be made at the Library West Circulation Desk or through a request form on the libraries’ web site (http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/storform.html). Requests are processed and retrieved as soon as possible but are generally available at Library West within one working day. For larger runs of materials, you may arrange to use the collection at LAD. Please make an appointment with the Storage Coordinator (392-0345) at least 24-hours in advance of your visit. Bound periodicals are available for a three-week loan period, even if their loan periods might have been shorter in the active collection. Monographs are available for their normal active collection loan periods. Items are renewable through normal circulation procedures.

The libraries strive to be responsive to your needs as researchers and instructors. The Storage Retrieval service, along with Course Reserves, Interlibrary Loan, and Document Delivery for distance programs and IFAS centers, are provided to enhance your access to materials.

We would like to hear from you. What additional services would you like the libraries to offer? Send us an email, phone us, or drop a line in our “Comments” box.

Lori Driscoll
Chair, Access Services
Historical Newspapers

Historical Newspapers is now available for these newspapers via ProQuest online:
• Wall Street Journal (1889-1985)
• New York Daily Times (1851-1857)
• New York Times (1851-1999)

Though the full-text capabilities for a few years within these inclusive dates are still in-progress, the full project is expected to be completed by summer 2003.

These full-text newspapers supplement the growing collection of online newspapers offered by the UF Libraries and available to the UF community. This collection includes:
• The Times (London) Digital Archive, (The entire period of 1785-1985 will be available in late 2003.)
• The Times Literary Supplement, 1902-1990 (in progress: through 1994)
• Palmer’s Full Text Online (London), 1785-1870

For access to all online newspapers, search by newspaper title in the UF Libraries online catalog to find a link to the full-text database, or search the Database Locator available from the UF Libraries home page at http://www.uflib.ufl.edu

MarketResearch.com Academic

This resource provides the full text of more than 600 key market research studies. Many of the reports offer additional resources through graphs, tables, and charts. The reports are generally released one year from the date of original publication and cover a variety of business-related subject areas including consumer and personal products, demographics, engineering and construction, financial services, food and beverage, healthcare and medical devices, industry and manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, transportation and shipping, plus much more. Gives access to extensive, detailed market research reports from leading sources such as Kalorama Information, Packaged Facts, and Specialists in Business Information. Accessible the same month the reports are published, MarketLooks provides concise, easy-to-read summaries of research reports on a specific market segment.

All online databases to which the UF Libraries subscribes are available off-campus with Gatorlink software. The Technology Center at the Hub offers a CM-ROM with Gatorlink as well as other software for UF students, faculty, and staff.

If you do not have Gatorlink software on your off-campus computer, you still may be able to access these proprietary databases through such private Internet access companies as CompuServe and AOL if you follow the procedures outlined in the “Remote Access” instructions at http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/access.html

Shelley Arlen
Interim Chair,
Collection Management Department

GovXpress

GovXpress is a real time chat reference service where you can ask librarians at the University of Florida for help finding government information.

http://govxpress.uflib.ufl.edu/govx

To find government information about Florida on the World Wide Web go to

FEFDL

The Florida Electronic Federal Depository Library

http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/fefdl

Shelley Arlen
Interim Chair,
Collection Management Department
The University of Florida Libraries has acquired the Donald Abraham Collection of Lusophone Africa spanning the years 1687-1990 with more than 7,000 volumes. It is an impressive collection and includes resources from all five of the countries comprising Lusophone Africa: Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, and Sao Tome e Principe. There is a wide array of formats including books, periodicals, government reports, maps and atlases, dissertations, pamphlet/grey literatures representing war protest literature from Angola and Mozambique coupled with rare Africana as representative from these regions of sub-Saharan Africa.

Examples include:

- Cavazzi, de Montecuccolo P. Gio Antonio. Istorica Descrizione de Tre Regni Congo
- Matambe, et Angola situati nell’Etopea inferiore occidentale e delle missioni
- Bologna, 1687, first edition; Bocage, Barbosa du. Ornithologie D’Angola. Lisbon, 1881
- Two volumes that include 10 exquisite lithoplates by J.G. Keurlmans
- Balsemao, Eduardo A. Guerra Dos Dembos. Loande: Imprens do Governo, 1872 and appears not to be held with in the U.S.

This collection is a treasure trove of resources that will enhance the University of Florida’s Africana Collection within three major regions of Sub-Saharan Africa, East/South-East, West, and South/Central Africa. Moreover, the collection will also provide opportunities for Diaspora Studies with Africa and Brazil as well as for the Cuban involvement in Angola.

The subject areas of the resources are equally diverse and will serve our programs in African and Latin American Studies. They include the social sciences, humanities, agriculture, and to a lesser extent the applied sciences and mining. The largest concentrations are in history, anthropology, and literature for both Angola and Mozambique with related resources in archaeology, linguistics, and languages that broaden the strengths we have in Shona materials in contiguous Zimbabwe. The political science resources are rich in offerings from Jonas Savimbi, Samora Machel and others which capture the spirit and urgency of the long-term conflicts experienced in Lusophone Africa during the 1970s through the current day, particularly in Angola and Mozambique.

There are materials dealing with agricultural development including the plantation economies and abuses chronicled in a number of studies for Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, and Sao Tome e Principe. Important colonial governmental statistical sources for population, trade and agricultural production are well represented along with religion and missionary materials. There are related materials dealing with Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Malawi that are strength areas in our current collection. The Portuguese perspective will deepen and expand the resource content base enabling researchers to address and investigate the long-standing conflicts existing within these regions. The Portuguese colonial mindset is well represented coupled with Black Africa’s response.

Professor Abraham was a member of the history department for more than a decade at the University of South Carolina. He was a British military officer who also taught in Rhodesia prior to his appointment in South Carolina. His father was Professor Roy Clive Abraham, the well-known Nigerian linguist, who worked on Yoruba, Hausa, and Tiv languages.

Peter Malanchuk
African Bibliographer
Library Passports for First Year Florida Students

The over 900 students enrolled in this fall’s First Year Florida classes were greeted with a new way to discover the libraries on campus. Instead of traditional tours, the libraries participated in the orientation effort this year by creating a “passport” to library services. Students were asked to complete several activities as part of their library assignment: activate their library card, visit three campus libraries, read an article on reserve for their class, and attend a library orientation session. Upon completion of a task, the corresponding part of the passport would be stamped by a library staff member. Many students completed the orientation part of the assignment through library instruction sessions in other classes, such as ENC1101 or a beginning course in their major discipline. About one-third came to the specially scheduled library orientations for First Year Florida.

Jana Ronan, program director for undergraduate library services, states, “I think that this effort was a real success. We got students to come in and do the tasks that they really need to do to use the library system effectively.”

Ann Lindell
Head, Architecture and Fine Arts Library

Howe Society
Upcoming Events

Holiday Wine & Cheese Reception & Fundraiser
Saturday, December 7, 2002, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of John Ingram

Annual Dinner
Saturday, February 22, 2003 (Location to be announced)
The presentation will feature Sid Homan and Mimi Carr as Maxwell Perkins, editor, and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Pulitzer-prize winning author of The Yearling

The Howe Society encourages and helps to support the development of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections at the George A. Smathers Libraries.

For further information on the above events or to request a brochure with enrollment information call 375-0975, ext. 200.
Together – Building Even Greater UF Libraries

It has been said a great university cannot exist without a great library. Join us today in our mission of “greatness.” Please complete the attached form and mail to Director of Development, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, P.O. Box 117001, Gainesville, FL 32611-7001. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Dewey Reclassification Pilot Project Underway

The Library West Collection Preparation Steering Committee is coordinating the reclassification of the biographies collection (about 10,000 items), located on the 6th floor of Library West. These materials are currently shelved in the Dewey Decimal classification system, which was current at the time of their acquisition. They will be shelved according to the current practice for new materials, the Library of Congress classification system. This will simplify patron access, eliminating an unnecessarily separate collection and it is providing information as a pilot project in preparation for reclassifying any Dewey items slated for the expected move into a renovated/expanded Library West.

The committee has created an automated process to reclassify materials quickly and efficiently, using a combination of LUIS, the library computer network, laptop computers and Excel spreadsheets. The project should be completed by March 2003. Staff will minimize inconvenience to users but will be working in the stack area where books will be pulled and re-shelved. Library staff are ready to assist users where necessary.

Phek Su
Resource Services

REMINDER:
Activate new ID card for library service

When you trade in your Gator 1 card for a new ID card, it is necessary to activate the new card for library service. You can take it to any library circulation desk or submit an online request at http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/distreg.html for activation.

Library staff are making efforts to mitigate negative impacts and inconvenience caused by this change. However, it will be necessary to bring materials checked out on the old cards to the libraries for renewal. They cannot be renewed online. It will also be necessary for those with ILLiad Interlibrary Loan accounts to create a new account using the new ID number. Interlibrary Loan staff will then merge the two accounts. Please call the Library West circulation desk 392-0345 or Interlibrary Loan 392-0311 if you have questions.

Carol Turner
Director for Public Services
Shelley Arlen has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Collection Management at the George A. Smathers Libraries, effective October 4, 2002. Arlen – an Associate University Librarian – has been with the University Libraries since 1994 as reference librarian and selector for American and British history. Prior to her tenure at the University of Florida, Arlen held positions as Head of Reference and Acting Head of Collection Management at the University of Oklahoma, in addition to serving in other positions there since 1979. Arlen holds graduate degrees in English, anthropology, and library science from the University of Oklahoma. She will lead a department with 14 staff. Arlen’s research focus is the Cambridge Ritualists.

Robert Shaddy named chair of special and area studies collections department

Dr. Robert A. Shaddy assumed the chair of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections in the George A. Smathers Libraries on September 9. Recruited after a nearly two-year search, Shaddy comes to the University of Florida from the University of Toledo, where he held positions as Director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections and as Chair of Interdisciplinary and Special Programs and Academic Skills Enhancement. Prior to his ten-year tenure at the University of Toledo, Shaddy held positions at Louisiana Tech University, University of Missouri-Columbia, and the State Historical Society of Missouri. Shaddy holds graduate degrees in history and library science, and received his doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in the area of American intellectual and cultural history. Shaddy – a University Librarian – brings an enviable record of achievement in both the areas of special collections and academic teaching and administration.

Check the libraries’ holiday hours:

www.uflib.ufl.edu/hours.html
University Libraries Statistics
2001-2002
(Includes Smathers Libraries, Health Science Center and Legal Information Center)

Volumes in Libraries
Volumes held June 30, 2002 ........................................ 3,950,350

Serials
Total number of current serials received ........................... 25,881

Audiovisual materials
Maps and aerial photographs ........................................ 757,016
Graphic .................................................................... 209,947
Audio ..................................................................... 26,121
Film and video .............................................................. 13,369

Expenditures
Total library materials .................................................. $11,148,617

Personnel
Total FTE staff ............................................................ 407

Reference
Number of reference transactions ................................. 145,974

Circulation
Number of initial circulations (excluding reserves) ............. 446,500

A full set of statistics, including historical information for the last forty years can be found at http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/arl/index.html. This web site, sponsored by the University of Virginia and the Association of Research Libraries, also provides graphs and comparisons with the statistics of other major libraries. For questions on library statistics, contact Steve Shorb, associate director for support services.