Welcome back to campus! It’s time for the annual update on the libraries. This year library staff will face one of the hardest years in memory. Construction of the new Library West addition will commence near the end of the first semester. A large number of library staff will be relocated in other buildings so that they can continue their work. At the same time, large numbers of books and other collections will be moved out of harm’s way so that serious building deficiencies in Library West can be corrected. The building will be tuck pointed and sealed, have new windows and a new environmental system installed, receive new lighting, renovated elevators, and increased computing facilities. There will be a quiet study facility for graduate students and much better grad student dissertation (Continued on page 2)

Architects’ rendering of the Library West addition facing north.
**Director’s Update** (Cont. from page 1)

studies. There will be a research collection of about 1.5 million volumes and seats for 1,500 faculty, students, and staff. With a small cafe on the main floor, we expect this to be a welcoming facility for students studying the humanities and social sciences. This work should be completed by spring 2006.

During the construction period, the implications for users will be significant. Library West will close as will the Library West parking lot. Access to library materials will be difficult and everyone will need to rely heavily on electronic books and journals, searching the electronic catalog rather than browsing, and paging from the print and microfilm collections that will be housed off-site. Reference and current periodicals, along with some user seating and computers will be housed on the main floor of Smathers Library. Circulation and receipt of paged and ILL materials will be housed in Marston Science Library.

The new floorplans for Library West will be posted on the libraries’ Web site. See the Construction Update link. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. You can reach me at dcanelas@ufl.edu.

In the spring, the libraries will be moving to a new automated library information system. Although this should be transparent to users, the way staff perform every library routine will change. Staff will spend the year undergoing extensive retraining to bring it up smoothly.

It promises to be a busy year as the libraries try to move forward on several fronts. Welcome back, and let us know how we can help you and your students.

Dale Canelas
Director of UF Libraries

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q.** Does the library have copies of UF theses & dissertations?

**A.** Yes, the library has always been committed to providing access to the theses and dissertations of UF students. While we offered these in book form in the past, we have also begun providing access to electronic ones through the library catalog. We will do so increasingly as the graduate school requirement for electronic submission comes into full effect. Please see article on page 8 for more about electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) or consult the following Web site about finding all theses and dissertations: [http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jgs/diss.html](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/jgs/diss.html).

**Q.** Is everything I access when searching on the Internet free?

**A.** No, while many Web pages are offered as free services from government agencies, etc., there are also now many significant scholarly resources that you can get to directly from UF-related computers only because of subscriptions arranged and paid for through the libraries.

**Q.** Are we still planning to get a new library building next to Library West?

**A.** Yes, plans are moving forward for the addition to and renovation of Library West. Check the libraries’ home page at [www.uflib.ufl.edu](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu) for construction updates.

Jimmie Lundgren
Resource Services

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Left: Architects’ rending of the Library West addition as seen from the northwest corner.

Below: Architects’ renderings of interior areas of the remodeled Library West.
In the construction chaos of the next few years, one collection currently located in Library West will continue to be available to its users, albeit in a different location. The Government Documents collection currently located on the second floor of Library West will move in October 2003 to the first floor of the Marston Science Library.

**Wireless, scanning, and GIS**

The newly renovated location will be a high technology user-friendly documents department providing innovative services to faculty and students. The new location will offer students and faculty a state-of-the art scanning station, computer workstations with DVD drives and GIS software, and the libraries’ first wireless study space.

**Merged federal documents**

The move will enable the merger of the federal documents in the Marston Science Library (the publications of the Department of Agriculture, NASA and other selected agencies) with the larger collection of documents now in Library West. Lack of space has prevented this more user-friendly arrangement in the past. Another happy merger will be that of the Documents Department and the Map & Imagery Library. Organizationally, these two units are in the same department; and services to users will be enhanced by proximity, especially in the area of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

**Individual consultations**

The government information specialists will provide in-depth reference service as well as individual consultations to faculty and students. Areas of specialization include Florida government, U.S. government, U.S. census, European Union, Web development, and GIS applications.

**Real-time reference service and Web sites**

The department will continue to provide its chat reference service, GovXpress – [http://govxpress.uflib.ufl.edu/govx/](http://govxpress.uflib.ufl.edu/govx/); its popular Web site Florida Electronic Federal Depository Library (FEFDL) – [http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/fefdl/](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/fefdl/), providing access to Florida State and local government information; and a comprehensive department Web site that provides state, federal, and international government information resources.

The Documents Department staff look forward to the improved service made possible by the new, renovated location and encourage faculty, students, and staff to make use of the department’s resources.

Jan Swanbeck and Shaun Saxon
Government Documents Department

**LEFT: Construction has begun on transforming part of the first floor of Marston Science Library to the Government Documents Department.**

**ABOVE: Future home of the Documents Department’s staff offices.**
University of Florida student arrives at Library West, logs into one of the public computers in the reference area, goes to WebCT and checks her class syllabus. She then searches some of the full text databases found on the UF Libraries' home page and finds some great articles for the class assignment. Next, she e-mails her articles to herself at home and e-mails the professor her citations just to make sure she is on the right track. She then begins to draft some notes for her paper in Word but interrupts that work to meet some friends and scan some pictures they need for their group presentation. They start to work on the presentation at the library computer that also has PowerPoint software. They will save their work to a CD before leaving the library.

This will all be possible when new services are added to the public computers on the first floor of Library West as part of an “Information Commons” pilot project beginning in fall semester 2003. Two high-speed color scanners will be available in Library West. Additional scanners for public use will be located in the Special Collections Department on the second floor of the Smathers Library and later in the Documents Department when it relocates to Marston Science Library. Users will be able to save scanned images and other large files to zip drives or burn them to CD-R/W drives available on selected computers. Due to popular demand, the Microsoft Office suite of software, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, will be added to twenty computers in Library West. These twenty multi-purpose workstations will also continue to be available for video class viewing, e-mail, and database searching, all on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that students wishing to listen to class lectures will need to bring their own headphones.

The George A. Smathers Libraries, in order to support the curricular and research requirements of the student body, is looking at innovative ways in which our computer centers can meet those needs. The multi-purpose computing workstation area, sometimes called an “Information Commons,” is a concept that combines productivity software and hardware with more traditional library database services. The pilot project should provide librarians with valuable information on use patterns and support desk needs. A larger information commons and digital studio facilities will be a vital part of the newly renovated third floor Library West Reference Department scheduled to reopen in January 2006. Although we are very excited about the new facilities, in the meantime we will not forget current needs and will strive to provide the university community with the very best in library computer services.

LeiLani Freund
H&S SSS Electronic Resources Librarian

The Information Commons pilot project will add onto selected computers:
- high-speed color scanners
- Zip drives
- CD-R/W drives
- Microsoft Office suite of software with Word, Excel and PowerPoint
Connect to library databases and e-journals from off campus

While most licensed library databases and e-journals are automatically accessible to UF faculty from their campus offices – just as if they were being used inside one of the UF Libraries – connecting from off campus requires using one of several available approaches that allow restricting access only to those who can verify current UF affiliation.

The link to “Remote Access” on the UF Libraries’ home page – http://www.uflib.ufl.edu – leads to details about the various options for dial-up and high-speed Internet access. Included on that page is a link to log in easily using the Primary Proxy (EZproxy), which many have found to be the easiest way to connect. This library service has recently been upgraded and may now be used with all database services, including ones that it could not be used with last year (e.g. FirstSearch).

The UF Virtual Private Network (VPN) option is also an excellent approach. While it requires downloading some software from UF to get started, installation is not difficult, and logging on using your GatorLink account after installation is easy.

Regardless of the connection approach you select, be sure to prepare for accessing these resources from off campus by obtaining a GatorLink account and activating the 14-digit library number on your Gator 1 Card. Details of how to do this are available on the “Remote Access” page.

Rich Bennett
Systems

Legal Information Center Expansion (Cont. from page 9)

state and UF monies, the project will include extensive renovation of existing space and infill construction between the current separate Bruton-Geer Hall and Holland Hall buildings in the college.

In addition to the expansion of the Legal Information Center the project will provide 16 new classrooms with state of the art teaching and communication capabilities, a “new” entrance to the college on the west side, a 4,000 square foot atrium which will serve as the entry to the new library space and classrooms, a plaza with green space and a new staff parking area. The entire project has also been designed to comply with standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

For additional information about the project, including images and a “fly through” of the new facility as it is projected to look, go to the UF Facilities Planning and Construction site at: http://www.ufspace.ufl.edu/fpcweb/viewprj.jsp?prj=1032.

Patrick Reakes
Journalism and Communications Library

Look for SFX

A revolutionary new service enabling easier linking among the UF Libraries’ many Web resources will be introduced in early fall semester.

For example, when using an article index database that only includes citations/abstracts (i.e. no actual full text of articles), clicking the SFX button will result in a special search to check if the full text of the article has been licensed from another database service or E-Journal publisher that UF students, staff, and faculty may access. And if full text is accessible, a link to the article itself (or at least to the service containing the article) will be available. In addition, links that will automatically search the UF Libraries’ catalog for records of locally owned copies of the journal title will be available for easy checking.

While the initial implementation will emphasize enhancing the delivery of article full text, offering other SFX services will be explored as we become more familiar with possibilities of this new technology.

Not all database services available at UF are yet compatible with the SFX technology, but the SFX button will begin to appear in many of our large services (e.g. FirstSearch, EUREKA, and Cambridge Scientific Abstracts). Watch for announcements on the UF Libraries’ home page.

So when you see the button, click it and see what happens!

Rich Bennett
Systems
Have you checked out an electronic book lately?

Electronic books (e-books) are digital versions of books. Some are available from the Internet through subscription or purchase. Others, like older works in the public domain, are available free. Numerous Web sites offer “libraries” of e-books; there are sites that link to a broad variety of titles and others that specialize in certain kinds of works. The libraries have purchased access to a very large collection called NetLibrary, and several specialized collections such as Early English Books Online and American Women’s Letters and Diaries.

NetLibrary
http://www.netlibrary.com/index.asp

Over 30,000 e-books in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences are currently available online via NetLibrary. Many of these are scholarly works published within the last 10 years; the database also includes popular guides to tests (like the SAT and TOEFL), software, careers, and even includes Cliff’s Notes. The public domain works offered by Project Gutenberg are also accessible through NetLibrary in an easy-to-read format, but are listed only in the NetLibrary database and not in our library catalog as the current NetLibrary e-books are.

Early English Books Online
http://wwwlib.umi.com/eboo/search/basic

EEBO is a database of full text works published between 1473 and 1700, that were printed in English or in England. Also known as the Pollard & Redgrave and Wing short title catalogs (and now including the politically sensitive literature in the Thomason Tracts), each volume is now accessible in facsimile form. With more titles being added every year, there are currently 125,000 volumes online. UF students and faculty can download these files to a hard drive. Subjects cover anything of interest during this early modern period, including histories, herbs, prayer books, ballads and songs, works of cookery, falconry, and dancing. There are even lists of provisions to take (with costs) when moving to the American colonies. One document dated 1622 recommends that each man have a “Monmouth Cap,” three shirts, one “waste-coate,” one “suite” each of Canvase, Frize, and Cloth, “Three paire of Irish stockins” and, along with musket and sword, “Twenty pound of powder” and “Sixty pound of shot or lead, Pistoll and Goose shot.” A collateral database, the EEBO Text Creation Partnership (http://www.lib.umich.edu/eebo/), consists of searchable/readable editions that link to corresponding page facsimiles in the larger EEBO database; currently several thousand EEBO texts have been transcribed in this manner.

North American Women’s Letters and Diaries
http://wwwalexanderstreet2.com/NWLDLive/index.html

This online database of primary materials records the daily lives of 1,017 women, drawn from several hundred sources, much of it previously unpublished. All ages and ethnicities are represented and the experiences documented cover many geographical regions. Searching is also available by historical and personal events (such as marriage, travel, and death of parent).

Coming soon!
Watch for the Wright American Fiction Project
http://www.letrs.indiana.edu/web/w/wright2/

This is an online collection that will eventually include practically every novel published in the U.S. from 1851 to 1875. Almost 3,000 volumes have been digitized so far. Many are fully edited and available for searching and browsing, using the digital page images.

In addition, UF Libraries are a leading participant in a statewide initiative to digitize materials from university library collections in Florida, called the PALMM Project.

PALMM
http://palmm.fcla.edu/collection.html

PALMM is an ongoing cooperative initiative of the public universities of Florida to provide free digital access to important source materials for research and scholarship. PALMM is an acronym for Publication of Archival, Library & Museum Materials. PALMM projects range in topic from geology to children’s literature, in format from books to photographs to antique maps. Patrons may search in the UF online catalog for any of the items in these collections, or go to the collection Web sites and search there. Most items are available both in html and pdf format for better

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The largest projects so far are the Florida Heritage Collection and the Linking Florida's Natural Heritage Collection (LFNH). Publications of the Florida Geological Survey and many early publications on Florida agriculture and engineering are already included in LFNH, and thus now listed in our catalog with the links to the actual materials.

Find e-books by clicking on the e-books Web page on the libraries' home page. The libraries' catalog also includes links to books in NetLibrary, Early English Books Online, PALMM, and some other collections.

An electronic book must be read using either a computer or a special reading device. Most e-book users will simply use their personal computer for accessing, reading, studying and printing excerpts from e-books. However, there is a growing demand for a more portable option such as one of the Gemstar readers, SoftBook, Everybook, or eBookMan, and most PDAs offer e-book reader software.

Shelley Arlen
Jimmie Lundgren
Alice Primack

Privacy and compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act and related legislation

The University of Florida Libraries have long adhered to the principle and tradition of protecting the privacy of library patrons and maintaining the confidentiality of library records as provided under Section 257.261 of the Florida Statutes and affirmed by the American Library Association’s Code of Ethics. UF’s library management systems are constructed so that information about the materials an individual borrows is destroyed when the materials are returned. Staff will not disclose information about library patrons or the library materials they are using except:

- to the library patron him/herself;
- to library staff to provide necessary service to the patron;
- to any other entity only as required by law.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, the federal government received greatly expanded authority for surveillance and access to records (including library records). PL 107.56, the USA PATRIOT Act (The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001) and related legislation amend 15 federal statutes and override state library confidentiality laws protecting library records. It allows the FBI to obtain a search warrant for “any tangible thing” and to compel the library to produce library circulation records, Internet use records and registration information stored in any medium. The Act does not require the agent to demonstrate “probable cause” to obtain records, and it prohibits the library from disclosing that records were produced as the result of a search warrant.

The libraries have reviewed and revised policies and procedures to comply with changes in the law. If library staff are approached by a federal law enforcement or government official and asked for information about patrons or about library materials or computer information they have borrowed or used, the staff member will request identification and refer the person to the Office of the Director of Libraries (or on nights or weekends to the University Police Department). The Director will respond, working under guidelines of and in concert with the Office of the General Counsel of the university.

To reflect policy and procedure changes resulting from changes in the law, the library Privacy Policy (http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/privacy.html) has been revised and updated, and a notice concerning privacy and compliance with the law now appears on all library computers when patrons log on.


Carol Turner
Associate Director for Public Services
Electronic thesis or dissertation (ETDs)

What exactly is an ETD? Could it be a new strain of influenza? Have you heard of extra-terrestrial dementia? Not another recently discovered disease...

An electronic thesis or dissertation, ETD, provides a technologically advanced medium for presenting research documents. An ETD is the electronic version of the paper thesis or dissertation. The content can still include figures, tables, footnotes and references. It has a title page with the author’s name, the official name of the university, the degree sought and the names of the committee members. An ETD also documents the author’s years of academic commitment, and it describes why the work was done, how the research relates to previous work as recorded in the literature, the research methods used, the results, the interpretation and discussion of the results, and a summary with conclusions.

The ETD can be prepared using nearly any word processor or document preparation system and easily accommodates links to relevant multimedia objects. In contrast to the traditional paper version, ETDs are less expensive to prepare thereby eliminating the need for multiple copies of a thesis or dissertation on 100 percent cotton bond paper. In addition, they consume virtually no library shelf space, never collect dust, and they are available to anyone who can browse the Web.

At the UF Graduate Council’s meeting in October 2000, the Council authorized requiring electronic theses and dissertations from all graduate students who enter the university in the fall 2001 and after. The policy aims to encourage wide dissemination of UF graduate research on the Web. Since the fall of 2001 requirement, the UF Libraries have processed 774 ETDs, which are accessible online at http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/etd.html.

The ETD process is a collaborative, coordinated effort on the UF campus, involving the Graduate School, the Libraries, the Center for Instructional and Research Computing Activities and the Florida Center for Library Automation. Our campus ETD efforts are likewise underway at universities around the world.

UF has been a member of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) since 1997. The NDLTD’s goal is to improve graduate education worldwide by developing accessible digital libraries of theses and dissertations. The NDLTD, which can be found online at http://www.ndltd.org/, is comprised of 185 members, which includes 161 member universities, of which 6 are consortia, and 24 institutions. The main objectives of the NDLTD members are to improve graduate education by allowing students to produce electronic documents, use digital libraries, and understand issues in publishing; to increase the availability of student research for scholars and to preserve it electronically; to lower the cost of submitting and handling theses and dissertations; to empower students to convey a richer message through the use of multimedia and hypermedia technologies; to empower universities to unlock their information resources; and to advance digital library technology.

UF’s electronic dissertations are also included in the UMI Proquest Dissertation Abstracts Database at http://wwwlib.umi.com/cr/ufl/about_cresearch. UMI’s ProQuest Digital Dissertations is a digital library of dissertations and theses submitted to UMI for publication. Current Research is one part of the ProQuest Digital Dissertations initiative that accepts new dissertations and theses submitted in digital format, digitizes new titles submitted in paper and converts them to Adobe Acrobat™ PDF format, and provides access to the Dissertation Abstracts database through the Web. The site allows users to preview the first 24 pages of each title (from 1996 on) and delivers full-text digital copies through the Web for free to authorized users for their own school’s, and all others are available for purchase (from 1996 on).

At the state level, the Florida Center for Library Automation is committed to building the technical infrastructure to provide a digital archive for UF’s electronic theses and dissertations as well as those of the other state universities in Florida. As part of that development, a database of ETDs from throughout Florida will be developed.

The UF ETD collection begins the process of redefining how our university research is archived, distributed and integrated into the greater body of scholarship in the Internet world.

Martha Hruska
Associate Director for Technical Services
and Mandelyn Hutcherson
Upcoming

Dr. William Mendenhall Statistics Exhibit
September 1-30, 2003
Marston Science Library

The exhibit features the statistics books written by professor emeritus Dr. William Mendenhall. Mendenhall was the first chair of the Statistics Department at the University of Florida, from 1963 until 1977. He is well known as one of the most prolific textbook authors in statistics. Dr. Mendenhall recently donated copies of his collection to the George A. Smathers Libraries.

University Archives Sesquicentennial Exhibit
“Gator Life: An exploration of student culture at the University of Florida from 1853 to the present”
October 1 through December, 2003
Smathers Library (East) Special Collections Exhibit
Area – 2nd floor

Special attention will be given to the university’s predecessor institutions, the East Florida Seminary and the Florida Agricultural College. There will also be exhibit cases on dorm life, haunts and hangouts, campus politics, student activism, and other extracurricular topics. The student as a student will also be explored. The exhibit will include artifacts, photographs, posters and documents from the University Archives, prepared by Carl Van Ness, university archivist. Marston Science Library and the Library West will feature companion exhibits during October.

UF Libraries Seminar Series
Thursday, October 2, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Smathers Library Special Collections exhibit area

In conjunction with a reception for the Archives exhibit, Carl Van Ness and English professor Kevin McCarthy will discuss collaboration and research for their recently published book, Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future. McCarthy has published 29 books, including African Americans at the University of Florida. He is the UF Alumni Association’s 13th Distinguished Alumni Professor.

Author Lecture and Reception
Sunday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.
Smathers Library Special Collections Research Room

Eliot Kleinberg, Florida author and reporter for the Palm Beach Post, will speak about his latest book, Black Cloud, The Great Florida Hurricane of 1928, a new narrative history of the hurricane that devastated the Okeechobee area. An autographing session will follow the talk. Kleinberg, son of the storied Florida reporter, Howard Kleinberg, has written or contributed to six books, all of them focusing on Florida and Florida’s history: Pioneers in Paradise, Florida Fun Facts, Historical Traveler’s Guide to Florida, Weird Florida, War in Paradise, and Our Florida. He is a member of the Florida, South Florida, and Palm Beach County historical societies. The program is sponsored by the Howe Society, a support organization of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections.

UF Legal Information Center breaks ground for expansion

Construction has begun on the expansion of the University of Florida Legal Information Center in the Levin College of Law. Work started July 7th on the $22 million dollar plus renovation and expansion, which will almost double the size of the present facility. Although it is currently among the three largest academic law libraries in the Southeast, the growth and expansion of the collection had reached the point where it had outgrown the existing facility. This was reinforced during American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation inspections when ABA representatives noted that the facility lacked adequate quality space. At the completion of the project, estimated to be in March of 2005, the library will equal or surpass the law libraries at peer institutions in size, space quality and technological capabilities.

A collaborative process was used in the planning and design of the new facility, utilizing input from the UF College of Architecture and soliciting feedback from the college’s faculty, staff, students and trustees; UF administration; and the relevant UF campus-wide committees that review and comment on all building projects on campus. Funded by private support and supplemented with

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Victor holds a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh and a master’s degree in medieval studies from the University of Connecticut. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Western Connecticut State University and a graduate teaching certificate in English secondary education. Victor has a strong interest in teaching and instruction and has spent time as a high school English teacher and a personal trainer.

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Both Victor and Salcedo will assist in providing reference services to the UF community, participate in H&SSS Reference collection management and play a major role in the Library West general library instruction program.

Paul S. Losch will be handling all the daily management of the Latin American Collection (LAC) in his new position as Collections Operations Librarian. Losch, who has been with the libraries since 2000, first as senior technical assistant and then as acting operations librarian, has an extensive background in Portuguese and Spanish. He lived in Brazil for three years (1995-1997), where he taught English as a second language at the Pan American School of Bahia. This summer he went back to Rio de Janeiro for three weeks to help the Library of Congress with its “Popular Groups” collection. For the past twenty years, the Library of Congress has been microfilming newsletters and pamphlets produced by political parties and social action groups in Brazil. Losch organized and prepared the most recent acquisitions for filming. His wife, Joelma, born and raised in Brazil, and their son William, accompanied him on the trip. Back here in Florida, they all attended Losch’s master’s of library science graduation ceremony at Florida State University on August 2, 2003.

Losch takes up his duties at a time of transition in the Latin American Collection. The LAC reading room will probably experience additional traffic this year when Library West closes for renovation and students begin searching for other study spaces. Some staff from Library West will also be transferring their offices over to LAC. Besides running the collection’s daily public and technical services, Losch has plans to update the Latin American Web pages and continues his work as an indexer for the Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI).

“Paul has deep ties to Latin America,” notes Richard Phillips, Head of the Latin American Collection, “and brings excellent language skills and computer interests to this position.”

James Casick
Department of Special and Area Studies Collections

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Faculty may borrow most materials for up to six months.

Most items are due April 1 or October 1.
John R. Nemmers has been appointed the new Technical and Descriptive Services Archivist in the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections.

Nemmers comes to UF from the Claude Pepper Library at FSU, where he has been project archivist since 1998. Under Nemmers’ direction, much of the massive assemblage of papers chronicling Pepper’s political career have been made available online. Nemmers also worked with the Florida Center for Library Automation to establish state guidelines on how to create electronic versions of manuscript finding aids. He will now be applying his skills to the wealth of twentieth century political papers housed at UF.

“I am thrilled to be coming to Special Collections,” he said. “This department stands out among special collections and archives in the state, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.”

Nemmers’ talents with Electronic Archival Description (EAD) and Web page design will be a boon for the department, which has long wanted to update and standardize the way it presents manuscript material online. His experience with processing large collections, his computer skills, and his familiarity with Florida history “make him a perfect fit for this department,” said Carl Van Ness, head of the manuscripts section.

Julia Allen has joined us as Technology Services Coordinator in the Resource Services Dept., Central Bibliographic Services Section. She recently completed her master’s degree in information studies at FSU with concentration in information architecture. Her bachelor’s degree was earned at UF in anthropology with a minor in philosophy. Her secondary education was primarily in Italy, where her mother was teaching.

Allen’s face is not exactly new in the libraries since she has worked with us for the past year purchasing monographs in the Acquisitions Section where her communication skills, especially in foreign languages, were a strong asset. Previously, she had worked in the Legal Information Center where she assisted in government documents and cataloging activities.

In her new position Allen will be working with Phek Su to find and implement ever more effective and efficient methods for acquiring and cataloging information resources for our users. She will work closely with Resource Services managers and those in Systems and the Digital Library Center to optimize data loads, management reports and workflows for networked library information. She will especially work to smooth our path to new workflows and tools as we begin using ALEPH, our new library management system/catalog, next spring. In the field of information studies, Allen is interested in information retrieval systems research. Her outside interests include forensic science, running, and foreign films.

Paul Kirk has been appointed as Assistant University Librarian in Marston Science Library (MSL). His chief responsibilities are to provide reference service and user training and to select materials in the subject area of geology. He has already demonstrated important contributions in all these areas during the past three years when he served as a visiting librarian at Marston. His educational background includes a master’s degree in geology from the University of South Carolina and extensive studies towards a Ph.D. in geochemistry from the University of Florida. He is pursuing a master’s degree in library and information science at the University of South Florida. Kirk brings to the library strong automation skills and great enthusiasm for helping our users meet their needs. Prior to coming to the libraries, Paul worked to provide hardware/software support in the office of the Vice President for Health Affairs.

Julia Allen has joined us as Technology Services Coordinator in the Resource Services Dept., Central Bibliographic Services Section. She recently completed her master’s degree in information studies at FSU with concentration in information architecture. Her bachelor’s degree was earned at UF in anthropology with a minor in philosophy. Her secondary education was primarily in Italy, where her mother was teaching.

Allen’s face is not exactly new in the libraries since she has worked with us for the past year purchasing monographs in the Acquisitions Section where her communication skills, especially in foreign languages, were a strong asset. Previously, she had worked in the Legal Information Center where she assisted in government documents and cataloging activities.

In her new position Allen will be working with Phek Su to find and implement ever more effective and efficient methods for acquiring and cataloging information resources for our users. She will work closely with Resource Services managers and those in Systems and the Digital Library Center to optimize data loads, management reports and workflows for networked library information. She will especially work to smooth our path to new workflows and tools as we begin using ALEPH, our new library management system/catalog, next spring. In the field of information studies, Allen is interested in information retrieval systems research. Her outside interests include forensic science, running, and foreign films.
Library orientations for new faculty and students

Come to an orientation to learn which of the libraries is best for you to use and what library services are available, and to try out using some information resources on computers. Learn how you can use the libraries from home. Take a library tour to learn about how it’s all arranged. Find out how to get help when you need it. All this and more is included in each session listed below – choose either location at any of the following dates and times.

**Library West room 148:**
- September 3 (Wednesday) 9:35-10:25am
- September 4 (Thursday) 12:50-1:40pm
- September 9 (Tuesday) 10:40-11:30am
- September 10 (Wednesday) 3-3:50pm

**Marston Science Library room 308:**
- September 3 (Wednesday) 1:55-2:45pm
- September 4 (Thursday) 9:35-10:25am
- September 9 (Tuesday) 4:05-4:55pm
- September 10 (Wednesday) 11:45-12:35

All subject areas are covered and no registration is needed. Please bring your Gator 1 card so you can log in to the computers. For more information call an Information Desk at 392-0361 (Library West) or 392-2836 (Marston Science Library).

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