



# Information Links

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## SciFinder® Scholar Trial Results

The SciFinder® Scholar search engine searches about 9,000 journals in the physical and biological sciences, with far greater power than any tool now available through the Library. Snapshots of SciFinder® Scholar, through the eyes of a few of the thirty-eight faculty and students who used it during a recent one-month trial, show something of its potential value to research at Florida Tech: "If indeed we are to become one of the top technical universities in the world as President Catanese recently was quoted as saying, then we absolutely must have SCIFINDER SCHOLAR" (graduate student). "I was quite pleased with the fact that [the students] were all content with the potential of SciFinder and especially considering the fact that they are all from differing departments: chemical engineering, molecular biology, marine biology, environmental science and even psychology" (faculty member). "SciFinder would be a great addition to our research. . . . Current up-to-date data, of course, would keep us on top of our field and would enhance the current graduate courses that I teach, publications I publish, proposals and progress reports that I submit to NIH and other agencies. The bottom line is that we can constantly explore ideas that could develop into proposals, publications, etc" (Dr. Joshua Rokach, Director, Claude Pepper Institute). "I could actually draw the structure of the compounds that I was interested in and SciFinder responded with amazing results. . . . I can only imagine what it would mean to a graduate student" (undergraduate student). "I am graduating this semester and would have loved to have had access to a program like this one while working on my undergraduate degree" (undergraduate student). "A search that took 2 hours to complete in Chemical Abstracts took 2 minutes with SciFinder® Scholar" (library faculty).

At an annual cost of \$61,800 for three concurrent users, SciFinder® Scholar will be found in the libraries of many of our would-be peer institutions: MIT, Georgia Tech, Cal Tech, Carnegie-Mellon, RPI, Case-Western Reserve, North Carolina State, Purdue, Virginia Tech, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Texas A & M, and Rice. Some smaller schools including Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Michigan Technological University subscribe to SciFinder® Scholar. One day, the Evans Library will license access to SciFinder® Scholar.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Caline Song*

## EVANS LIBRARY DISPLAYS

"Congressional Hearings Target Terrorism" is the theme of a brand-new third-floor federal depository display that features government hearings and studies on terrorism, security of U.S. infrastructure, and new laws passed in the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center. Topics include cyber-terrorism, bio-terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, identity fraud, protection of water and food supplies, and the security of transit systems, nuclear facilities, and more. Displayed publications may be checked out.

Featuring School of Management information resources, the "Want SOM Information? Got SOM Information!" display continues in the Library lobby. This display showcases books, government information, journals, databases, and Internet site references that span such areas of interest as accounting, business law, ethics, and etiquette, and new business enterprises.

The popular "Women's Writes" display also continues in the lobby. Highlighting the works of women authors, this display contains materials from the Library's Sasha McInnes collection, classic and contemporary fiction and non-fiction, and biographical information on female writers. Hung nearby is a quilt featuring book jacket art from the covers of Sasha McInnes collection books.

### APRIL 15 - TAXES DEADLINE COMING SOON!

The Library's Federal Depository Library Program continues to offer a selection of United States income tax forms and instructions. Patrons are welcome to take whatever they need from the display near the Library's stairwell. Online submission of tax forms and printouts of forms not available in print from the Library can be accessed at the IRS website. The U.S. Income Tax Forms and Instructions link can be found under "Library News" on the Library Information Network (LINK).

### DATES SET FOR SUMMER 2003 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Thursday evening, June 26, and Friday morning, June 27, have been set as the dates and times for the Summer 2003 graduate research workshops. All interested master's and doctoral students are invited to visit the LINK for more information.

## COOK IT BY THE BOOK II

It's not too late to buy a copy (or two) of the Evans Library's popular cookbook, "Cook It by the Book II". This \$10.00 book can

be purchased at the Library's Service Desk and at the Florida Tech campus bookstore. Additionally, to place an order for this 64-page book, individuals may send an email message to Natalie Madden at nmadden@fit.edu, call 321-674-8086, stop by the

Library, or complete the online order form on the LINK.

Currently in the Library's north foyer is a display case that features cookbook highlights, inspiring quotations, and a marvelous collection of culinary accouterments.

Proceeds from the sale of cookbooks, the Creative Source photographic cards, and works of art from the Brevard Watercolor Society exhibit benefit the Library's funds.

*"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found."*  
- Calvin Trillin, journalist, storyteller, and author of the "Tummy Trilogy".



## UPCOMING SPECIAL HOURS

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 a.m.

The Evans Library will open at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 20.

In conjunction with the final examination schedule, the Library will extend its hours in April and May. From Monday, April 21, through Thursday, April 24, AND from Sunday, April 27, through Thursday, May 1, the Library will open at its normal time but will remain open until 2:00 a.m. On Friday, April 25, and on Saturday, April 26, the Library will remain open until midnight.

Regular library hours are:

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m. - midnight
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - midnight

Looking ahead, from Saturday, May 3, through Sunday, May 11, the Library will observe break hours. It will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will be closed on the weekends.

