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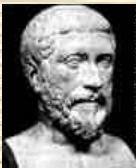
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SUMMER 2003 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP - DEADLINE JUNE 24

The deadline approaches for the Library's Summer 2003 graduate research workshops. Reservations are required and must be made by Tuesday, June 24. This summer's workshop will be held on Thursday evening, June 26, and Friday morning, June 27. Details can be found at www.lib.fit.edu/workshops/grwsummer2003.pdf, on the LINK, or at the Service Desk.

LIBRARY'S FIRST INTERACTIVE DISPLAY



Pythagoras

"Mathematics – It All Adds Up" is the theme of the newest library display. A wonderful assortment of mathematical realia complements a wide variety of information resources. Quotes from mathematicians throughout history add interest as well. Display designers wonder if there are those who are *equal* to the challenge of solving a weekly mathematical puzzle. Each week through August 31st, a new puzzle, along with previous weeks' solutions, will be presented.

The colorful "Indian River Lagoon" display continues through July 31st. This presentation delivers a visual treat featuring books, government documents, journals, and Internet site references that emphasize the fragility as well as the ecological importance of this National Estuary Program lagoon. Photographs and a wonderful variety of information resources highlight the flora and fauna of the Indian River Lagoon, explain its rich history, and promote the many environmental plans and groups working to maintain this wonderland.

LIBRARY'S EXTENDED HOURS SERVE MANY!

Over 2200 students took advantage of the Library's April and May extended hours. Staff and student government volunteers worked together to keep the library open beyond normal hours to help meet the higher demand for study time and information resources.

SUMMER HOURS

Summer semester hours are:

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00
Saturday	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

ART OF AMERICA DISPLAY



Artist: Bristow Adams
1875 - 1957

This romantic image of a young ballplayer was created to promote Mercersburg Academy, a preparatory school in Pennsylvania founded in 1893 by Dr. William Mann Irvine.
Source: <http://nmao-ryder.si.edu>

The Federal Depository collection at the Evans Library now features a display on "Art of America." Government posters and books illustrate works by American artists and other art owned or exhibited by the United States. Included are historical works of individual artists, ethnic groups, and locales as well as art created with various media. Some featured pieces were commissioned by federal government agencies such as the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior. Government Information Librarian Debra Wooldridge encourages everyone to stop by the Library's third floor to see how the United States has supported art.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



An addition to the collection that needs no introduction: the 20-volume second edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), is located in the reference collection at REF PE1625 O94 2002. So let me introduce the companion to the printed edition: the OED on CD-ROM (2nd ed., version 3.0). The Library has a single-user license to this remarkable tool that contains the entire 20-volume text, searches for words anywhere in the full text of the Dictionary; searches for adjacencies; uses wildcards, and much more. For a quick preview, I searched for Arabic influences on the English language. One hundred seventy-six meanings appear in an instant response to a search for Arabic etymologies. A few: 'algebra' (of course), 'loofah,' 'saffron,' 'typhoon,' 'syrup,' the onomatopoeic 'popinjay,' and the stuff of the brain, 'dura mater,' 'pia mater.' 'Muslin,' for example, the most delicately woven of cotton fabrics, takes its name from Mosul in Iraq, where the fabric was first loomed. Arabic is the probable source for the 20th of thirty-two meanings of the noun, 'water,' the luster and transparency common to fine pearls, as in 'pearls of the first water.' Consult the Service Desk for access to this remarkable CD.

OED aficionados will enjoy The Professor and the Madman, by Simon Winchester, an account of James Murray, the OED's first editor, who spent more than 40 years of his life on the project, and Dr. W. C. Minor, who provided thousands of entries to the OED. Dr. Minor, an American expatriate in England and a Civil War veteran, turned in his dictionary entries from his home in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Celine Song

NEW DATABASE - EMERALD FULLTEXT

The Evans Library is pleased to announce the addition of the database, Emerald Fulltext, to the Library Information Network (the LINK). This database provides access to 40,000+ articles from over 100 leading journals in management, human resource management, marketing, library and information services, mechanical engineering, and electrical engineering. Full-text archives are available from 1994 onward, and archives of abstracts are available from 1989. Acquisition of this database was made possible through the Library's membership in the SOLINET consortium. Emerald Fulltext is available on the LINK (www.lib.fit.edu) under DATA-BASES. Access is limited to the Melbourne Campus.

COOK IT BY THE BOOK II SALES CONTINUE

The Evans Library's popular "Cook It by the Book II" cookbook is still available for just \$10.00. Cookbooks may 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 a 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 (www.lib.fit.edu). Currently in the north foyer is a display case that features cookbook excerpts, entertaining quotations, and a wonderful assortment of culinary accouterments.

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