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From the Director's Desk : NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Faculty participants in the April 2002 focus groups urged the Library to add electronic resources to improve the scope and reach of information services for teaching and research. Participants in the Academic Information Technology Committee May 2003 retreat also urged the Library to add electronic databases and journals to the Library Information Network (LINK). University leadership has heard the voice of the faculty and has enabled the Library to add some excellent databases to the LINK. Please try them out! You and your students can now access the following full-text databases:

- IEEE/IEE Electronic Library (1988 – present; replaces print IEEE titles and adds much more);
- PsycArticles & ProQuest Psychology Journals (complements PsycINFO with full-text journals);
- SciFinder Scholar (substructure, reaction, and polymer searching of Chemical Abstracts; by popular faculty and student demand); and Wilson Omnifile (1982 – present; 1,600 full-text publications; replaces print Reader's Guide, Business Periodicals Index, and more).

New bibliographic databases include:

- Biological Abstracts (current year; complements print);
- Cambridge Scientific Abstracts: Aerospace and High Technology (1962 – present; replaces print International Aerospace Abstracts and adds much more); and
- Cambridge Scientific Abstracts: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries (1971 – present; replaces print Oceanic Abstracts and adds much more).

Licenses have been extended for old favorites such as ProQuest, Engineering Village 2, Literature Resource Center, FirstSearch, Emerald, and Newsstand.

October Library Hours

Regular semester hours are:

Monday - 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

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Last Call to Register!

The Fall 2003 Graduate Research Workshop dates are quickly approaching. The **deadline** to register is Monday, October 6th. This is the first semester the workshop is being offered during three different dates and times: October 9th, 10th, and 11th. For more information on the workshop, go to <http://www.lib.fit.edu>. To register, submit the online form available at <http://www.lib.fit.edu/workshops/cfm/>, stop at the Service Desk to pick up a form, or contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or x7656.

Library Displays

It's not too late to check out any of the three information-packed displays currently on the first floor of the Library.

The very popular '[Banned Books](#)' display continues to attract patrons who pause to peer into the torn-papered display and write such comments as "Excellent, informative display. I didn't realize books could still be banned in the U.S." and "Who bans this stuff anyway? Literature is an important form of human expression. Great display!" All are encouraged to take a peek inside the display before November 1st and learn why such books such as "Little Red Riding Hood" have been banned or challenged.

Spectacularly distinct images of moons, constellations, solar systems, and planets are only some of the phenomena presented in computerized and artifact form in the '[Astronomy and Astrophysics](#)' display being presented in the Library lobby until November 30th. Books, periodicals, government documents, Internet information, and other library resources provide spectators with the initial 'blast off' for a journey into the beyond. Dr. Terry Oswalt edited the 2003 three-volume set, "The Future of Small Telescopes in the New Millennium", and Dr. Joseph Angelo, Jr. wrote the 2002 "The Facts on File Space and Astronomy Handbook", both of which are included in the case.

Until November 1st the colorful '[Caribbean Authors](#)' display (located in the north entrance of the Library) will continue to reflect the tropical sights and sounds of this diverse region. Florida Tech's Caribbean Students Association (CSA) recently contributed monies that were used to purchase Library books written by Caribbean authors. This opportunity acquaints patrons with such biographical and fictional writers as Jamaica Kinkaid, Dionne Brand, Sam Selvon, and more.

Welcome!

The Evans Library is pleased to welcome **Nancy Cook**, Instruction Librarian, and **James Miller**, Patron Access Assistant. Nancy Cook comes to the Evans Library from the Hanley Library at the University of Pittsburgh - Bradford, where she was a Systems and Reference Librarian. James Miller's background is in network systems engineering at Coastal Carolina University and is currently pursuing a degree in history and politics.