



# INFORMATION LINKS

## NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE EVANS LIBRARY

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Twenty-three faculty attended the Library's Faculty Focus Groups last week. Faculty from every college and school and twelve disciplines gathered to discuss information resources needed for research and teaching. A full report on our findings will be available soon. Here are a few highlights. Some faculty came to champion a resource that we now have: "I came to show support for SciFinder." SciFinder "was essential in preparing an interdisciplinary proposal. The proposal could not have been done without it. SciFinder Scholar will help in attempting to get more research funding at Florida Tech." The Library's proposed budget for FY05 includes the \$45,000 needed to continue our single-user site license to SciFinder Scholar. Other faculty brought requests for specific books and journal titles. Some brought their Library 'money' to cover the costs, and these items will be purchased immediately.

The other requested items will be added to our wish-list for future purchases. Many faculty brought questions:

"What would it cost to add all Elsevier titles in print and electronic formats?" The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000 per year. Others brought cheerful news: "The Evans Library's Science Citation Index is better and more complete than UCF." "The Library comes through 110% to help." "The wireless network is great!" FYI: we've had patrons outside the Library accessing the wireless signal from within the Library, when the Library is closed and locked. Some faculty offered to help us: to send over desk copies and duplicates of textbooks to be added to the collection; to lobby the Administration for needed resources; to review donated materials, including a recent excellent collection in military science. One faculty member commented: "The Library is the heart and soul of the university." I would say that the Library shares that honor with the faculty and the students.

Thank you, one and all, and warmest holiday wishes.

"WHAT WE ACHIEVE INWARDLY WILL CHANGE OUTER REALITY." - OTTO RANK

### SPRING 2003 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP - DATES ANNOUNCED

The Library's Spring 2004 graduate research workshops will be held on Friday, February 6, 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. and on Saturday, February 7, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon. These free workshops will take place in the Library's Edwin A. Link Multimedia Room. Additional information and a registration form may be found on the Library Information NetworK (LINK) ([www.lib.fit.edu](http://www.lib.fit.edu)) or at the Service Desk. Geared toward the research needs of graduate students, especially those preparing theses and dissertations, these two identical sessions will involve three distinct one-hour modules - 1) research essentials, 2) LINK features, resources, and services, and 3) subject-specific break-out sessions. For more information or registration, graduate students who are interested may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at [jsavage@fit.edu](mailto:jsavage@fit.edu) or at x7656. Reservations are required, by Tuesday, February 3, and should include name, the last four digits of the Florida Tech ID number, email address, phone number(s), modules desired to attend, date of requested workshop, and student's program of study.

### DISPLAYS

"I had," said he, "come to an entirely erroneous conclusion which shows, my dear Watson, how dangerous it always is to reason from insufficient data." With these words from his book, "The Adventure of the Speckled Band", Sir Arthur Conan Doyle provides readers with a glimpse into the world of forensic psychology. Florida Tech's School of Psychology's new degree program, **Forensic Psychology**, is the focus of the Evans Library's brand-new display, which will be available through February 2004. Books, journals, government documents, and Internet sites provide clues to the worlds of the criminal, the victim, the detective, the criminologist, the sociologist, and the legal aspects of all concerned. A complete Web archive of Library displays is front and center – on the LINK ([www.lib.fit.edu](http://www.lib.fit.edu)).

Located near the north foyer is an on-going display featuring the Library's cookbook, **Cook It by the Book II**. Less than 100 copies remain for sale! For \$10, buyers may enjoy tried-and-true recipes submitted by the families of the current and former Florida Tech presidents and every Library staff member. To order, individuals may send an email message to Natalie Madden at [nmadden@fit.edu](mailto:nmadden@fit.edu), call 321-674-8086, stop by the Library, or complete an online order form on the LINK.

Continuing on the Library's first floor is a display celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight, "Aviation: The History of Flight." Photographs, books, periodicals, government information, multimedia materials, Internet sites, and artifacts chronicle early aeronautical development and the pioneers who began the historical journey that continues to this day at Florida Tech.

### FLORIDA TECH'S FEDERAL DEPOSITORY MARKS 40<sup>th</sup> YEAR

A third-floor display, featuring a diverse sampling of government information in a variety of formats and documents about depository libraries and the Government Printing Office, continues to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Library's Congressional designation as a Federal Depository. In 1963, U.S. Congressman Edward J. Gurney designated the Brevard Engineering College Library, later to become Florida Tech's Evans Library, a Federal Depository Library. Confirmation came in September of that year from the Superintendent of Documents of the United States Government Printing Office. Only two such libraries are allotted to each congressional district. The Evans Library became the second to serve the four counties of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, sharing the distinction with Rollins College in Winter Park. Since then, many more depository libraries have been designated in Florida, including the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center in Cocoa. There are now almost 1300 depository libraries in the United States and its territories.



### EVANS LIBRARY DECEMBER SPECIAL HOURS

The Library will extend its hours to support preparation for final examinations.

From 12/1 through 12/4, the Library will stay open until 2:00 a.m.

On 12/5 and 12/6, the Library will open its normal time and close at midnight.

From 12/7 through 12/11, the Library will stay open until 2:00 a.m.

Semester break hours, effective Saturday, December 12, are:

Monday – Friday  
9:00 a. m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday  
CLOSED

The Library will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24, and will re-open on Monday, January 5. Break hours will be observed Monday, January 5, and Tuesday, January 6. Regular semester hours will resume when classes begin on Wednesday, January 7. These 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.