

INFORMATION LINKS

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK – Dr. Celine Lang

Walking through the lobby a moment ago, I overheard one patron exclaiming to another, “This new computer is great!” “This new computer” is one of twelve thin client workstations that have replaced the Library’s public computers. The basic set-up for each thin client is a mirror image of the others. The advantages of identical hardware/software thin client configurations include low cost, uniform operation, economical maintenance and efficient support. Thin clients are especially appropriate for Library public use workstations because they lack floppy or CD drives that can create security risks for the overall system. The \$631.00 cost per workstation is half that of a conventional computer.

The public computers replaced with thin clients have been re-cycled to staff whose obsolete and non-functional computers cannot run the software used in day-to-day operations of the Library. Library volunteers and student assistants assigned to computer tasks will share access to a computer. Another computer has become the server for the twelve clients. Finally, a computer will be the base workstation for the Ariel electronic interlibrary loan service, to be implemented this summer. Ariel will provide high quality high speed electronic documents from other libraries. The Faculty Focus Groups held in November 2003 identified this service as the top priority.

Thin client workstations have improved Library operations and services in just about every area.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

The Evans Library’s summer semester hours continue. These are:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SUMMER 2004 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP



The registration deadline for the Library’s Summer 2004 graduate research workshops is Tuesday, June 15. The workshops

are scheduled for Thursday, June 17, from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., and Friday, June 18, from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., in the Link Multimedia Room. For more information or registration, graduate students who are interested may visit the LINK’s [workshop site](#) or may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or at 321-674-7656. Reservations must 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.

June 15, 1804
From the journal of Joseph Whitehouse:

“the hunters met us with four bears And three deer the party drank a Draehm of whiskey and Roe on.”

DISPLAYS

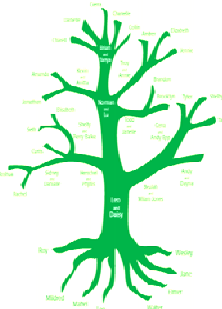
“Rediscovering Lewis and Clark” is the latest information resources display in the Evans Library. Accompanied by a four-minute multimedia presentation created by Joanne Savage, this first-floor lobby display features books, government information, Internet sites, journal excerpts, and much more information about the so-called “Corps of Discovery” appointed by President Thomas Jefferson in the early 1800s. Led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, this 1803-1806 expedition was a turning point in American history, resulting in the identification of natural resources and inhabitants – plant, animals, and human - of the newly explored western territory.



Sketch of a “California Condor” from the Lewis & Clark journals

GENEALOGY DISPLAY CONTINUES

The Evans Library’s third-floor Federal Depository continues to display the results of using readily available government information to trace two branches of the family tree of Library staff member Scott Blackwell. Featured are findings from U.S. Census records, Bureau of Land Management documents, the National Archives and Records Administration, the U.S. Social Security death index, and *The War of the Rebellion*. Also included in the display are lists of valuable non-government materials and contact information for Certified Genealogist Michael Boonstra, who works at the nearby Central Brevard Library and Reference Center in Cocoa.



Continuing in the lobby is a display featuring “Cook It By The Book II”, the Evans Library’s cookbook. Still available for just \$10, this 2002 publication contains recipes from the families of all four Florida Institute of Technology presidents, tried-and-true favorites of the Library faculty and staff, and handy cooking and baking tips. To order, individuals may send an email message to Natalie Madden at nmadden@fit.edu, call 321-674-8086, stop by the Library, or complete an online order form on the LINK.

