

INFORMATION LINKS

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



Nancy Cook, Instruction Librarian, is in the Library's Spotlight in January. Nancy has a Master's in Library Science and an additional Master's degree in biological sciences. She team teaches the course Research Sources and Systems (COM 2012). She also teaches general and science resources to classes and individuals, and is Evans Library's information advocate for the biological sciences and chemistry. Nancy came to Florida Tech with sixteen years of experience in instructional programs and a very strong background in the application of technologies to instructional design. Prior positions included systems, reference, and electronic resources, at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford; St. Bonaventure University; and South Dakota State University.

Nancy's research interests and publications focus on assessment of information literacy, active learning, effective use of Internet search engines, and Web usability. Nancy's supervisor, Kathy Turner, and I were honored to endorse Nancy's proposal for the 2004 Faculty Summer Institute, sponsored and directed by Florida Tech's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE). We were delighted when Nancy was selected.

The Faculty Summer Institute 2004 brought together for one week in May seven faculty from diverse departments and enabled them to do something they rarely have time for otherwise: to get to know their colleagues on more than a superficial level, to discuss their respective projects, and to learn to appreciate their innate differences in teaching, learning, and living styles. Nancy and the other group participants met to discuss their projects and to learn from speakers Rolf Smith and three members of the Disney Institute.

Nancy's project, Tutorials for Information Literacy, involved a comparison of software tools for tutorial creation including Wink, Viewlet Builder, Camtasia, and Flash. On January 26th, Nancy will present her findings to the academic community and share examples of the capabilities of these software programs.

The written objective of the Summer Institute Program, "to emphasize the importance of the teacher-student relationship and assist faculty in the development of individual projects having high implementation potential and significant educational impact," can't begin to show the value of Nancy's and other participants' work in the introduction of information technology into instructional programs campus-wide. These faculty, as early adopters of information technologies for instruction, are achieving a level of experience and comfort that will help their colleagues throughout the campus.

Thank you, Nancy. Thanks also to Wade Shaw, Carol Shehadeh, and everyone associated with CTLE and the Summer Institute.

SPRING 2005 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP



Kathy Turner,
Assistant Director,
Instructional Programs

The Library's Spring 2005 graduate research workshops will be held on **Thursday, February 17, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.**, **Friday, February 18, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**, and **Saturday, February 19, 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** in the Edwin A. Link Multimedia Room. Geared toward the research needs of graduate students, especially those preparing theses and dissertations, these three identical sessions will include three distinct one-hour modules - #1) research essentials, #2) LINK features, resources, and services, and #3) subject-specific break-out sessions. Monday, February 14, is the deadline for the required reservations, which must include name, the last four digits of the Florida Tech ID number, email address, phone number(s), date of requested workshop, and student's program of study. To register or to receive more information, graduate students who are interested may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or at x7656, or may visit the [Library News](#) section of the LINK.

LINK SCHOLARS SELECTED

Recently four Florida Tech students were selected to become Link Scholars for the 2004-2005 academic year. Each Link Scholar will receive a \$2000 stipend, funded by the Link Foundation, to participate as a team member in the Edwin A. Link Digitization Project. This is a pilot project to digitize the Edwin A. Link special collection, housed in the Evans Library. The digitized material will be made available to the public through a re-designed Edwin Link Collection Bibliography - http://www.lib.fit.edu/dynamic/php/edwinlink_user_search.php - available on the Library Information Network (LINK).

The four Link Scholars are:
Yannick Berger Benjamin Mathieu
Toni Francis Reshmi Nair

DISPLAYS

Continuing is a first-floor display of information resources related to a cross-disciplinary topic - fractals. "**Fractals Rock!**" includes books, government publications, journal articles, Internet site references, and real-life examples of this colorful self-repeating geometry. This multi-case display is complemented by an exhibit of fractal art created by local engineer Frank Milordi, also known as the artist FAVIO. With connections to Florida Tech's physics and space sciences, engineering, and mathematical sciences programs, this popular display and exhibit [educates and entertains](#).

"**Health Matters**" is the focus of a third-floor federal depository display. Diet, exercise, stress, substance abuse, sexually transmitted disease, and pain are just a few of the subjects covered by a variety of books, pamphlets, periodicals, congressional hearings, reports, and other government publications. Provided free is a flyer listing government sites devoted to some of today's hottest topics in health.



TUTORIAL SOFTWARE RESEARCH



All faculty are invited to attend a presentation by Librarian Nancy E. Cook, who participated in Florida Tech's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) Faculty Summer Institute '04. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, Dr. Celine Lang will host the Institute's segment featuring Nancy Cook's research that compares four different tutorial software packages. This one-hour session will be held in the Link Multimedia Room.



CRIMSON COVERAGE

Each issue of the "Crimson" now features an article written by an Evans Library student assistant. Newsy pieces on student-centered services and resources, such as the catalog, databases, extended hours, and the Service Desk, will continue to be included during the Spring 2005 semester.

EVANS LIBRARY JANUARY SPECIAL HOURS

The Library will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, observing break hours through Sunday, January 9. These are: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, closed. Beginning Monday, January 10, regular semester hours will resume. 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.; and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - midnight.