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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK - SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN PERIODICALS – PART 3: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Julia Blixrud, Assistant Director for External Relations, Association for Research Libraries, will address the campus community on Thursday, October 20, at 3:30 PM, in the Life Sciences Auditorium. Her address is titled: "How Open Access is Changing the Scholarly Publishing System." Julia's visit to our campus is funded by the Library and by a grant award to Suzanne Jones from Florida Tech's Academic Information Technology Committee. See page 2 for further information and for your invitation.

My column in July's Information Links described scholarly periodicals publishing as becoming more concentrated and non-competitive. As the costs of scholarly periodicals have increased, a lively dialog among stakeholders has ensued. Strategies are emerging to introduce competition into the scholarly publishing marketplace. In August, I identified some of these strategies: library initiatives such as the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition; institutional electronic repositories such as the CERN archive; government initiatives such as the National Library of Medicine PubMed Central open repository; individual initiatives such as the Public Library of Science; and new publishing models including Open Access. Commercial and professional society publishers, among them Elsevier and the American Chemical Society, participate in the dialog.

Julia Blixrud will focus on one strategy: Open Access. Open Access makes articles freely available to the public on the Internet. In lieu of institutional subscriptions, authors or research sponsors pay an article charge to the electronic publishers.

Members of the Florida Tech academic community are stakeholders and can be participants in the scholarly publishing dialog, especially as it affects or could affect Florida Tech. For example, if Florida Tech faculty wish to publish in open access journals, should institutional memberships that waive or discount author-publishing charges be considered? Should Florida Tech consider developing an institutional electronic repository and assisting faculty with self-publishing?

The principle of faculty and student access to scholarly information guides the Library. In practice, the Library strives to be a good steward of every university dollar allocated to access scholarly information (the annual review of print journal subscriptions, for example); the Library strives to be a forum for information and dialog about scholarly publishing (Julia Blixrud's address and the faculty focus group luncheons that will follow); and finally the Library strives to provide the best possible resource and service base for the academic community (have you looked at the LINK-based databases lately?).

Next Month: Word from Our Academic Community. Please [send me](#) YOUR questions, comments, or thoughts about scholarly publishing. They will be published in the October Information Links.

SEPTEMBER HOURS

The Library will be closed Monday, September 5, in keeping with the campus Labor Day holiday.

Otherwise, in September, the Library will be open its normal semester hours. 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.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. – midnight



FALL 2005 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DATES ANNOUNCED

The Library's Fall 2005 graduate research workshops will be held on **Thursday, October 27**, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., **Friday, October 28**, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., and **Saturday, October 29**, 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, October 24, 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 initiate registration 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.

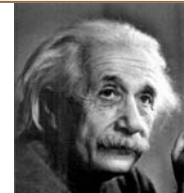
"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

-Indira Ghandhi



DISPLAYS

Continuing through October is the popular "Still 'Miraculous' After All These Years" lobby display. It features a signed, first edition of Einstein's *Relativity: The Special and General Theory*, lent by Dr. Terry Oswalt, Vice Provost for Research and Professor of Physics & Space Sciences. Commemorating the World Year of Physics 2005, the display celebrates the 100th anniversary of what has been termed Albert Einstein's "miraculous" year. In 1905, he published three of the physics world's major works, his papers on special relativity, Brownian motion, and the photoelectric effect. Those interested may visit the first-floor lobby to scope out this collection of books, government documents, videocassettes, Internet sites, and periodical articles and may also visit the display's Web version (<http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/einstein/Einstein%20site.htm>) in the LINK's Library News - Library Displays section.



This is the last month for the Library's "A History of Radio" display. Offering a variety of available books, journal articles, government documents, and Internet site resources, this display also showcases a sampling of vintage radios and original sound bites from the early years of radio. Its colorful Web version (<http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/A%20History%20of%20Radio%20web%20site.htm>) can be found in the LINK's Library News - Library Displays section.

Also continuing this month is a very timely third-floor display of government information on "Natural Disasters."

YOU ARE INVITED!

REFRESHMENTS!

DOOR PRIZES!

FREE FOLLOW-UP LUNCH!



“How Open Access is Changing the Scholarly Publishing System”

[Julia Blixrud](#)

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Thursday, October 20
Life Sciences Auditorium
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- Light refreshments will be provided.
- All who attend will receive an invitation to a free follow-up luncheon discussion on scholarly publication.
- Five \$100 “library bucks” certificates will be given away. The winners will be able to select new books or other one-time purchases to be added to the Library collection.

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