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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK: Scholarly Publishing - Faculty Luncheon

Each year, 2.5 million articles are published in 24,000 scholarly, peer-reviewed journals. Of those, 1,916 are open-access full text, peer-reviewed journals. 467 of those titles are searchable at the article level; and 80,724 articles are available.

As a follow-up to the October presentation on open access publishing, faculty gathered to discuss three scholarly publishing topics at a luncheon sponsored by the Library on November 14.


First, we asked if institutional memberships in open access journals would benefit faculty. Some said that institutional memberships could be a convenience. However, their decisions on where to publish, irrespective of the 'business model' of the publication, are based on qualities of the journal such as prestige and reputation; the respect accorded to the journal in the peer community; the recognition the journal affords; the ability of the journal to reach the intended audience; impacts on promotion and on grants; the length of time for peer review; and whether the journal is the most appropriate and representative of the chosen field. Some faculty would not publish in open access journals perceived to be in competition with titles offered by professional societies.

Second, we asked if the time had come for the university to establish an institutional repository (IR). The faculty asked to be kept informed of IR projects in other institutions. Many felt that an institutional repository containing optionally submitted faculty publications, theses, and dissertations could have benefits. An IR could be: an archiving resource for the university; an opportunity to raise the university's prestige; and an information resource for students. Some warned that the university should assure the need and examine the costs before embarking on a repository project; that print copies of electronically archived materials should be retained; that issues of proprietary access, standards, and data migration must be resolved; and that faculty should not be asked to manage their electronic publications.

Finally, we asked if faculty would serve as editors or manuscript reviewers for open access publications. Generally the answer was yes, if the journal is of high quality and is well-respected, and if time permits.

As always, the Library values its high-quality, ongoing communication with Florida Tech's thoughtful and involved faculty.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

 The Evans Library invites everyone - offices, groups, and individuals - to visit the lobby soon to "post" a favorite holiday greeting! During the month of December, all necessary materials will be available in the Evans Library lobby. Space will be provided where **many** warm wishes in **many** languages for **many** celebrations can be posted for all to enjoy.

DISPLAYS

The first-floor **Students' Artist Guild** exhibit will continue through the end of December.



Botanical Garden splendor

Continuing in the Library lobby is a very popular display, **The Nature of Florida Tech**. In an effort to reflect the accomplishments of both Mother Nature and Florida Tech botanical garden advocates, the Library acknowledges all things green, growing, and tropical in nature. In place through January 2006 is a collection of books, articles, government documents, and Internet sites. The Library staff encourages everyone to check out a related lobby slide show about the colorful garden, to visit the display's Web-based version at <http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/Botanical/BotanicalGardens10-05.htm> or to enjoy the new butterfly garden and bromeliad path just north of the Library.

In keeping with this nature theme, the government documents display, **Preserving Our Natural Heritage**, continues on the third floor. It features information on Department of the Interior programs, national parks, wildlife refuges, national recreational areas, and native flora and fauna.

Re-visiting the Library is a display of vintage culinary accoutrements designed to promote the Library's **Cook It By the Book II** cookbook. Only sixty copies remain, so time is short for the campus community to purchase this popular \$10.00 book, either for personal use or as a gift for a favorite cook. Dedicated to the university's current and past presidents, this 2002 publication may be ordered by sending an email message to Natalie Madden at nmadden@fit.edu, calling 321-674-8086, stopping by the Library, or completing an online order form found in the LINK's Library News section at <http://www.lib.fit.edu>.



DID YOU KNOW?

More than forty graduate students attended the Fall 2005 graduate research workshops held in the Link Multimedia Room October 27 – 29. One participant commented that, prior to her session, she "had no idea of all the resources available or how to get to them" and that the workshop was "very useful!" Dates for the Spring 2006 workshops are February 9 - 11.



UPCOMING SPECIAL HOURS

The Library will observe a variety of upcoming special hours

Normal hours:

During normal hours, the Library will be open:

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

Study days & extended hours:

The Library will extend its hours on the December 8 and 9 study days. The full schedule of extended hours is:

Sunday, December 4:
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Monday - Thursday, December 5 - 8:
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Friday, December 9:
8:00 a.m. - midnight

Sunday, December 10:
9:00 a.m. - midnight

Sunday, December 11:
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Monday - Thursday, December 12 - 15:
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Friday, December 16:
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Break hours:

From Saturday, December 17, through Thursday, December 22, AND from Tuesday, January 3, through Friday, January 6, the Library will be observe break hours. These are:

Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
CLOSED

January 2006:

Beginning Monday, January 9, the Library will be open normal semester hours. On Monday, January 16, the Library will be closed, in keeping with the campus holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.