

INFORMATION LINKS

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE EVANS LIBRARY
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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK - FY08 IN REVIEW



As we look back on a very productive FY08, we would like to share significant facts and figures about the Evans Library. The A-Z Journal List now contains 3,708 new full-text journal titles, for a total of over 27,330 titles. Additions to the print and electronic book collections for FY08 number 11,221. Library material check-outs numbered 30,749; an additional 5,298 articles or books were provided to the Florida Tech community via interlibrary loan and commercial document delivery; and copies of 37,550 non-circulating items were supplied. Usage reports for licensed databases indicated: 231,632 login sessions; 364,022 unique searches; and 294,018 full-text article retrievals. The Library's website registered 288,888 unique user logins; 397,880 site visits; and 11,451,236 total hits. On-site library users numbered 255,069, and 3,031 individuals took advantage of the Library's extended hours during final exams. Librarians offered 293 instructional sessions, for 5,012 attendees. *SciFinder Scholar* access was upgraded in response to recorded usage demand, and online access to *Mental Measurements Yearbook* was licensed to address the increased demand by off-campus users. In January of 2008, the Library implemented *360 Search*, a federated search service, which provides patrons with a simple and intuitive starting point for research. It is able to search 50 of the Library's premium databases simultaneously and provides direct links to available full-text. In these and many other ways, the Library's resources and services continue to grow in size and quality.

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UPCOMING LIBRARY HOURS

During the months of June and July, the Library will observe normal summer semester hours.

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

Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4, in keeping with the campus Independence Day holiday.



SUMMER 2008 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP Friday, June 13

- 1 workshop was offered Summer 2008
- 2 workshops are planned for Fall 2008
- 5 Florida Tech colleges were represented among participants
- 7 faculty librarians taught discipline-specific sessions
- 19 bibliographic databases were demonstrated
- 22 graduate students registered
- 63 years of Library experience were among participating librarians
- 100 percent of enrollees attended



During the recent graduate research workshop, Director of Instruction Kathy Turner taught participants about timely access to scholarly information resources.

ONGOING DISPLAY CELEBRATES FLORIDA TECH'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Library's ever-changing lobby exhibit continues to celebrate the university's 50th anniversary. Aside from a sampling of faculty-written books and journal articles, the display features biographical sketches and published works of Florida Institute of Technology presidents, Brevard Engineering College memorabilia, excerpts from Dr. Gordon Patterson's published history of the university, and lots of nostalgic artifacts. This exhibit's Web counterpart can be found on the LINK in the Library Displays archive at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays.

WHAT'S NEW?

Constantly added to the LINK's Library News section are New Materials and New Links to Internet Sites. Faculty and students are encouraged to visit these lists to increase their current awareness of the very latest Evans Library resources.