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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK: The Changing Shape of the Government Documents Collection

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This semester, the Faculty Library Committee is helping the Library to evaluate the continuing usefulness and plan for the future of the Government Documents Collection. Last month the committee was briefed by the Library's government documents experts, Jean Sparks, Ashley Romans and yes, me, Deb Cook. The Committee recently toured the print and electronic collections. The Library receives in excess of 40% of the Government's publications, selected for relevance to Florida Tech academic and research programs. The print collection, one of the strongest and best organized in the region and possibly the state, occupies the 3rd floor, 25% of the space in the Library. Although about 92% of current publications come in electronic form, the Library must keep the older print until the GPO provides electronic alternatives. Certain documents, familiarly called "essential documents," will always remain in print but will also be accessible on line. Our catalog has over 27,000 full-text electronic documents and 1,000 are being added each month. Perpetual access is a concern, and we support the GPO goal of creating mirror sites to archive electronic information and keep it safe from destruction.



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LIBRARY HOURS

In March, the Library will observe the following hours:

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



NEW DATABASES!

Director of Resources and Services Wendy Helmstetter encourages everyone to visit the [Library Information Network](#) to access a variety of excellent brand-new electronic databases and books. As always, all new affiliated periodical subscriptions are available full-text via the *A to Z Journal List*.

- Topping the list is *Web of Knowledge*, which allows citation searching across the sciences through Science Citation Index Expanded (1999 to the present). BIOSIS Previews, Zoological Record, MEDLINE, and Journal Citation Reports are also included in this package.
- Also brand-new is *Academic Search Complete*, a multi-disciplinary database of over 20,000 journals, monographs, reports, conference proceedings, and other scholarly publications.
- The LINK's access to *ProQuest's Dissertations & Theses* had been enhanced with the addition of the full text of most dissertations published since 1997.
- *Business Source Complete* provides citations and full text of more than 1200 journals dating back as far as 1886. Also included are regional business publications, financial reports, and SWOT analyses.
- The focus of the new *SocINDEX with Full Text* is, of course, sociology, but it is quite strong in criminology and criminal justice specifically. It provides nearly 2,000,000 bibliographic records of journals, monographs, and conference papers.
- Two new databases provide access to *Springer eBooks*. One leads to individual titles; the other is organized by book series.
- Rounding out the Library's superb access to psychological literature (*PsycINFO* and *PsycARTICLES*) is *PsycBOOKS!* This *American Psychological Association (APA)* database provides access to over 1600 scholarly books, 25,000 chapters, 100 out-of-print books, and the *APA/Oxford University Press Encyclopedia of Psychology*.

DISPLAYS

Continuing in the Library are two displays. One celebrates Florida Tech's 50th anniversary. The other is a colorful collection of miniature landscapes by Celine Lang called *Other Worlds*.



Here members of the Faculty Library Committee, one of the campus's academic standing committees, are reminded of the many subjects and formats reflected in the Library's collection of government publications. A participant in the Federal Depository Library Program since 1963, the Evans Library collects print and Internet-accessible documents that support research in all six Florida Tech colleges. A display of valuable print government publications remains on the Library's third floor.