Welcome new and returning students and faculty!

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Engineering Reading Room 412-5403
Journalism & Graphic Communication Resources Center 412-5403
Science Research Center Library 599-3393

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or 1-800-540-6754
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Information Literacy 599-8676
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Information Commons gets a Facelift

If you visited Coleman Library lately, you certainly could not have missed the focal point of second floor – the Information Commons. The information commons concept involves combining traditional library services into a central area in order to strengthen the learning, research, and teaching opportunities for library users. It is comprised of three main service areas – Access Services, Reference and Systems. The bold black “Information Commons” sign which is more visible than the old poster distinctly identifies the area. The facelift not only adds to the aesthetics of the Library but also creates a more collaborative, functional and effective environment conducive to study and research.

The facelift began at the beginning of the summer session and was completed the first week of June. The renovation project included the installation of new carpet on the second floor. For visual continuity and openness, the carpet chosen is identi
cal to the carpeting in the annex. The recently relocated Interlibrary Loan office was rearranged and painted. Scholars 1 and Scholars 2 received a new coat of paint along with new mahogany computer workstations. Room 208 which will be used as an interactive classroom for students working on projects and presentations was also painted.

The Reference area which is an extension of the Information Commons also received a facelift. The old reference desk was removed and a door was installed to enclose the reference workroom. Furniture was rearranged to accommodate both individual and group study. Green comfortable armchairs with attached desks were placed strategically around the room. The finishing touch was the addition of the new mahogany wood computer workstations to accommodate the new chairs that were purchased earlier.

A LCD panel was installed on the second floor lobby wall as you enter from the Jazzman Café to serve as a message board for the library. The panel will feature a welcoming message, library hours and a schedule of literacy classes. Look up and be informed.

We thank you for your patience during the renovation as we continue to improve your library and information services.

Phyllis Broomfield

Then...

And now...

LCD panel flashes announcements

“He is wise who knows the sources of knowledge — where it is written and where it is to be found.” ~ A. A. Hodge ~
Greetings from the Library Director

Digital Commons @ FAMU Libraries

What research are professors and graduate students engaged in at FAMU? I want an electronic copy of the article my professor placed on reserve. I want to see some of the artifacts in the Heritage Room at Coleman Library. I’d like to see pictures of the campus as documented over time. These are only a sampling of the questions and information needs that can be met in the Digital Commons being planned for the University. Last year after much planning, the libraries installed the Information Commons (former Circulation Desk) at the main entrance of Coleman Library. Traditional references spaces were made more research friendly and through the services of Facilities Planning, second floor spaces were upgraded. The purpose of the Information Commons is to save the time and effort of the customer while still providing quality information services and resources. Rather than point customers needing assistance to a remote service department of the library, key consultants are now available directly at the Commons desk. We are pleased with the outcome.

The next stage of development for the Information Commons is to develop its virtual counterpart; the Digital Commons. Just as the Information Commons brought resources persons to a common location to make it easier for customers to access information, the Digital Commons counterpart will bring digital resources from around the FAMU campus and make them available from a common repository. Like the Information Commons, the Digital Commons is an initiative being implemented by research libraries internationally. It is a major topic for presentation and discussion at conferences. It brings wider exposure to University research and resources. Digitizing materials will also help to preserve them for the future. We are pleased to bring this initiative home to FAMU.

In association with the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) which supports automation initiatives for Florida’s Universities, the FAMU community has access to a state wide repository. The Publication Archival Library & Museum Materials (PALMM) http://palmm.fcla.edu/ is a repository that makes digital materials submitted by state universities accessible to users. FCLA’s digital services also include supporting the digitization of graduate theses and doctoral dissertations.

The FAMU libraries will continue to support state wide projects as we build our local repository. The libraries will be reaching out to the Faculty Senate and our campus partners in the academic, administrative and student services sectors to give them an opportunity to participate in bringing greater exposure to the University, greater exposure to FAMU researchers, and greater exposure to authors of creative works. Those interested in participating in this year’s pilot can contact Ruth M. Swan. The Digital Commons will reside on our current library website http://www.famu.edu/library/academic/colemans/index.html. We expect to go live with the Digital Commons to FAMU Libraries in the coming months.

Ruth M. Swan
Associate Director of Libraries

New Online Catalog Launched

FAMU Libraries has a new online catalog which debuted on September 4. Endeca is more helpful than traditional online catalogs as it provides more guidance during the searching experience. The Endeca catalog indexes a multitude of search strings including everything from author and title to format and keyword. Endeca also includes better ranking of search results, improved browsing capabilities, a spell checker, and access to the union catalog of other state university libraries. A key element to Endeca is faceted searching that allows searchers to easily narrow down and access records that are of more interest to the user.

Emmett Denny

A New Library Web Page is in Your Future

Susan Liang, instructor librarian, is currently redesigning the University Library website, and some new enhancements are underway. The new website is being redesigned to meet the Florida A&M University’s standardized format so that all university web pages will look the same. The font size will be adjustable so that the library user can read the print with ease, and the mobile devices will automatically adjust the size of the page instead of the top, making it easier to use.

The new web page design will provide easier access to research and library information for users. To view the new website template, go to this link: http://newsite.famu.edu. The new page will organize the resources into three distinct headings: “About the Libraries,” “Quick Links,” and “News & Events.” “Quick Links” will take you directly to the frequently used resources: Databases A-Z list, “Database Quick Search” feature that allows users to search by topics across multiple library databases; and electronic journals and news papers. The homepage will have a section that highlights library news and events, and includes “tell us about our website” for your comments and suggestions. According to the visitor counter, 1,492,071 people have accessed the FAMU Libraries website since October 23, 2002.

DaVinci Metcalf

We are happy that you are here and look forward to collaborating with you on your information needs. Whether you are in one of the FAMU Libraries or using information resources virtually @ your FAMU Libraries, we are pleased to be your libraries of first resort.

Lauren B. Sapp
Director of Libraries
Information Literacy

The information literacy program supports the library and university by providing a well-equipped environment for distance learners and other students with skills of finding, organizing, using, producing, and distributing information in print, electronic, and other formats. Through Information literacy the student understands how to be effective at the research process, how to access information in a variety of formats, and how to formulate effective searches on electronic databases and the internet. These courses are taught throughout each year. One on one instruction is also available.

Faculty may arrange instruction for classes during the regular class hour. Instruction will be tailored to fit the needs of the class. The IL program will make a collaborative effort with faculty to integrate information literacy into the curricula of core and other courses.

Additional information may be found on the library’s homepage (www.famu.edu/library). Sessions are open to the entire university community. It is recommended that you sign up in advance through the online registration, the information literacy coordinator, or at Ask a Librarian (www.famu.edu/library) to schedule instruction for classes and IL sessions.

Faculty Comments about Library Instruction

Dr. Emma Waters Dawson, Professor of English
“...I have consistently used the services of the library staff for instructional sessions on use of the library’s resources in the research process; the technology instructional sessions, in particular, provided a firm and excellent foundation for students to begin their research projects.”

Professor William Jiles, Broadcast Journalism
“Thank you very much for your wonderful presentation on finding databases. Your clear explanation was a great benefit to my Use of Information Resources class (JOU 3110). Thanks to your help, my students were able to better understand and complete their assignment. Moreover, your presentation resulted in greater than anticipated student participation in the assignment. Once again, thank you very much and I hope I can count on your help again in the future.”

Dr. Franklin Hamilton, Environmental Science Institute
“The information literacy services provided by the library staff are keys to assisting students in learning and understanding the wealth of information that is available in their subject area and how to access that information with specific queries. This knowledge base will serve them well as they engage their research programs at the university and importantly, continue to serve them as they embark upon their professional careers.”

Dr. Phyllis Reaves, Physical Therapy
“Information Literacy classes helped my students with their research and made them aware of all the available databases.”

Professor Kay Wilder, Graphic Communication
“Once again I am THANKING you for your personal assistance with the opening day of my Fall Graphic Communication classes with library database instruction. Your guidance and assistance makes it possible for the students to begin their class project on the very first day of class. There is no wasting time plus the students are empowered from the moment they step into the classroom.”

Research Assistance for Distance Learners

Florida A & M University Libraries believes that distance learners are entitled to library services equivalent to those engaged by on-campus students. FAMU Libraries aim to ensure that all distance learners are given the opportunity to ask and receive sufficient assistance with their research needs. Assistance is just a click away.

Distance learners are encouraged to contact the Distance Learning Librarian, Ophelia Chapman directly and immediately when assistance is needed.

Email: Ophelia.chapman@famu.edu
Office Phone: 850-412-5163 / Toll Free: 1-800-540-6754, ext. 5163

Distance learners can also chat with a librarian virtually. For virtual assistance, log on to Ask a Librarian on the homepage. The system is available:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Spotlight on Collection Development

Collection development at the University Libraries is a team effort. The collections librarian in collaboration with the Collection Development Committee works to ensure that library collections support degrees offered. The Collection Development Committee is made up of library faculty serving as subject librarians, and classroom faculty who serve as departmental liaisons. The subject librarian serves as a liaison between the libraries and one or more of the University’s academic programs. The departmental liaison consults with colleagues and deans, directors, or chairs to make recommendations for library resources. The departmental liaison also keeps the subject librarian informed of curricular and/or degree changes that might impact how the library supports their programs.

This fall, in an effort to gain more extensive assistance from faculty in developing library collections, subject librarians along with the collection management librarian will be visiting each academic area. During the visits the Librarians will collaborate with faculty to: identify resources for new and emerging programs; promote current resources that support programs; identify collection deficits in specific subject disciplines; integrate library resources into classroom teaching and learning; identify resources pertinent to graduate research; ensure that first-time students are scheduled for an information literacy session; and orientate new faculty to library resources and services.

For information pertaining to the management and development or policies and procedures of the FAMU Libraries’ collections see www.famu.edu/library. Or contact Brenda Wright, Assistant Director for Collection Management: brenda.wright@famu.edu; Voice: 850-599-8675/ FAX: 850-599-8673. Links to forms for gifts and donations, and purchase recommendations may also be found at this site.

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Dale Thomas

The 15 Most Frequently Used Databases Out of Over 300 Electronic Resources June 2006—July 2007

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Friends of Florida A&M University Libraries

You are cordially invited to join the Friends of FAMU Libraries and help Friends in providing information and services to all library users by developing a strong support system, serving as a sounding board on library issues and as an advocacy group with the University administration.”

During the 2006 annual Friends of FAMU Libraries’ Gala, Brenda Wright and Deborah Lightfoot, received the Librarian of the Year award, and the Library Support Staff of the Year award, respectively. The honorees were Dr. Joseph A. Johnson III, FAMU distinguished professor of Science, Engineering & Technology, Dr. Earl Britt, cardiologist, and Mrs. D. Edwina Stephens, retired registered nurse and community activist.

The 2007 Friends of FAMU Libraries’ Gala is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2007. See the advertisement on this page. For additional information and an application about the Friends of FAMU Libraries, please visit website: www.friendsoffamulibraries.org

COLEMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours

Regular Hours:
Monday through Thursday 7:45AM – 2:00AM
Friday 7:45AM – 10:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM – 10:00PM
Sunday 1:00PM – 2:00AM
(850) 599-3330 / 599-3370)

Extended Hours for Final Exam Week will be posted

Library Hours of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS!

Cornelia Taylor, Special Collections Librarian, has received acceptance by Oxford University Press for publication of an article in the forthcoming new edition of African American National Biography, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Higginbotham. She wrote a biography of Dr. Flossie Marian Byrd, an educator and former Vice President for Academic Affairs at Prairie View A&M University, Dr. Byrd is a FAMU graduate. Publication date unavailable.

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Architectural Library
Room 104B, Architecture Bldg.
Monday-Friday 8:00AM-9:00PM
Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM
Sunday 2:00PM-9:00PM

FAMU/FSU Engineering Library
Room 225, Bldg. A, Innovation Park
Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-12:00AM
Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM
Saturday CLOSED
Sunday 2:00PM-6:00PM

Jornalistic & Graphic Communication Resources Center
Suite 3002, SJGC Bldg.
Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-7:00PM
Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Science Research Center Library
Room 401, Frederick S. Humphries Bldg.
Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-10:00PM
Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM
Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM
Sunday 3:00PM-7:00PM

Hours will be posted for holidays, breaks, and summer

The Friends of FAMU Libraries are pleased to announce its 2007 Annual Gala to be held on Friday, October 19, 2007 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: “Celebrating Distinguished Achievement, Altruism and Service”

Honoree and featured Guest Speaker:
Dr. James H. Ammons
President, Florida A&M University

Honoree
Dr. George Clark
Professor, School of Business & Industry
Florida A&M University

Honorees
Mrs. Geraldine Roberts
Owners & Operators of Economy Drug Store

2007 Librarian and Library Support Staff of the Year Awards

For more information contact:
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Check out the new curbside book return behind Coleman Library!

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