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Library West Addition Construction to Begin in Late Autumn

It has been some time since I wrote about the Library West addition. You may be interested to know that a 100,000 net square foot addition has been approved, planning funding received, and we expect construction to begin in the late autumn. The selected architects are Ross Barney + Jankowski of Chicago partnering with Long & Associates of Tampa. Ross Barney + Jankowski have recent experience working on main library renovation with the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and the University of Illinois.

The concept for our library project is that the new building will house the collections in environmentally controlled space while the current Library West will be renovated to provide state-of-the-art user space. The goal is to create, in the heart of the humanities and social science part of campus, a library designed to emphasize support of the scholarly needs of faculty and the learning needs of students.

We expect the two buildings to house a collection of four million volume equivalents (books, journals,

microforms, electronic, and multimedia formats) and provide space for nearly 2,500 readers, creating an environment where scholars can move easily between books and journals and electronic, micro- and multimedia formats by providing readily available service space for each, so that the flow of ideas and research need not be interrupted. In increasing the amount and diversity of reading space for students and faculty, we hope to create habitats suited to learning and research in multiple disciplines by diverse users. The new "Library West" will have a stack area closely related on each floor to reading areas with combinations of carrels, tables, group study rooms, and closed studies so that scholars at every level would find appropriate working conditions as they use the needed collections.

We plan to have the main service areas on the first and second floors, leaving the upper floors for quiet study and reflection. There will be well-designed workspaces for the use of online databases, digitized images, video and audio formats and micro-

formats. All of these formats are permanent parts of UF's research library collections because they provide information that cannot be stored and accessed in traditional ways and they are essential to meet university



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Library West

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requirements for access to information. There will be training facilities for group instruction in the use of electronic information or use of library collections. Upper floors will have quiet reading areas, wired group study rooms, carrels and tables for the use of personal computers, centrally located photocopiers, etc. Noise producing activities will be isolated insofar as possible from study areas. We anticipate that this building will create library conditions genuinely supportive of UF's faculty and students.

*Dale B. Canelas
Director of UF Libraries*



How Do You Think We're Doing?

You may have the opportunity to contribute to our understanding of what our user community thinks about University of Florida library services by participating in a very important electronic survey. At the end of March, a randomly selected sample of faculty and students will receive an email invitation that includes a link to LibQUAL+. This confidential survey is part of a national study of over 170 institutions of higher learning sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries. We will use the data we collect to identify what the library is doing right and what we need to improve upon. Your investment of a few minutes to respond will be greatly appreciated.

SciFinder Scholar Expands

The SciFinder Scholar system provides access to several Chemical Abstracts Service databases, including Chemical Abstracts, Registry, CASREACT, CHEMLIST, CHEMCAT, and Medline. It provides an index for journal articles, book chapters, patents, conference proceedings, technical reports, and dissertations on a broad range of subjects. In addition to chemistry, SciFinder Scholar covers the agricultural, biological/life, engineering, food, geological, material, medical, polymer and physical sciences. Users may search by author name, research topic, molecular formula, chemical structure/substructure, or chemical reaction.

Recently, Chemical Abstracts Services has significantly expanded SciFinder Scholar, making available electronically the bibliographic and abstract information for the entire Chemical Abstracts back to 1907. Older years do not yet have full indexing, but authors and keywords found in the title and abstract can be searched.

SciFinder Scholar is a Windows-based product and the client must be downloaded in order to use it. A user must have a valid UF IP address, which means it may be accessed from the Libraries or from the user's office on campus. For remote access, GatorLink may be used. Since SciFinder is not a Web-based product, it may not be accessed through the UF Libraries proxy server.

Because of contractual agreements with Chemical Abstracts Service, use of SciFinder Scholar is restricted to faculty, staff, and students of the University of Florida. Access instructions for visitors to the university are available at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/scifinder.html>. For more information on how to use SciFinder Scholar, contact Carol Drum (392-2759), and for information on installing the client, contact John Ashcraft (392-2873).

*Carol Drum
Head, Marston Science Library*

Time to Renew Library Materials

It's time to renew the library items charged to you. You will receive a list of library items charged to you that **must be renewed or returned by April 1, 2002** in order to prevent accrual of overdue fines and temporarily blocked library borrowing privileges. For your convenience, you may renew your materials online through the Smathers Libraries Web page, use the mail-in method, or bring the items to any UF Libraries Circulation Desk.

To renew items online go the UF Libraries' home page at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu>. Select the Renew Books option listed under Library Services and follow the instructions. **After April 1, 2002 the online renewal option will no longer be accessible to you for this renewal period.**

By renewing an item online you are certifying that you have it in your possession and will return it promptly if another borrower requests it.

For general questions regarding faculty privileges, call Kip Forrest at Library West Circulation (392-0345) or email Kipchoge@mail.uflib.ufl.edu.

Access Versus Security

Last October, the Documents Department of the University of Florida received a memo from the Government Printing Office directing staff to destroy a CD-ROM produced by the U.S. Geological Survey entitled, "Large Public Surface-Water Supplies." This memo heralded a new era in the world of government information — one that runs counter to the mission of libraries and in particular to that of the Federal Depository Library System.

The purpose of the Federal Depository System is to ensure no-fee public access to federal government information via a network of libraries throughout the country. The Government Documents Department of the University of Florida is the Regional Federal Depository for the state of Florida and the Caribbean. As the regional library, the University of Florida receives and keeps every document distributed by the Government Printing Office and serves as the state's permanent archive for federal documents.

While the reasons behind the memo seem obvious in light of the events of September 11, the destruction of information produced by

public monies does not come easy to those whose job it is to make this information available to the general public. There are legitimate scientific needs for this and other data that is rapidly disappearing for reasons of security.

At greatest risk are documents distributed electronically. These are not the property of the Government Printing Office. They are mounted at the discretion of the publishing federal agency. Two months ago changes to the Freedom of Information Act allowed agencies to withhold from the public possibly sensitive data such as maps of transportation networks and information on hazardous chemical sites. This has angered environmentalists who insist that the public should have access to this information in order to address health concerns.

A recent article in the *Washington Post* stated that the search engine Google is working with federal agencies to be sure that information deleted from their sites is not available through its automatic-saving "cache" feature. Yet, on the World Wide Web almost nothing truly goes away. A report pulled by the Agency, within days of September 11, for toxic

substances and disease registry titled "Industrial Chemicals and Terrorism" is still readily available at several sites. For example, the site MapCruzin.com has archived this report and has developed a lengthy list of environmental reports, maps and other government information removed from public access.

The tension between access and security will be open for debate when the government announces in a few weeks a proposed set of guidelines for what kind of security information should be withheld from the general public. OMB Watch, a group advocating public disclosure, has already voiced concern about these guidelines. Gary Bass, the executive director of this group wrote, "While security may improve, the spirit of civil liberty is lost. We cannot let that happen here." This sentiment reflects the feelings of most librarians who are staunch defenders of freedom of information. Finding the right balance will be difficult and the debate on this issue promises to continue.

*Jan Swanbeck
Chair, Government Documents Department*

New National Science Digital Library

A new National Science Digital Library (NSDL), which is being funded by NSF, is projected to be up and running by fall of 2002. It will provide online information about science at all levels, or from "cradle to gray" as one of the principal investigators said. This is a broad program to build a digital library for education in science,

mathematics, engineering and technology, funded by the National Science Foundation Division of Undergraduate Education. The NSDL is conceived of as the largest and most heterogeneous digital library ever built, and will provide reliable anytime, anywhere access to quality collections and services.

The logo for RefExpress features the word "Ref" in a large, blue, stylized font with a thick stroke. Below it, the word "express" is written in a smaller, black, lowercase sans-serif font. The "R" in "Ref" is particularly large and overlaps with the "e" in "express".

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Catch Student Plagiarism

The Internet has made taking phrases and whole term papers easy, so that plagiarism by students becomes of increasing concern. More and more Web sites offer term papers, short essays, and reports at relatively low prices. The libraries have created a Web page at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/instruct2/plagiarismpage.html> to help you prevent, identify and catch this "cyber-plagiarism" among your students. Send comments and suggestions for other resources to Alice Primack at primack@mail.uflib.ufl.edu

How to Begin Patent Searching

Marston Science Library has the searching resources necessary to do a preliminary patent search; however, we do not have full-text copies of patents because the library is not a patent depository library. Doing your own search provides useful information, but should not be considered a comprehensive search. Patent searching is complicated, so a patent attorney or agent should do a serious search. UF faculty using university facilities need to first contact the UF Office of Technology Licensing.

Many people now prefer to search patents online. The U.S. Patent Office has a searchable patent database with full-text images of the more recent patents. Other databases are available, but charge for viewing or printing the full-text pages. Abstracts of international patents from some countries are also available online. Online searches should also be considered

preliminary. If you need a specific U.S. patent and you do not find a full-text copy of it online, you can obtain a copy from one of the Florida depository libraries.

Access to information on patents, patent databases, and a listing of patent depository libraries is available through the libraries' patent subject guides. You can get to these guides from the Libraries' home page. The main Patent Subject Guide <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/patent.html> provides general information on patents, trademarks, trade names, trade secrets and copyright. It also has links to U.S. Patent Office forms and a list of Florida patent attorneys. There is information on obtaining full-text copies of U.S. and international patents and finding information on print patent documents to use at the library.

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Incorporate Library Resources and Services into Your Courses

A UCET session on incorporating library resources and services into assignments and courses will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2-4 p.m. in the Marston Science Library, room L-107. For more information contact Alice Primack at 392-2822 or primack@mail.uflib.ufl.edu.



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