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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Practice makes perfect - the cliché reminds us. As a librarian, what do you need to practice to make perfect? Is it mastering leadership or time management skills? Is it speaking clearly in public with no "ums," "you knows," and "ahs?" Is it developing a proficiency in strategic planning, in staff collaboration, in a software program, in another language, or gaining greater familiarity in a defined body of scholarship or literature? Do you simply need to drive away those professional "blahs" and regain that enthusiasm that first attracted you to the profession?

As the semester is reaching its midpoint, I encourage you to begin preparing for the summer and next year by creating a vision to guide and shape your professional path. With your vision firmly set, outline five things you want to accomplish that will make you a better librarian in that vision. (This will include, of course, membership in FACRL.) Now, map out your plan of action.

- Develop learning tools that reflect your learning style. Be creative and use every technology accessible to reinforce your learning process in both visual and audio forms. Make flash cards and take them on walks; use the flashcard concept in Acrobat for your PDA. Make personal MP3 files to listen to on your MP3 player.
- Practice summarizing your reading concisely and with brevity in a journal. Include an entry for your opinion on the matter. This tests your ability to understand what you are reading and also provides a handy resource that you may refer to when a quote or idea later stirs your imagination.
- Approach the topic from different perspectives, i.e., from the professional literature (and from the literature of different professions), from fiction and non-fiction works, from film, music, and speeches of the past as well as of the present.
- Always travel with something to read on the topic while waiting for appointments.
- Capitalize on what you have learned by presenting a paper, writing an article, or offering an informal workshop or info-moment at a meeting with your colleagues.

Before you begin, make the first item on your list to attend this year's Florida Library Association's Annual Conference to help you reach you full potential through networking and sharing ideas with colleagues.

This year's conference is at the Buena Vista Palace, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. I am pleased to share with you that we have two programs this year. The first is a new program called *Research in Academe*, scheduled for Wednesday (not Thursday), April 19, at 8:30 a.m. This new program serves as a forum to highlight selected research projects by your Florida colleagues. This program will include two presentations. Jane Bradford, *Coordinator of Library Instruction, Stetson University Library* and Sue Ryan, *Assistant Director, Stetson University Library* will present an analysis of the use of print reference titles. Michele Crump, *Chair, Acquisitions and Licensing Department, University of Florida Libraries* and Carol Drum, *Chair, Marston Science Library, University of Florida Libraries* and Colleen Seale, *Assistant Chair, Humanities and Social Science Services Department, University of Florida Libraries* will present on the topic of mid-career reviews and mentoring for tenure track librarians.

Our second program is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This will feature a presentation entitled *Functional Shift: New Library Services in a Changing World* by Carla J. Stoffle, *Dean of Libraries and Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tucson*.

Make your reservations for FLA today as you begin your plan for perfecting yourself as a librarian. Perfection as an ideal state may always elude us; as the thorough completion of achieving a plan of action, it is within *your* reach! Start today!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17-21	FLA Annual Conference , Lake Buena Vista
April 18 4 - 6 p.m.	FACRL Board of Directors Meeting
April 19	FACRL Spring Workshops
September 1	Submission deadline for the Fall issue of the FACRL Newsletter

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News From the Field

Broward Community College

Miguel Menendez became the new Dean of the University/College Library at Broward Community College on January 30, 2006. He is the Dean of the Library, LRC, and Technology Support.

Florida A&M University College of Law

Linda Barrette is the new acquisitions librarian at the FAMU Law Library. Linda received her JD from the University of New Mexico and her MALIS from the University of South Florida. She can be contacted at (407) 254-4023 or linda.barrette@famu.edu.

The Florida A&M University Law School has moved to its new, state-of-the-art permanent building in downtown Orlando, located at 201 Beggs Ave., right next door to the Federal Courthouse. The new law library consists of more than 300,000 volumes and occupies 42,000 square feet of the new school. The library now incorporates the Orange County Bar Association collection, formerly housed at the Orlando Public Library. Other recent acquisitions include a donation from the West Palm Beach 4th District Court Library, as well as a donation from the FSU Law Library of approximately 7,000 volumes of books once owned by the original FAMU Law School, which closed in 1968. The official dedication ceremony for the new building took place on March 2, 2006, and was attended by FAMU President Castell V. Bryant, the FAMU Board of Trustees, and more than 100 distinguished invited guests. The law library is planning its own open house for the library community in early summer. For more information about the library, email the library director, **Grace M. Mills** at grace.mills@famu.edu.

Florida Atlantic University

Maris Hayashi, Collection Development, published an article, "Cooperative Library Services in Southeast Florida: A Staff Perspective" in *Resource Sharing and Information Networks* (Volume 18, Issue 1/2, pages 61-71, 2005-2006).

Dr. William Miller and **Rita M. Pellen** are co-guest editors of the publication *Evolving Internet Reference Resources*, Haworth Press, 2006, which is co-published simultaneously as the *Journal of Library Administration*, Volume 43, Numbers 3/4 and Volume 44, Numbers 1/2.

Dr. William Miller and **Rita M. Pellen** are co-editors of the journal *The Reference Librarian*, published by Haworth Press.

Florida Center for Library Automation

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Charles McElroy has joined the Florida Center for Library Automation as an LMS Technical Services Support Specialist. He comes to FCLA after 17 years in the UF

Libraries' Acquisitions Monograph Order Unit. Charles is a Gainesville area native. He has a BA in history from UF and an MA in Library and Information Science from USF. He brings to FCLA experience with the Aleph acquisitions system and he currently working on the development of new training materials for Aleph.

FCLA is delighted to announce that **Chuck Thomas** is the newest addition to Digital Library Services. Chuck was formerly Assistant Director for Integrated Digital Services at the Florida State University Libraries. Before that he was head of FSU's Digital Library Center and head of Digital Collections and Services at the University of Minnesota. Chuck has ten years of experience in research libraries including extensive experience in Special Collections and archives.

Amanda Yesilbas is a new Library Services Support Specialist at FCLA with primary responsibility for the Aleph Serials module. Amanda was the Assistant Serials Librarian at FAU for the past two and a half years. She is currently involved in FAU's ALEPH migration including the creation of documentation for FAU library staff. She has a BA in art history from UF and an MA in Library and Information Science from USF. Prior to going to library school, Amanda worked part time at the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library, and while getting her BA she worked as an intern in the Art Library at the Ringling Museum of Art.

People: Papers, Publications, Presentations

Michele Newberry, Assistant Director for Library Services, attended the following events:

- International Consortium of Aleph Users (ICAU), September 12-16, 2005, at the British Library in London, where she participated in a program on Aleph system configurations for consortia.
- International Coalition of Library Consortia meeting in Poznan, Poland, September 28 - October 1, 2005, hosted by the Poznan Foundation of Scientific Libraries.
- APA Library Advisory Council Meeting, October 28, 2005, Washington, D.C.
- Coalition for Networked Information, Dec. 6-7, 2005, Phoenix, Arizona.
- ALA Midwinter, January 20-24, 2006, San Antonio, Texas.

PALMM Collections

Yiddish Children's Books

A new PALMM collection is Florida Atlantic University's Yiddish Children's Books (<http://palmm.fcla.edu/ycb>). The Yiddish Children's books are a part of the Joseph and Mary Savetsky Yiddish Resources Collection, the largest Yiddish Collection in the Southeast United States. It includes original stories by Yiddish authors such as Sholem Aleichem, Jacob Pat, and Sholem Asch, as well as Yiddish translations of non-Jewish children's stories by such authors as Hans Christian Andersen, Rudyard Kipling, and Jacob Grimm. The books were digitized as artifacts in two-page spreads, and are read from right to left.

Florida Historical Quarterly

The Florida Historical Quarterly, the academic journal of the Florida Historical Society, has long been one of PALMM's most popular digital resources. The University of

Central Florida has created PDF page images and searchable full text for nearly the entire backfile. Previously, FHQ was included in the Florida Heritage Collection, but now it has been pulled out into a collection of its own, and it looks great. (See <http://palmm.fcla.edu/FHQ>.)

FCLA Digital Archive

After two years of planning and three years of development, the FCLA Digital Archive went into production in October. Its first official production ingest run was 28 packages of Florida Heritage materials from the University of West Florida. The Digital Archive's website at <http://www.fcla.edu/digitalArchive> now has a new "News" link. Announcements, counts, and other current information for archive participants will be posted here. The News section is implemented as a blog and is available as an RSS feed (see "syndicate" in the lower right column).

Florida Institute of Technology

Displays Tie Library to Campus Pursuits

"Uncommon Threads," an exhibit of Chinese textiles donated by artist Ruth Funk, and a collection of books about the art of China, continues in the Library through the end of March. In early March, the Library displayed books, journal articles, and other information, local and beyond, about women in science. An archive of web-accessible versions of Evans Library displays, often including starting-point bibliographies and multimedia presentations, can be found at <http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays>.

Edwin Link Digital Archive

Under the guidance of **Linda Khan, Rodd Newcombe, and Wendy Helmstetter**, the Evans Library developed a process to create digital archives for the future. With funding provided by Marilyn Link, Andrew Clark, the Link Foundation, and the Evans Library, the Edwin Link Digital Archive project was launched to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Edwin A. Link's birth. A special collection of primary source correspondence, manuscripts, blueprints, maps, charts, and photographs documenting Ed Link's oceanographic career was donated to the Evans Library by the Link family. The Digital Archive contains web-accessible images of non-copyrighted documents from this collection. Current project funding will support the Library's migration of this archive from its original shareware platform to well-established digital collection management software.

Two Library Faculty Selected for Immersion '06

Instruction Librarian **Nancy Cook** and Director of Instruction **Kathy Turner** were selected for ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion '06 conference. Nancy Cook will attend the Teacher Track, while Kathy Turner will participate in the Program Track at Boston's Simmons College this summer.

Nancy Cook Appointed to FACRL Board of Directors

Nancy Cook recently accepted an appointment to the FACRL Board of Directors. She will serve on the Board and as a member of the Academic Section of the Florida Library Association beginning in April, 2006.

Evans Library Named a CFLC Interlibrary Loan ALL Star Library

At its annual meeting in December, 2005, the Central Florida Library Cooperative (CFLC) named the Evans Library a 2004-2005 Interlibrary Loan ALL Star Library. Recognizing the highly professional efforts of **Tori Smith, Nate Hosburgh, Arlene Ferguson**, and others, CFLC Executive Director Marta Westall commended the Library for enhancing the resource base of central Florida network libraries.

Ann Sepri Joins Library Faculty

Ann H. Sepri has been appointed to the Florida Institute of Technology faculty as Research Librarian. Ms. Sepri received her MLS from the University of Rhode Island and comes to the Evans Library with experience in reference service, instruction, collection development, supervision, interlibrary loan, and library liaison. Ann Sepri began her professional career as a special librarian for an insurance firm, later establishing her own fee-based information brokerage. At the University of Oklahoma, she held the position of business/economics reference librarian and visiting instructor for the library school.

Khan Installed as LAB President

Linda S. Khan, Information Services Librarian, was elected 2005/2006 President of the Library Association of Brevard (LAB), a county-wide, multi-type library professional organization. LAB Past President is Collection Management Librarian Suzanne Jones. More information about LAB can be found at <http://www.lib.fit.edu/LAB>.

Directorships Appointed

Dr. Celine Lang, Dean of Libraries, has appointed **Tom McFarland** Director of Administration, **Wendy Helmstetter** Director of Information Resources and Services, and **Kathy Turner** Director of Instruction.

FLUUG Founder Continues to Contribute to Sirsi Connection

Systems Librarian **Rodd Newcombe**, the founding chair of the Florida Unicorn Users Group (FLUUG) in 2002, will give a report on the March, 2006 SirsiDynix SuperConference at this year's FLUUG annual meeting on April 19. He and **Travis Jones**, manager of Evans Library's information technology, also attended Sirsi's Application Programming Interface (API) training earlier this year.

Library Contributes Presentation to Campus' 3rd Annual Digital Showcase

In keeping with its art and science theme, Florida Institute of Technology's 2006 Digital Showcase featured among its 30 digital demonstrations a "Fractals Rock" presentation created by the Library's instructional programs team. Library leadership also contributed to another Showcase aspect, a digitally inspired fabric art show. Other entities who contributed to the February 24 event were Full Sail, campus Information Technology, Apple, and "The Light Tribe" band.

Miami-Dade College

Dr. Celia Suarez Retires



North Campus Library Director **Dr. Celia Suarez** will retire in April, 2006 after 33 years of service to the College.

One of Dr. Suarez's many contributions to MDC is the influence she has had in motivating the concept of the "teaching library and librarians who teach." When she began as a Reference Librarian at the North Campus in 1973, she designed and started teaching an innovative library instruction course, LIS 290. "I was the only librarian teaching the course," she recalls, "and there was only one other librarian, among a group of 12 professionals, who was assigned to library instruction. Most of the librarians thought their role was not to teach, and did not like to teach. I am very proud when I see that we now have LIS 2004, Introduction to Internet Research, offered in multiple campuses, multiple sessions, and also as a Virtual College offering, and that all the faculty librarians at MDC teach instructional sessions 'on demand' by discipline faculty and involve themselves with curriculum development in partnership with other faculty to develop instructional materials and assignments about library research and resources."

In the late 1970s, Dr. Suarez founded the MDC Library Services Council, now the Library Director's Work Group. She was instrumental in developing the concept of uniformity of library policies and procedures, "not because it was mandated," she explains, "but because as professionals we would discuss and reach consensus and commit to the practice that students would be 'at home' in any of the campus libraries, because the philosophy of service and the policies would be the same, because the Library Directors worked collaboratively and effectively to make it happen."

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Suarez advocated, with other library directors in the South Florida area, for FSU to bring their Master's and Doctorate in Library Science program to South Florida, where many library technical personnel in academic, public, and school libraries were interested in pursuing advanced degrees, but did not have access to the graduate program. "I remember making my case with Harold Goldstein, then the Dean of the School of Library and Information Science of FSU," she recalls, "and, sure enough, FSU did start an outreach program, bringing some of their faculty to teach as well as using local instructors." She taught one of the first courses in administration to a number of students who have since become library directors.

In the 1980s, Dr. Suarez became involved with the work of the Florida Developmental Education Association, with a focus on the instructional support academically disadvantaged students needed to succeed. She was elected Vice-President, and then President of this educational association, which was outside of her discipline area.

Dr. Suarez has participated in many statewide committees, and achieved leadership roles as Chair of the Community and Junior College Caucus of FLA, as a member of the Board of Directors of FLA, and as Chair of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) Resource Sharing Committee. In 1998, she was appointed MDC's Administrative Contact to CCLA, and in each ensuing year she was elected by her statewide colleagues to serve on the CCLA Executive Committee.

"Having obtained my bachelor's and master's degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.," Dr. Suarez notes, "I was privileged to have access to the Library of Congress to do research for papers and for the master's thesis." Later, in 1985, she was invited to give a presentation on the Education of Hispanic American Youth as part of the Library of Congress' celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Week, and her face appeared in a national poster circulated by the Library of Congress concerning this celebration. She also represented Dade County as a delegate, appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, then Governor Martinez, to the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Science in preparation for the White House Conference on Library and Information Science.

Dr. Suarez was the first Cuban American to be hired as a librarian at Miami Dade College, and the first to be appointed director of any South Florida library. She is also very proud to be among the 10%-20% of Hispanic Americans with doctorate degrees, having completed the Doctor of Education in Community College Teaching at FIU in 1994.

"I am proud to have been given the opportunity to practice my profession without compromising my value system and my educational preparation," says Dr. Suarez. "I am of the school that the role of administrators is to support and serve the clientele, as well as those who deliver the services directly."

Appointments and Professional Activities

Medical Center Campus Library Director **Elisa Abella** and Librarian **Carla Levesque** presented at the Ninth World Congress on Health Information and Libraries held in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil in September, 2005. Their presentation, entitled "Health Information Literacy: A Contribution to Global Health," described how librarians at MDC's Medical Center Campus are teaching students very practical tips to facilitate effective patient education and interaction, such as how to identify health information

materials written in different literacy levels and formats, and how to evaluate health information found online.

Barbara Joy is the newest member of the Kendall Campus Library Faculty. Barbara comes to MDC from Illinois State University, where she served as Preservation Librarian. She earned her MLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in music from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. She replaces Vernon Hooks, who retired last summer.

North Campus Librarian **Deborah Keeler** will present "A View of Library Use and Perception from an Organizational Culture Lens" at the Florida International University College of Education Annual Research Conference on April 29, 2006. The paper, which will be published in the conference proceedings, describes the background and first, quantitative phase of Deborah's ongoing dissertation study.

Nancy Kalikow Maxwell's book *Sacred Stacks: The Higher Purpose of Libraries and Librarians* will be published in April, 2006 by ALA Editions. The book discusses the unrecognized spiritual aspects of being a librarian and using a library. How libraries organize chaos, bestow immortality, provide sanctuary, promote community, and transmit culture are among the topics addressed. Nancy is the Assistant Library Director at MDC's North Campus.

Homestead Campus Librarian and former FACRL President **Mervyn Solomon** was elected to serve a one-year term (2006-2007) on the Board of Directors of the Miami Book Fair International.

Ivan Toledo will become the new Assistant Library Director at the Medical Center Campus on March 27, 2006. He comes to MDC from Pasco Hernando Community College, where he held the position of Assistant Library Director.

The following MDC librarians were presenters at the 2006 Miami Dade College Conference Day, held at the Kendall Campus on March 2:

- **Valda Jean Adeyiga**, North Campus, "Hiding in Plain Sight: A Look at Hidden Curriculums in Higher Education"
- **Armando Escobedo**, North Campus, "Around the World in 60 Minutes: Great Learning Resources about Our Global Village"
- **Carla Levesque**, Medical Center Campus, "Health Information Literacy: In Support of a Healthy College"
- **Glendora Phipps**, Hialeah Campus, "The Little Assignments that Did: How Different Disciplines Created One Successful Learning Community"
- **Jenny Saxton**, Kendall Campus, "Blogging for Beginners"
- **Paul Tisevich**, InterAmerican Campus, "Exploring New Research Territories: The Miami Dade College Library Databases"

Nova Southeastern University

NovaCat Has Major Facelift

The new NovaCat, the Nova Southeastern University Libraries online catalog, was unveiled early this year. It includes an updated, sleek design and graphics, user-friendly search features, and advanced search options with more easily accessible search results. Library Web Administrator **Valentina Mayz** collaborated with NSU library staff members and gathered feedback from users about NovaCat. The planning and "behind-the-scenes" work was extensive, but the library staff believes that NovaCat's newly redesigned web interface will improve services to users.

Library staff members welcome comments from library users on the new NovaCat. You can explore NovaCat at <http://novacat.nova.edu> and submit feedback by clicking on the "Comments about NovaCat?" link at the footer of all online catalog web pages.

National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow Visits Alvin Sherman Library



Director of the Library Harriett MacDougall, Head of Reference Nora Quinlan,
and National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow Christina Horta

Christina Horta, National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow from Mozambique, visited the Alvin Sherman Library during the 2005 holiday season. Horta has 28 years experience as a librarian and manager in Mozambique and Swaziland. She received her MLS in 1991 from SUNY-Buffalo, where she also had a graduate assistantship as a reference librarian in the University Library's Government, International Organizations and Business Documents Department.

The National Library of Medicine Associate Fellowship Program is a one-year postgraduate training fellowship at the NLM in Bethesda, Maryland, with an optional second year program component. The program is designed to prepare librarians for future leadership roles in health sciences libraries and in health services research. For additional information on Christina Horta or the National Library of Medicine Associate Fellowship program, visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/about/training/associate>.

Hurricane Wilma Childcare Service

In the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma, the Sherman Library opened its doors to the children of NSU staff for an unplanned, but greatly appreciated childcare center.

Library and Family Center staff members ensured that children had a safe place to be with literature-rich learning and fun activities, while their parents returned to work on

campus. More than 75 children of all ages enjoyed mummy wrapping, games, arts and crafts, puppet shows, and a musical concert, complete with the NSU Shark. Even though we were storm weary, tired, and dealing with our personal situations, it was a wonderful week!



Reference Librarian Douglas Black entertains the crowd



The NSU Shark stops by to meet the kids

Alvin Sherman Receives President's Community Service Award



Harriett MacDougall, Silvia Flores, Jayne Baron Sherman, Alvin Sherman, and Don Riggs enjoy the Celebration of Excellence

Alvin Sherman Library Semi Annual Used Book Sale **April 27-29, 2006**

What's your pleasure? Suspense? Children's books? Drama? Romance? Or academic journals? The Alvin Sherman Library Semi Annual Used Book Sale will have it all. Come to the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center April 27-29 for your pick of the best previously owned, gently used collection in Broward County. Times are as follows:

- Thursday, April 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Collection Development at (954) 262-4542.

Stetson University

Debbi Dinkins, Head of Technical Services and Associate Professor, and **Laura N. Kirkland**, Catalog Librarian and Associate Professor, have published an article entitled, "It's What's Inside That Counts: Adding Contents Notes to Bibliographic Records and its Impact on Circulation" in *College & Undergraduate Libraries* 13, no. 1 (2006). The article summarizes the results of a 22-month Stetson University study that tracked circulation statistics for more than 2,500 titles enhanced by the addition of contents notes in their catalog records. Contents notes were added locally through the OCLC Bibliographic Notification Service and were added manually upon a librarian's recommendation. The results include the number of titles that saw increased circulation, and the amount of staff time taken and costs incurred to add contents notes.

Rob Lenholt, Electronic Services Librarian, serves on the ACRL/CLS/Research for College Librarianship Committee, which is sponsoring "Your Research Coach," a program for academic librarians seeking assistance with research and scholarly projects that can lead to publication or presentations. Designed to promote research by college librarians, the program matches interested candidates with an experienced "coach," who can offer advice, support, and suggestions to improve the chances for success. To date, the Committee has matched more than 20 partners with 20 experienced, published coaches. For more information, click [here](#).

University of Central Florida

People: Appointments, Departures, and Promotions

Roger Simmons (Head, Media Services) retired on February 2, 2006. Roger joined the library faculty in 1990. During his time at UCF, he was promoted to manager, and then Circulation Services Head. He served as Acting Director of the UCF Libraries in 1996-1997. Roger's 30 year library career included service at the libraries at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville), Indiana University (Bloomington), Chicago State University, and Northwestern University Law School.

Marcus Kilman has been appointed Head of Circulation Services. Marcus joined UCF as a reference librarian in 1996 and worked at the Orlando campus and at UCF's regional campus at Cocoa.

Phyllis J. Hudson will be awarded Librarian Emerita status at the annual Founders' Day Honors Convocation at the University of Central Florida. Emeritus status is a high honor conferred on retired or retiring faculty who are full professor, university librarian, associate professor, or associate librarian rank. Faculty must have made major professional contributions while at UCF, remained active after retirement, achieved eminence so that the title Emeritus will be an honor to the individual and the university, and been voted to receive the honor by their peers. Phyllis' career spans over 30 years with the UCF Libraries. During that time, she held positions in circulation, cataloging, online searching, and reference. She played a strong role in the formative years of bibliographic instruction programs in the state and was one of the first chairs of the Florida Library Association's Caucus on Library Orientation and Bibliographic Instruction (LOBI) as well as numerous ALA, ACRL, and Southeastern

Library Association activities. Perhaps Phyllis is best known for her important work in Florida's collective bargaining process in higher education with the United Faculty of Florida. She has served UFF in many different capacities, from UCF Chapter President of UFF (1987-89) to the statewide UFF Chief Negotiator (1984-1986), finishing her union activities as a UCF Bargaining Team Member from 2003-2005. She served on the Orange County Library System Board of Directors from 2000-2002. Currently, she is working on the archives of the history of UFF and other Florida archives.

People: Papers, Publications, Presentations, Awards, and Grants

"Using Camtasia Software to Produce Online Tutorials" is the title of a presentation by **Donna Goda** (Reference Services) at the Southeastern Library Association conference in April, 2006.

Rich Gause (Reference Services/Government Documents) is the author of "Access to Local Governmental Information," a chapter in a new book published by Greenwood Press, *Local and Regional Government Information*, edited by Mary Martin.

Marcus Kilman (Head, Circulation Services) and **Jeannette Ward** (Associate Director, Technical Services) presented a poster session, "Privacy: In the Library and on the Web," at the annual EDUCAUSE convention in Orlando in October, 2005.

Kimberly Montgomery (Cataloging Services) will receive the Excellence in Librarianship award at UCF's annual Founders' Day in April, 2006. **Elizabeth Killingsworth** (Reference Services) received the award in 2005.

Kristine Shrauger (Head, Interlibrary Loan Services) is presenting at the ILLIAD Users' Conference in Dublin, Ohio, in March, 2006.

Dwain Teague (Development Officer) is serving on the program committee for the Academic Library Advancement Development Network (ALADN) annual conference, due to meet March 27-30, 2006 in Las Vegas. He will also present a poster session entitled "Connecting with Your Donors: Tips and Strategies for Marketing Your Library to Obtain Significant Collections and Financial Gifts" at the Florida Library Association annual meeting in April, 2006.

Ying Zhang (Reference Services) was a panelist for the program, "Federated Search Engines: Lessons Learned," at the Computers in Libraries conference in Washington, D.C., on March 22, 2006. Also presenting at the conference were **Athena Hoepfner** (Acquisition Services) and **Meg Scharf** (Associate Director, Public Services), whose topic is "Building Your Usability Toolkit: Affinity Mapping and User Scenarios."

Two students from the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science, **Michelle Boule** and **Tim Durling**, are interning at the UCF Libraries during spring semester as part of the ALSTARS program. ALSTARS (Academic Librarians for Tomorrow's Academic Researchers) is an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant-funded program providing full scholarships for the master's degree in Library and Information Science at USF.

People: Degrees

In December, 2005, **Penny Beile** (Head, Curriculum Materials Center) received a PhD in education from the University of Central Florida. The topic of her dissertation was *Development and Validation of the Information Literacy Assessment Scale for Education (ILAS-ED)*. The degree was awarded and the dissertation was published under the name of Penny Beile O'Neil.

People: University/Library Activities

For the third consecutive year, **Richard Harrison** (Reference Services) is coordinating UCF's Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence, to be held March 30, 2006. The Showcase, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Studies, is a poster-format forum for UCF undergraduates to present current and recently completed research and creative projects to the entire university community. Undergraduates from all disciplines who are or have been engaged in significant research or creative projects with a faculty mentor are invited to present at the event.

Exhibits and Other Library Sponsored Events

"The Making of a Zuckerbäcker: Apprenticeship and Tools of an Austrian Pastry Baker" is the current exhibit at the Universal Orlando Library at the Rosen College for Hospitality Management. The exhibit invites visitors to travel back in time to learn about the apprenticeship of a pastry chef in 1950's Austria, to a time of baking with the hands and with traditional tools, to a time of careful methods and delicate pastries - of a sort to be found today in only the finest European pastry shops. The items on display are on loan from Dr. Wilfried Iskat (Adjunct Instructor, Hospitality Management), who completed a traditional baking internship in Austria from 1954-1957 and later worked as a Zuckerbäcker - literally, a "sugar baker" - in the world-famous Demel pastry shop in Vienna.

In January, 2006, the UCF Libraries hosted a C-SPAN "Book TV" Bus Visit. Around 100 students, faculty, and staff toured the 45-foot long custom mobile television production studio. The "Book TV" Bus travels the country promoting Book TV's unique non-fiction programming, which airs every weekend on C-SPAN2. Several students were interviewed and asked to recommend great non-fiction books for college students. The event showcased the Libraries' services and resources in addition to books authored by UCF faculty.

The Libraries and the UCF African-American Studies Program are co-sponsoring "Connecting the Community: Maitland and Eatonville," a series of exhibits and events built around the Maitland Art Center's traveling exhibit "Connecting Andre Smith and Zora Neale Hurston: Maitland and Eatonville as Joining Communities." This culturally diverse and educational exhibition features 12 paintings by the Maitland Art Center's founder, visionary artist and architect Andre Smith (1880-1959). The paintings depict Eatonville in the 1930's and 40's, and are accompanied by text panels of Eatonville folklore and photographs. It explores the relationship between these two artists, their creative endeavors, and their respective communities.

The UCF Libraries will be hosting the third annual MLIS Information Day on Monday, May 8, 2006. "Professional Presentation" is the focus of this year's event. One session will feature a moderated discussion of "Resumes, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." The other session will include two mock interviews. When signing up for MLIS

Information Day 2006, participants will be able to enter the competition to be chosen for one of the two "interviewee" slots by submitting a cover letter online. There will be more information on this process on the website, which will be up by the beginning of April. Contact **Donna Goda** (Reference Services) at 407-823-5880 or dgoda@mail.ucf.edu for further information.

University of Florida

George A. Smathers Libraries

Appointments, Departures, and Promotions

Joe Aufmuth, UF's GIS Librarian, has recently been appointed Assistant Chair for Government Documents and Interim Head of the Map and Imagery Library. These functions were previously performed by **Dr. HelenJane Armstrong**, who retired December 31, 2005.

Kelley Cunningham is the new Grants Coordinator of the George A. Smathers Libraries. She earned a BBA in marketing from Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee. Kelley brings more than 3 years of grants experience from the College of Engineering Contracts & Grants Office. In order to maintain the Libraries grants agenda, she will work diligently with library staff, faculty, and others. The Grants Management Committee of the George A. Smathers Libraries has been developing a more proactive approach and program to help library staff search, apply for, and administer grants, and obtain the requisite training and advice. Their work includes a brochure and a Grants Management website. Kelley Cunningham is working closely with this group as well.

Jason Fleming has accepted the position of Technical Support Librarian/Assistant University Librarian. He graduated from UF in 1999 with a BA in religion, and will receive his MLS in August from University of South Florida. The Technical Support position is based in the Central Bibliographic Services Section. Principal responsibility is coordinating the implementation of innovative methods of acquiring and cataloging library resources, testing software for possible application to work process, such as MacroExpress, and tracking and maintaining monthly and annual OCLC usage statistics to help ensure the most efficient use of OCLC and SOLINET services and products. Technical Support responsibilities also encompass serving as liaison with OCLC/SOLINET, DLC, Systems, FCLA, library units, sections, and departments on specific functions/issues.

Sara A. Russell Gonzalez was appointed Science Librarian/Assistant University Librarian at the Marston Science Library. Her responsibilities are in the areas of physics, astronomy, and geology. She has BA from the California Institute of Technology and a PhD in Seismology and Geophysics. She decided to make a career move to librarianship and will soon receive her MLS.

Carrie Newsom began as Science Librarian/Assistant University Librarian at the Marston Science Library in January, 2006. She received her MSIS from the University of Texas at Austin in December, 2005. While in school, she worked as a graduate research assistant for the office of the library director. In 2002, she earned her BS in

botany from the University of Florida, and then worked as a research assistant for various departments on the UF campus (anatomy & cell biology, zoology, and entomology). Her current areas of specialization are chemistry and chemical engineering.

Jingfeng Xia, Digital Projects Metadata Librarian in the Cataloging and Metadata Department, left UF in January to join his family and take another position. Jingfeng accepted an Assistant Librarian position for Reference and Instruction (Social Sciences) at the John Cotton Dana Library at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

Retirements

Dr. HelenJane Armstrong, Map & Imagery Librarian at the University of Florida is retiring after 33 years of service. Dr. Armstrong transformed twelve map cases into a collection that is one of the largest academic map libraries in the United States. She has held numerous offices, including President, in the Map and Geography Roundtable (MAGERT) and has written many publications, two of which received awards. She was the U.S. representative to the committee that revised the AACR2 Cataloging rules for maps. In addition, she designed the unique compact shelving to house map cases that served as a model for the National Archives and secured the only collection of Florida aerial photos that are now scanned and available to researchers all over the world.

After thirty years of library service, **Gary Cornwell** retired from the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida (UF) on February 28, 2006, and was awarded emeritus status. Gary was a strong leader for Public Services and the Smathers Libraries generally. He began working for the Libraries as a student assistant and was first appointed as an Assistant Librarian in the Documents Department in 1980. In the Documents Department, he coordinated activities relating to UF's Regional Depository for U.S. federal documents and supervised the Technical Services Unit. He served as Assistant Chair and made a special contribution by developing online processing and online access to bibliographic records for documents. In 1995, he was appointed Acting Chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences Services Department and has served as Chair of that department since 1996. Gary was very involved in the life and governance of Smathers Libraries and the University of Florida, and with professional issues regionally and nationally. His noteworthy activities relate to U.S. federal documents. He served on both the ALA and GODORT Legislation Committees, including a year as Chair of the GODORT Committee. He was member and Chair of the Federal Depository Library Council and also served on two Government Printing Office Ad Hoc Committees – one on regional library structure and the other on reducing costs of the federal depository library program. He played a leading role in bringing together several collaborative groups that tackled the very difficult issues relating to the dissemination of U.S. federal government information (Co-Chair of both the Dupont Circle Group and the Chicago Conference on the Future of Federal Government Information, organizer of COMA, and editor of the ALA/COL/GODORT Task Force on Restrictions on Access to Government Information). For these and other activities, he was given one of the most important awards in documents librarianship, the CIS/GODORT/ALA/Documents to the People Award. He also serves on the editorial board of *Government Information Quarterly*.

In Memoriam

Nobuko Pourzadeh-Boushehri, who served for many years as the Smathers Libraries Japanese Studies Collection Manager until she retired in the fall of 2003, died

on December 28, 2005. Nobuko was born in Kyoto, Japan and moved to Gainesville in 1962 to attend the University of Florida. Nobuko worked in the Documents Department as an Archivist processing foreign and international material, and selected materials for Japanese Studies as a part-time added responsibility. Her friendly smile, cooperative spirit, and extensive language skills, including familiarity with the older Japanese language and literature courtesy of her erudite family history, have been sorely missed by library and university faculty colleagues.

State/National/International Activities

Tom Caswell and **Ann Lindell** of the Architecture and Fine Arts Library hosted the annual meeting of the Art Libraries Society of North America, Southeast Chapter. The meeting was held in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 10-12, 2005. Tom Caswell is Chapter President for 2006.

Ann Lindell graduated from the 2004-2005 Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, Summer 2005. For information on the Institute, visit <http://www.neflin.org/leadership>.

Paul Victor (Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Librarian) has been accepted to ACRL's National Immersion Program. Immersion is a competitive program that allows instruction librarians the opportunity to work intensively on major aspects of information literacy. He will be participating in the Teacher Track, which focuses on developing personal instruction skills. The curriculum of this track encompasses information literacy topics such as assessment, classroom techniques, learning theory, and leadership. The 2006 National Immersion Program will be held at Simmons College in Boston, July 28 through August 2.

Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Joe Aufmuth, GIS Librarian, presented a paper entitled "The Red Sea Rangers: A Case Study on Using Spatial Collections and Remote Sensing to Protect Aquatic Resources" at the 31st IAMSLIC Conference in Rome, Italy. The paper will be published in the conference proceedings. The conference theme was "Information for Responsible Fisheries: Libraries as Mediators." Aufmuth is currently working on an invited article for the Fall 2006 "Geographic Information Systems" issue of *Library Trends*.

Steven Carrico, Gifts & Exchange Librarian, published "Online Bookselling at the Smathers Library Bookstore," in *Library Resources & Technical Services* 49, no. 4 (2005).

Tom Caswell and **Ann Lindell** had their article, "Recognizing Distinction in the Southeast: Twenty Years of the Mary Ellen LoPresti Awards for Excellence in Art Publishing," published in *Art Documentation* 24:1 (2005).

Tom Caswell (Architecture and Fine Arts Librarian) and **Leilani Freund** (Humanities & Social Science Reference Librarian) researched and published SPEC Kit 288 entitled "Scanning Services For Library Users." The Kit was published in 2005 by ARL and "provides a snapshot of what scanning services are currently being offered to users in ARL libraries and the variety of ways these services are offered, secured, evaluated, and publicized ... [and] ... includes documentation from respondents in the form of equipment and service descriptions, scanner instructions, position descriptions, and

promotional materials." The table of contents and executive summary from this SPEC Kit are available at <http://www.arl.org/spec/SPEC288web.pdf>.

Michele M. Foss (Head, InterLibrary Loan) co-authored "[HSCL LibQUAL+ 2004: From Numbers and Graphs to Practical Application](#)" in the *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, v.25, issue 1, p.1-15, with **Amy Buhler**, **Lenny Rhine**, and **Beth Layton**.

Iona R. Malanchuk, Head of the Education Library, and **Marilyn Ochoa**, Assistant University Librarian for the Humanities and Social Sciences Department, published "Academic Librarians and Outreach Beyond the College Campus" in *Southeastern Librarian*, v. 53, no. 3 (Fall 2005), pg. 23-29.

Exhibitions and Related Activities

The **Special and Area Studies Collections Department** mounted an exhibit in support of "Comics and Childhood," the 4th University of Florida Comics Conference, organized by the English Department and held February 23-25, 2006. The exhibit, "Comics and Childhood: from Katzenjammer to Klarion," was set up by the Department to commemorate the occasion, and several librarians participated in the conference itself. **Rita Smith**, Baldwin Library Curator, spoke on a panel organized by Special Collections on how academic libraries provide access to popular culture that has become the basis for scholarly study. The paper, entitled "Curating the Quotidian," used the Big Little Books series and their collector, Sol Davidson, as the "example" of this process. **Suzy Covey**, Systems Librarian, spoke on another panel on the topic of "Comics as Data." She discussed various types of metadata that can be applied to comics, illustrated with examples of vintage Sunday comic strips from the UF Libraries' Sol and Penny Davidson Collection.

An exhibition of highlights from the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries' Caribbean archival and library materials opened February 24, 2006 at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami. The exhibition, "Caribbean Collage: Archival Collections and the Construction of History," spans five centuries of Caribbean history and focuses on the British West Indies, Haiti, and Cuba from the eighteenth to the early twentieth century. The exhibition is presented in collaboration with the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections and the Map and Imagery Library. Materials for the exhibit were selected from the holdings of the Latin American Collection, Special Collections, and the Map and Imagery Library. "Visitors to the exhibition will have an opportunity to examine first-hand accounts of some of the most dramatic events in Caribbean history and will be encouraged to construct their own interpretations of the region's past and its impact on the present," says Dr. Stephen Stuempfle, chief curator of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. The exhibition runs through June 4, 2006.

Faculty and students of the UF Department of Landscape Architecture collaborated with **John Nemmers**, Manuscripts Librarian, on an exhibition entitled "John Ormsbee Simmons Remembered: Visionary Landscape Architect, Planner, Educator, and Environmentalist (1913-2005)," October, 2005 - February, 2006. To view the exhibition catalog, visit <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/exhibits/simonds.pdf>.

To view the catalog of the October, 2005 exhibition "75 Years of Blondie: 1930-2005," visit <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/exhibits/Blondie.pdf>.

Awards and Honors

Denise Beaubien Bennett, Pamela S. Cenzer, and Paul Kirk have been selected as the recipients of the 2006 Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA) Reference Service Press Award for their article "A Class Assignment Requiring Chat-Based Reference," *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, 44 (2) : 149-163 (Winter 2004). The award, which consists of a plaque and \$2,500 cash, is presented to recognize the most outstanding article published in RUSQ during the preceding two volume years. The article is selected on the basis of originality, timeliness, relevance to RUSA areas of interest and concern, and quality of writing.

Library Grants, Donations, and Acquisitions

Chelsea Dinsmore and Marina Salcedo have received notice that their application for the ALA and Nextbook's "Lets Talk About It" program grant has been awarded. The program, "Jewish Literature: Identity and Imagination," will take place at the UF Libraries in the fall of 2006. Nextbook is a gateway to Jewish literature, culture and ideas. For further information, visit <http://nextbook.org/ala>.

Hikaru Nakano, East Asian Cataloger, has been awarded a Multi-Volume Set grant from the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources. Ms. Nakano worked closely with **David Hickey**, East Asian Collection Bibliographer, to provide the documentation supporting this grant application. To quote the NCC director, the application was a "clear standout, particularly amazing because it was a first-time application both for Florida and for Hikaru herself." With this support, the East Asian Studies Collection will be able to purchase the "Bideo ni yoru genchi minyō kenkyū shiryō (ビデオによる現地民踊研究資料)." It is a set of 15 videos recording the minyōs of many communities of Japan, a traditional art form combining dance, song, and religious worship. One of the terms of the grant is that the set be available for interlibrary loan.

Funded Digitization Projects at the Digital Library Center

Rewiring Florida's News: From Microfilm to Digital, funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), September, 2005. The purpose of this project is to change the preservation model for newspapers from microfilm to digital and to create the core collection of the Florida Digital Newspaper Library by digitizing and making internet searchable and viewable local Florida newspapers beginning with January 2006 issues. This grant will set up the technical infrastructure to be expanded over time to include more newspaper titles and years, thus creating a digital resource that is useful to all Floridians and can be integrated into the Florida Electronic Library.

Journal of the Florida House of Representatives Digitization Project, funded by the House. The complete run of the *Journal of the Florida House of Representatives* from 1845-1995 is being digitized into a fully searchable collection. The project began in the fall of 2005.

Faculty Governance at the George A. Smathers Libraries

On December 6th, 2004, the Faculty of the Libraries at the University of Florida met to discuss the results of the summer 2004 University of Florida Faculty Survey. One of the outcomes of this discussion was the desire to explore Faculty Governance models

that are in use within the broader UF community and other ARL level libraries for possible implementation at the UF Libraries.

Beginning in the fall of 2005, the UF Senators (**Naomi Young**, Cataloging & Metadata; **Joe Aufmuth**, Map & Imagery Library; **Cathleen Martyniak** (Preservation); and **Michele Tennant** (Health Sciences Library Center) facilitated the formation of the UF Library Faculty Assembly (LFA) and a series of nine meetings were planned throughout 2005-2006 ... "with the dual purpose of gathering feedback on University-wide Senate issues and allowing a face to face forum where all Library Faculty can explore Governance issues."

The Faculty Governance Working Group (FGWG) began in November, 2005 to study possible shared faculty governance models for the Libraries at UF. Candidates for an interim chair and secretary were nominated in December, and in January **Carol Ritzen Kem** (Associate Librarian, Marston Science Library) was elected Interim Chair, and **Chelsea Dinsmore** (Assistant Librarian, Government Documents Department) was elected Interim Secretary. The Faculty Governance Working Group is also beginning to work on a set of bylaws for the governance of the Libraries.

Building and Automation

For photographs and updates of the new addition to Library West, visit <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/construction>. The last details are being worked out - landscaping, compact shelving, furnishings. The latest projected date for the grand opening is now summer, 2006.

UF Health Science Center Libraries

Events

As October was National Medical Librarians Month, the HSC Libraries once again created a new set of posters in its award-winning "RxEAD - Prescription for Knowledge" series. This year's theme featured people who are involved in various interdisciplinary centers and programs at the University, and books chosen ranged from academic choices such as *DNA - The Secret of Life* and *Comparative Pharmacokinetics: Principles, Techniques and Applications* to personal reading such as Harry Potter, Stephen King, and an unpublished manuscript of a fantasy novel. See them all at http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/pub/RxEAD_thumbs1.html.

Michele Tennant helped organize the Florida Genetics 2005 Conference at the University of Florida, November 30 - December 1, 2005, which was co-sponsored by the HSC Libraries, the UF Genetics Institute, the Center for Mammalian Genetics, and the Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program. Distinguished speakers from the National Institutes of Health, Washington University, Baylor University, Colorado State, and the University of Florida presented their research on epigenetics. Sixty-five posters, primarily by graduate students and post-docs, were also presented. More than 300 faculty and graduate students attended from UF and other institutions in the southeast United States. Pictures from the event and the final program, including all abstracts and attendee information, are available at <http://www.ufqi.ufl.edu/Symposium/Symposium-welcome-announcements.htm>.

Dr. Tennant also helped organize the annual National Center for Biotechnology Information Workshop at the University of Florida, December 8-9, 2005, which was co-sponsored by the HSC Libraries and the UF Genetics Institute. Three speakers from NCBI presented customized sessions, and more than 120 UF faculty, staff, and students attended the two lectures and multiple hands-on database sessions.

Last holiday season, the HSC Libraries collected food and clothing for a local non-profit community center and homeless shelter. Donations from the faculty, staff, and students of the six University of Florida Health Science Center colleges yielded more than 72 lbs. of food, 20 bath towels and 11 washcloths, 58 bars of soap, 21 toothbrushes, and 26 tubes of toothpaste. Also, one person contributed an open package of cough lozenges, which either didn't work or worked so well that the person didn't need the rest of the medicine! **'Nita Ferree** and **Jessica Hacker** spearheaded the campaign for the library.

Honors, Awards, and Offices

Adriana Yoshii, Rae Jesano, Amy Buhler, 'Nita Ferree, and Nancy Schaefer were all recently promoted to the position of Assistant University Librarian.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro has been promoted to Associate-In (as the College of Nursing librarian).

Michele R. Tennant has been awarded "Distinguished" status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals, its highest level, denoting a minimum of ten years professional experience and a huge number of professional accomplishments.

Several librarians were honored recently with a 3rd place showing from the Southern Chapter/MLA. The poster "Online Journal Usage Statistics for the University of Florida Health Science Center and Libraries: What We Learned and What Surprised Us!" was created by **Cecilia Botero** and **Lenny Rhine** of the UF HSC Libraries, **Michele R. Tennant** of the UF HSC Libraries and UF Genetics Institute, and **Steve Carrico** of the UF Smathers Libraries.

Beth Layton attended the Capstone of the AAHSL Leadership Fellowship and attended a graduation ceremony for the program in November, 2005. She also attended the AAHSL/AAMC meeting that month.

Cliff Richmond has been selected to receive a Health Science Center Superior Accomplishment Award for 2005-2006. For nearly six months in 2005, Cliff acted as Assistant Director for Library Systems, and his quiet, day-to-day success "improving the quality of life for students and fellow university employees" has been recognized at the Division Five level and will now make him eligible for university-level recognition.

Appointments, Retirements, Departures, and Promotions

After 32 years of service to the Libraries of the University of Florida – and nearly three decades with the HSC Libraries – **Lenny Rhine** retired in December with the title University Librarian Emeritus. Although he's gone, his ghost has been seen back in his office about once a week. Lenny, let it go!

The HSC Libraries welcome **Tina Horrell** to the Library Communications staff. She will work mainly on providing graphics support for the Libraries' posters, presentations, and website.

State/National/International Activities

Michele R. Tennant served as a panelist on the National Library of Medicine's Program Planning Panel 4: "NLM Support for Genomic Science in the 21st Century." The panel met in Bethesda, Maryland on Nov. 21-22, 2005. Michele returned to the NIH for the final panel meeting on March 14-15, 2006.

Meetings/Conferences/Travel

Pam Neumann was Program Chair of the Southern Chapter/MLA Annual Conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 21-24, 2005, and she is now the Southern Chapter Chair for 2005-2006. **Amy Buhler** and **Sandra Canham** both served on the program committee, and Sandra also co-chaired the Professional Development Committee for the meeting, which was responsible for bringing in instructors for continuing education classes.

Many from the HSC Libraries attended the SC/MLA Annual Conference this year: **Cecilia Botero, Amy Buhler, Linda Butson, Nita Ferree, Ellie Goodwin, Beth Layton, Faith Meakin, and Michele R. Tennant** from the Gainesville HSC Library, and **Pam Neumann** and **Sandra Canham** from UF HSC-Jacksonville's Borland Library.

Nancy Schaefer became 2005-2006 Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee of the SC/MLA at this year's annual meeting.

Lenny Rhine and **Michele R. Tennant** both attended the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, September 21-23, 2005. Lenny Rhine served as the Chair of the Abstract Review/Scholarship Committee at the conference.

Cecilia Botero attended the 25th Annual Charleston Library Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, November 2-5, 2005. She also attended the State University Libraries' 2005 Joint Meeting, November 7-9, and will be the incoming Chair of the Technical Services section for its next joint meeting.

Faith A. Meakin attended MLA Board meetings in Chicago in September, 2005 and February, 2006. Ms. Meakin also attended the Association of American Medical Colleges/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries meeting in Washington, D.C. in November, 2005. As a founding member of the AAHSL Leadership initiative, she finished a six-year committee assignment on the Leadership Taskforce. The Taskforce is responsible for developing the AAHSL Leadership initiative that includes a yearlong fellowship program for future academic health science library directors, a scholarship program for people interested in management, and a guide for institutions recruiting new directors.

Papers, Presentations, Publications, and Teaching

On the HSC Libraries' website, **Nancy Schaefer** recently published a new tutorial entitled "MeSHing Around in PubMed," about why subject headings improve relevance of search results and how to use them in PubMed. (See <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/help/PubMed/mesh/MeshingAround.pps>.)

Beth Layton presented the poster "Instruction 24/7: An Interactive Tutorial on CINAHL" (created by herself, **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro**, and **Marcela Pinero**) at the SC/MLA's annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 21-24, 2005. It promoted the acclaimed web-based interactive tutorial developed by the HSC Libraries' on the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (<http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/help/CINAHL>). The CINAHL tutorial was also selected as November's "Site of the Month" by the Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) section of the ALA/ACRL website. An interview with Ms. Sherwill-Navarro about the development of the tutorial is posted on the PRIMO website at <http://tinyurl.com/e7gqp>.

Michele R. Tennant performed many activities at the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, September 21-23, 2005. As an invited instructor, she taught a 2-hour CE class on Molecular Biology and Genetics for Librarians. She authored and presented the poster "The Medical Library's Role in Graduate Bioinformatics Education: Applications of Bioinformatics to Genetics" with M.M. Miyamoto (co-presenter), L. Zhou, and H.V. Baker. She also authored (with MJ Koroly) and contributed the presentation "A Library-Based Bioinformatics Program for First-Year Medical Students" and was invited to moderate the session on Human Resources Development. Also, at the SC/MLA Annual Conference held October 21-24, 2005 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dr. Tennant taught the 4-hour CE class on Genomics, Proteomics, and Bioinformatics for Librarians and presented the paper "Celebrate Success: Evaluation of a Liaison Librarian Program" (created with **Tara Tobin Cataldo** and **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro**). Dr. Tennant also presented the poster "Online Journal Usage Statistics for the University of Florida: What We Learned and What Surprised Us," created with **Cecilia Botero**, **Lenny Rhine**, and **Steven Carrico**. The poster went on to win a third place award at the SC/MLA and is on the HSC Libraries' website at http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/SCMLA05/ejournalstats_poster.htm.

Lenny Rhine presented his paper "The Impact of Information Technology on Health Information in Sub-Saharan Africa: the Divide Within the Divide" at the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, September 21-23, 2005.

Nita Ferree presented a paper (co-authored with **Nancy Schaefer**) at the annual meeting of the SC/MLA held October 21-24, 2005 in San Juan, Puerto Rico entitled "Allied Health B.I.tes," about electronic resources to help students in the allied health professions manage bibliographic databases and other tools. (See <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/nita/SCMLA/B.I.tes.ppt>.)

Linda Butson presented the poster "Creating a Distance Learning Logo to Market Library Services," created with **Mary Edwards**, **Chris Youngblood**, and **Ned Davis**, at the SC/MLA annual meeting. (See <http://tinyurl.com/pi8qa>.)

At the recent Florida Center for Library Automation joint meeting, **Lenny Rhine** made a presentation entitled "Online Journal Usage Statistics for the University of Florida: What We Learned and What Surprised Us" (See http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/SCMLA05/ejournalstats_poster.htm.) Originally an award-winning poster presentation at SC/MLA, it was a collaborative study with **Cecilia Botero** and **Michele R. Tennant**, and **Steve Carrico** of the UF Smathers Libraries. Their study confirmed the exponential growth of online journal usage compared to print usage and the high level of interdisciplinary usage of basic science journals throughout the UF campus. They concluded that the consortial "big deals" are "good deals" and have doubled the number of journals available when compared to print only subscriptions. A PowerPoint summary of the poster is available at <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/CSUL/journalusage2004revised.ppt>.

University of North Florida

Dr. Shirley Hallblade has joined the Thomas G. Carpenter Library as the new director. Dr. Hallblade's career includes libraries at Vanderbilt, Stanford, and most recently Occidental College in California. She received her MLS from Northern Illinois University and her PhD from the University of Iowa, and she has been very active in ACRL, including a stint on the editorial board of *College and Research Libraries News*.

University of South Florida

Library System News

USF Libraries Two-Millionth Volume Emphasizes Spanish Heritage



Derrie Perez and Judy Genshaft with Vicente Alberto Álvarez Areces, President of Asturias, Spain

As the University of South Florida celebrates its 50th anniversary, the USF Libraries marks its own milestone: the addition of the two-millionth volume. Housed in the USF Tampa Library's Special Collections department, the special edition of Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quijote de la Mancha* was presented to USF President Judy Genshaft and Dean of USF Libraries, **Derrie Perez** during a recent trip to Spain.

The two-volume work was commissioned by the provincial government of Asturias in Spain for the 400th anniversary of this popular classic novel and includes specially produced, brilliantly colored plates and essays from contemporary Spanish authors. The President of Asturias, Vicente Alberto Álvarez Areces, presented the beautifully bound and illustrated volumes in honor of the collaboration between USF Libraries and the Fundación Archivo de Indianos and its Museo de la Emigración located in Asturias. Former recipients of this work are King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sophia of Spain and

the Prince of Asturias.

The collaboration between USF Libraries and the Fundación Archivo de Indianos came about as a result of the Libraries' large collection of important documents and photographs relating to Spanish, and specifically Asturian, immigrants in Tampa.



Ybor City and West Tampa were major destinations for emigrating Spaniards because of the establishment and rapid growth of the local cigar industry. The Fundación and its Museo de la Emigracion in Asturias have entered into a cooperative agreement with the university where archival materials pertaining to the immigration of Spaniards from Asturias to Tampa are shared among partners. More information about the partnership can be found at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/spain>.

USF Tampa Library Celebrates USF's 50th Anniversary with "The First 50 Project"



Police clear anti-war protesters at the southwest corner of the University of South Florida, 1970

In celebration of USF's 50th anniversary and the release of the coffee-table book, *The University of South Florida: The First 50 Years*, the Tampa Library has created a series of educational, reflective and thought-provoking lobby displays for 2006. A total of seven displays will highlight the university's growth since its inception in 1956. To view portions of the displays, visit the First 50 Project website at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/First50>.

The second display, *Growing Pains*, which is viewable through March, shows that the university saw some of its greatest growth during troubled times. As concerned citizens, students often made their opinions known through activism, awareness campaigns, and protests. The so-called "Shorts Riots" began the tradition of activism, which grew during the Vietnam War and renewed itself as issues arose, such as apartheid and cuts to education spending.

As a part of the First 50 Project, the Library partnered with the USF Bookstore to produce a collector's set of bookmarks to coincide with the display themes. As each theme is introduced, a new bookmark will be made available at the USF Tampa Library and the USF Bookstore.

Dr. Mark I. Greenberg, Director of the Special Collections Department and the Florida Studies Center in the USF Tampa Library, led a three-year effort to document the university's short, rich history. The book, *The University of South Florida: The First 50 years* will be available in April, 2006 through the USF Bookstore.

Working with Dr. Greenberg was Special Collections Librarian **Andy Huse**, who played a major role in developing the project. The photos and artifacts he selected offer a glimpse into USF's past to complement the book.

USF Libraries Key in New Karst Initiative

The USF Tampa Library is partnering with the USF Karst Research Group and 18 other organizations around the world to develop the Karst Information Portal. This portal will act as a web-accessible, open-access, global link between researchers, teachers, government agencies, and members of the public with current research concerning karst geology. The goal is to support a virtual scholarly community that will advance karst research, facilitate informed decision-making, and develop future research agendas.

What is karst and why is this project important? The word "karst" refers to an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. As residents of Florida, this research is especially important as much of the area under our state consists of karst geology that houses the Florida aquifer and provides much of our drinking water. What you may not realize is that karst formations occupy approximately 10 percent of the Earth's landmass and are home to 25 percent of the world's population. The importance of these formations is due primarily to their sensitivity to environmental pressures that are compounded by the effects of globalization and their relationship to issues of water quantity and quality. Forty percent of the entire world's groundwater drinking supply is inaccessible because of a lack of information about karst geology.

The 18 organizations developing the information portal, led by the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, the University of New Mexico University, and the University of South Florida, met on January 18-20, 2006 in Carlsbad, New Mexico to discuss the strategy and the implementation plan. USF Libraries Technology and Technical Services Director **Todd Chavez**, a founding and lead member of the project team, attended the meeting and will coordinate the Library's involvement in the project including services such as technology, cataloging, assessment, researcher access, digitization, copyright coordination/consultation, and GIS Services.

This project promises to further the Library's aim of achieving ARL quality collections through serving a unique interdisciplinary niche for researchers across the globe. To learn more, visit the website Chavez has developed to track the process and progress of the project: <http://www.lib.usf.edu/KIP>.

People News

John Abresch has been hired as a new research librarian at the Tampa Library. As a Henrietta Smith Resident and a Tampa Library staff member, John served as a paraprofessional in both public and technical services. He holds master's degrees from USF in library science and geography. John offers a strong social sciences background with his education in human geography and his study of sociology, psychology, and anthropology, as well as geography. He will be providing leadership to coordinate the Library's social sciences research collection needs.

Maryellen Allen has been appointed to the executive board of the Florida chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Maryellen Allen co-wrote an article with Dr. Cheryl Dee from the School of Library and Information Science entitled, "A Survey of the Usability of Digital Reference Service on Academic Health Science Library Web Sites." The article appears in the

January, 2006 issue of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Wireless Networking: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians, a book that **Maryellen Allen** co-wrote with Louise Alcorn, Reference Technology Librarian at the West Des Moines Public Library, will be published by Neal-Schuman Publishers this spring.

Susan Ariew has been hired as a new research librarian at the Tampa Library. Ariew comes most recently from the USF School of Library and Information Science. Prior to coming to the Tampa Library, she served as a "College Librarian" for Education & Human Development at the Virginia Tech University Library for over ten years. With that experience, coupled with her master's degrees in library science and education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ariew brings a wealth of understanding and first-hand knowledge of the role of the research librarian at a university.

Andrew Huse joined the USF Tampa Library as Assistant Librarian, Special Collections Department & Florida Studies Center, on November 4, 2005. Andy received a BA in English, a BA and an MA in history, and an MA in Library and Information Science from USF.

Barbara Lewis has accepted the Tampa Library position of Outreach/Instruction Librarian. This is a newly defined position within the Reference & Instruction Section. Barbara will work with the Tampa Library to identify target audiences, both on campus and within the community, to design programming to meet individualized information needs, and to craft strategic planning initiatives and goals for outreach. Barbara comes to the Tampa Library with a background in engineering and manufacturing and a BS in Industrial Engineering from the General Motors Institute. She received her MLA from USF in December. Barbara has extremely advanced skills with online systems and applications in support of instruction and information delivery, as well as in-depth project management experience.

Marlon Mendieta's *Student Employment Strategies: How University Libraries Can Lead in the Search for Diversity*, was presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education (<http://www.hiceducation.org>) in January, 2006.

Using a process developed by **Audrey Powers**, a librarian at the USF Tampa Library, *The Charleston Advisor* (TCA) launched a new service called Reader Reviews. *The Charleston Advisor* will provide web-based evaluations for electronic products. TCA has adapted Audrey's online evaluation program to create the Web-Based Reader Reviews service that will allow information professionals from around the world to enter rankings and opinions of web-based products of interest to libraries. Audrey has agreed to be the editor for Reader Reviews and is looking for volunteers to review electronic resources.

Dr. Keli Rylance is a new Assistant Librarian for the Special Collections Department & Florida Studies Center. Rylance received a BA in Visual Arts (cum laude) from the University of North Dakota, an MA in Art History from the University of Minnesota, an MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a PhD in Art History (Spanish Baroque) from the Pennsylvania State University. Rylance has in-depth subject knowledge in art and art history. She was a post-doctoral fellow at the Newberry Library in Chicago and most recently completed intensive study in the history of the book and papermaking.

Janeth D. Shewmaker has been honored as Librarian Emerita by the St. Petersburg Campus Board of Trustees. Known to many as "Jackie Shew," Shewmaker was hired by Doris Cook in 1977 and worked in the original library facility in "A" Building. She became an assistant librarian in charge of circulation, reference, and interlibrary loan in January, 1979, but was best known for her legendary and frequent stints as "Acting Director" before her retirement in June, 1995. Jackie Shew continues to volunteer at the USF St. Petersburg's Poynter Library, where she has a special ability to locate wayward books and missing media materials. She is the first librarian at USF St. Petersburg to attain emeritus status.

Tanya Thomas is the new Librarian at USF's del la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library. She holds a BA in Criminology from Pace University, a JD from Howard University School of Law, and an MLS. from the University of Maryland. Her most recent work experience was in Washington D.C. as a law librarian for the law firm of Spiegel & McDiarmid, and as an evening reference librarian at Catholic University.

Sarasota-Manatee/New College of Florida

In making literacy a part of Black History Month, the Jane Bancroft Cook Library hosted its first African-American Read-In on February 6, 2006. Students, faculty, and staff from New College of Florida and USF Sarasota-Manatee read selections from their favorite African-American author or poet. One of the highlights of the program was when a faculty member read from her sister's soon to be released book of poetry. For seventeen years, this national event has been sponsored by the NCTE Black Caucus and endorsed by the International Reading Association.