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Library Update for Fall 2015

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Welcome from the Library Dean Elizabeth Curry

Welcome back! I am pleased to announce that we have filled the position of head of research and faculty outreach. Stephanie Race assumed this position following a career to date that has included the University of South Florida, the State Library of Florida and NEFLIN, the Northeast Florida Library Information Network. Stephanie will be coordinating our library liaisons working directly with the teaching faculty and collaborating with CIRT and OFE.

Last year we formed the Faculty Library Advisory Committee so that the departmental liaisons could meet with me twice a year. Some agenda items for the upcoming year may include SelectedWorks web pages for faculty, using e-resources to create open source curriculum materials and course packets, and ideas for a UNF scholars' expo in the library.

We are also celebrating our collection development success! Thanks to the Advisory Committee, the Faculty Association Budget Committee, departmental liaisons, librarian liaisons, and the provost, the library received a much needed \$370,000 budget increase for information resources. UNF had the lowest materials budget per FTE in the state and was also at the bottom when compared to our national peers. The collection development budget had basically been the same for 15 years, the equivalent of a 40 percent decrease in buying power because of annual price increases. Without a budget increase, the library was facing the possibility of canceling \$100,000 in databases this year. We have been tracking resources that were requested but unavailable and will use that information during the collection development process. This will be an exciting year for librarians and faculty to review subjects and work on collection development.

As you read this newsletter, you will find many new opportunities and services. Please don't hesitate to contact me, [Stephanie Race](#) or [your librarian](#)

[liaison](#) with any suggestions or questions.

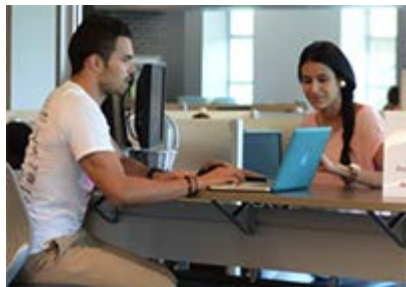


New Library Commons Opens

The new Library Commons fosters student learning and engagement through a suite of services, technologies and study spaces. The Commons creates a user-centric environment that encourages critical thinking, cultural growth and collaboration. It features a variety of group study spaces, collaboration stations that allow users to share the displays of multiple devices on a large monitor and white boards in every shape and size. The amount of electricity, data and Wi-Fi available has also been increased, and a sound dampening system added. The ITS Help Desk is now located on the first floor of the library to better serve students.

Research has shown that the library environment is important to student recruitment and retention. If your department would like to learn more about the Library Commons project and how you can take advantage of the services and space, please contact [Stephanie Race](#), head of faculty outreach, to arrange a presentation and/or tour.

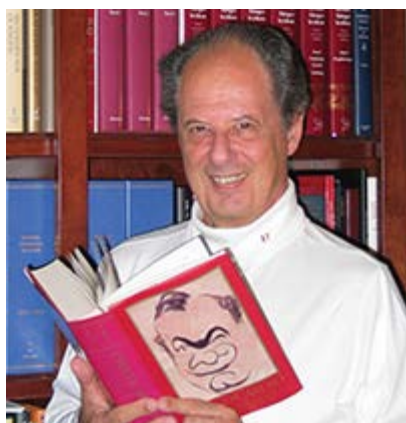
Join us at the Thomas G. Carpenter Library on Wednesday, September 16, at 10 a.m. for the celebration.



Many Options for Research Instruction and Assistance Available

The Library can be overwhelming to students who believe they can find everything using Google. If your class has a research component, don't forget to contact the [Library's Instruction Team](#) for assistance. There are several options for library instruction that can be customized to meet your needs.

- You can schedule a library instruction session, and a faculty librarian will guide your students to the most appropriate research tools and library resources. Instruction sessions can be scheduled in the library, a regular classroom or online.
- A series of [30-minute workshops](#) on a variety of topics for students, faculty and staff is offered.
- Librarians will develop a subject guide specifically for your class or program upon request.
- Faculty and students can schedule an appointment with a research librarian for individual research assistance.



The First Library Director Still Buying Books

Many founding faculty still remember Andrew Farkas, the first library director who built the first phase of the library from scratch. The Andrew Farkas Library Resources Endowment Fund was established in recognition of his role as founding director of the Thomas G. Carpenter Library. This fund provides ongoing support for the acquisition of library materials that enhance teaching, learning and the continued success of students, faculty and researchers. Through the [Andrew Farkas Digital Bookplate](#) a list of items provided by this endowment is available for review.

Faculty are encouraged to consider contributing to this fund or [creating a bookplate of their own](#).

Special Collections

The resources of the [Special Collections](#) section of the Thomas G. Carpenter



Library include university archives, rare materials and the personal papers and primary source materials of prominent individuals and organizations. Special Collections is located on the first floor of the Library in room 1301. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to the nature of the resources and materials, Special Collections operates by appointment only.

For information about how to access the special collections and university archives, please contact [Dr. Aisha Johnson](#), head of Special Collections and Archives at (904) 620-1533.



Updated Faculty Resource Guide

The [Faculty Resource guide](#) has been updated and now includes information about most resources and services need by faculty to support their teaching and research. Learn more about:

- Library instruction program
- Embedding book chapters, articles, streaming video and more into Blackboard
- Citation management tools
- Special Collections and Archives
- Digital Commons, the institutional repository for research and scholarly material
- SelectedWorks
- Library Liaison Program



Art in the Library

Two new pieces of public art have been installed just outside of the Library's second floor Graham reading alcove, named by Dr. Graham in honor of his mother Rachel J. Graham. Those of you that have been on campus for many years may recall that this was once the entrance to the library. Because it is an area that receives little natural sunlight or water, the spaces are not suitable for plants and the library's former dean, Dr. Shirley Hallblade, began reaching out to artists about the possibility of sculptures for that space in conjunction with the [Art in the Library Project](#).

The idea came to fruition under Dean Elizabeth Curry's leadership, and a generous donation from Cynthia and Walter R. Graham, Jr., M.D. made this project possible. Discussions led to the idea of collaborating with sculpture professor Jenny Hager and potentially involving her students in the process. Last October, seven students presented maquettes, a budget and the inspirations for their designs to an ad hoc committee that included Dr. Graham, Dr. Debra Murphy, chair of the Art and Design Department, Dr. Curry, Library Dean, Courtenay McLeland, librarian and art liaison and Rhonda Gracie, horticulturist in Physical Facilities.

Though there were a number of strong presentations, the committee unanimously chose the design by sculpture major Mary Ratcliff, who was inspired by the idea of neural networks and the library as a place for making connections, be they human or neural. The two large-scale metal works -- Connection n. and Connect v. -- add vibrant color and interest to the area.

Fall Library Workshops

The Thomas G. Carpenter Library Instruction Team will be leading a robust



schedule of [30-minute workshops](#) throughout the fall semester. We will have four different topics that will repeat over the course of the semester. The topics will repeat in September, October and November both to accommodate schedule conflicts and to supplement course projects assigned at different points during the semester.

Topics include:

- Meet Your Librarians
- Bibliographies Made Easy: EndNote Basic
- Advanced OneSearch: Finding Your One in a Million
- Finding Census Data

Please encourage your students to attend these valuable 30-minute workshops using library resources. We will be happy to provide proof of attendance should you like to require a topic or offer extra credit. If you have any questions or suggestions for future workshops, please contact [Lauren Newton](#).



Library Faculty Updates

Alice Eng, electronic resources librarian, has been promoted to associate university librarian. Alice serves as the library liaison to the Communication Department.

Dr. Aisha Johnson presented her original research on the Julius Rosenwald Fund Library Program and the development of library services in the American South during the early 20th century at the National Rosenwald Conference in June.

CJ Jordan, coordinator of media services, retired Feb. 25 after almost fifteen years of service to the Library. Cat Silvers is now the library liaison for the Music Flagship Program, and Stephanie Race is the library liaison for the Biology Department.

Susan Massey participated in a panel discussion titled "Leading the Charge: Practical Management Tools and Tips for New Technical Services Managers" at the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco in June.

Lauren Newton and Stephanie Weiss presented a poster titled "Sustaining a Community of Change: Using Systematic Staff Training to Influence Culture Shifts in the Workplace" and mediated a roundtable discussion titled "Distance Learning and Library Instruction: Creating Sustainable Connections" at the Association of College and Research Libraries' biannual conference in March.

Stephanie Race joined the library as the head of research and faculty outreach in February. Stephanie serves as the library liaison to the Biology Department and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Stephanie Weiss, distance learning librarian, has been promoted to associate university librarian. Stephanie serves as the library liaison to the Brooks College of Health.