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Library Update for Fall 2013

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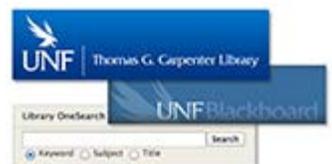


From Interim Library Dean, Dee Baldwin

Welcome to a new year in the Thomas G. Carpenter Library. So many changes have occurred, not the least was Dean Shirley Hallblade's retirement. She and our other retirees will be missed. We can report that the Library Dean search committee, chaired by Pam Chally, dean of Brooks College of Health, continues to recruit and review applications this semester. During this transition time, we will continue to provide the services you have come to expect and hope to add a few more. One of the changes you will find this semester is a pilot library furniture project on the first floor. We have cleared out some empty stack ranges for new open concept study groupings. We hope to poll students and faculty as to which groupings work best for them. So, please come check out our new furnishings on the first floor and perhaps enjoy a new book while here.

Art in the Library project completed

Five years and more than 100 artworks later, the Library's "Art in the Library" project has been a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of both artists and collectors, the library's public spaces are resplendent with paintings, photographs and sculpture. The works can be found on all four floors of the library and even in the main stairwell and were created mostly by Northeast Florida artists. In celebration of the project's completion, the Library hosted an open house showcasing the works and published a limited-edition catalog, "Art in the Library," featuring representative pieces by each of the regional artists.



OneSearch module in Blackboard

A OneSearch module has been developed jointly by the Library and campus IT as part of the default configuration for Blackboard. Researchers can now access more than 300 million eBooks, articles, bibliographies, videos and other materials indexed by OneSearch without having to exit Blackboard.



New databases added to the library's research arsenal

In response to faculty requests and after careful examination of existing resources and needs, the library has been able to add a number of new databases to its research collections. Since January, the library has added

- eStatement Studies, a financial analysis tool for analyzing companies and industries
- Films on Demand, a web-based digital video collection featuring thousands of educational films
- Joanna Briggs Evidence-Based Practice, a comprehensive resource covering medicine, nursing and health sciences
- Natural Standard, the "authority on integrative medicine"
- State Papers Online, a full text database of 16th century British State Papers
- Statistical Abstract of the United States, the authoritative source for social, economic and political conditions in the U.S.
- VAST, a source of streaming videos on all types of topics including art, architecture, music, history, economics and more

A complete listing of all library databases is available at <http://www.unf.edu/library/databases/>. Many of these sources are also searchable in the library's discovery tool, OneSearch.



Shirley Hallblade retires

Library Dean Shirley Hallblade retired at the end of June. Dean Hallblade came to the Thomas G. Carpenter Library in 2006 from Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif. Her 40-year career in education also included library management roles at Stanford and Vanderbilt universities and a graduate faculty appointment at the University of Mississippi. Under her leadership, the UNF library continued to thrive in times of financial uncertainty and in the face of continual staffing changes resulting from multiple retirements.



Sarah Philips retires

University of North Florida graduate and long-time library faculty Sarah Philips retired April 30 after 22 years of continuous service to the Thomas G. Carpenter Library. Sarah's affiliation with UNF began in 1972 as a member of the University's charter class of students and resulted in her receiving her B.A. in sociology from UNF. From 1985 to 1988, Sarah worked in the library's Documents Department as a part-time library technical assistant. After receiving her library master's degree from Mercer University, Sarah returned to the library in 1990 as the successful candidate for Head of the library's Reference Department. In her last couple of years in the library, Sarah served both as director of public services and as director of special projects.

Library staff updates

Lisandra Carmichael joined the library as its new director for public services in May. A doctoral candidate in the Information Studies program at the Florida State University, Lisandra's previous experience includes roles as interim and associate dean of libraries at the University of West Florida.

Marielle Veve joined the library as the new metadata librarian in the library's Technical Services Division. She holds two masters degrees, one in instructional technology, the other in library and information studies, and comes to the library from the University of Tennessee Knoxville Library, where she served as cataloging and metadata leader for their Collections Department.

Maria Atilano joined the library as a new public services librarian. Maria previously served the library as a library services specialist in Special Collections.



Stephanie Weiss was reassigned from public services librarian to distance learning librarian effective June 15. Accordingly, the library will offer a section of its skills course, LIS1001, as a distance course in the fall semester 2013.

Three library faculty members have been promoted effective August 5. Jeff Bowen, director for technical services, and Susan Massey, head of discovery enhancement, have been promoted to university librarians. Lauren Newton, coordinator for library instruction, has been promoted to associate university librarian.

The library also welcomes Susie Parks, executive secretary in the Dean's Office, Lacy Rueschenberg, senior library services associate in Access Services, and Stacy McKeon, senior library services associate in Digital Projects.

Shelly Anderson, library services specialist, Discovery Enhancement, was recognized for "notable contributions to the University that are significantly above and beyond the range of the job assignment and performance expectations" and awarded 2nd place honors with a Presidential Excellence Award.

Library faculty Alice Eng and Cynthia Jordan presented at the North American Serials Interest Group's annual conference in Buffalo, N.Y., on June 9th. The topic of their presentation was "The Great Transition of Scholarly Communication at the Thomas G. Carpenter Library."