

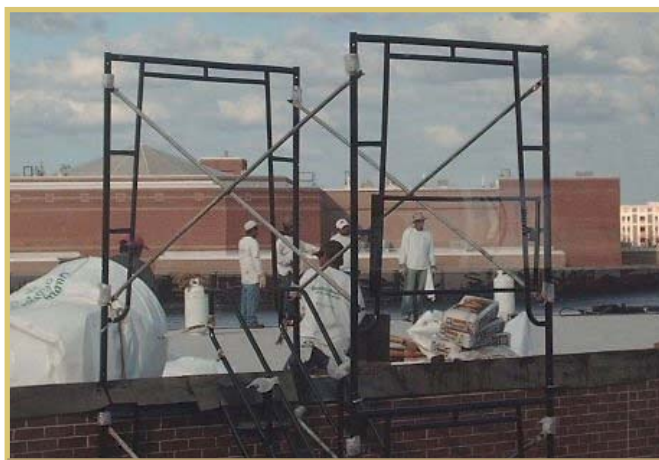
The Libraries faced an uncertain fiscal climate with significant reductions to the Libraries budget. The Libraries' 2007/2008 budget was reduced by 3% or \$369,660. All areas of the budget were affected with library materials taking the major hit. Inflation in the library materials budget reduced the Libraries' purchasing power by another \$331,611.

The approval plan expenditures were drastically reduced from \$1,098,608 to \$512,072, electronic databases were cut by \$74,000, over 500 journal subscriptions were cut at a cost of \$90,000, and allocations for academic departmental ordering were eliminated. Ten full-time faculty and staff positions were frozen and operating expenditures were significantly reduced.

In anticipation of additional budget cuts in 2008/2009, preparations continued throughout the year as to measures needed to manage another severe reduction to the Libraries' budget. Unfortunately, the economic outlook for the state of Florida is not good and at least one, possibly two years, of declining state revenues is projected.

On a brighter note, migration to Aleph 18 from Aleph 15.5 of the Libraries' integrated library system was very successful. Due to careful planning by the Onward 18 Committee, which held many training sessions, the transition to Aleph 18 over the weekend of October 13 went very well and version 18 was in production on Monday, October 15.

The long-awaited reroofing project for the main library began in November. While the project was somewhat disruptive in some areas of the building (primarily the 5th floor in the 1968 building and the 4th floor of the 1984 building),



Scaffolding from the library loading dock to the roof was affixed to the walls for the duration of the roofing project. The drilling and hammering could be heard throughout the building.

the new roof should end the frequent leaks; especially in the fifth floor roof. The reroofing effort was initiated after damage from hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne in 2004.

New carpet was installed in the public areas of the fourth and fifth floors of the 1968 building. That carpet had been damaged in October 2006 by water from a burst pipe in the penthouse which also caused extensive damage to the collections on the fourth and fifth floors.



A large range of stacks being moved as part of the new carpet project.

In order to accommodate carpet installation, all of the book stacks had to be relocated so the areas could be cleared to facilitate old carpet removal and installation of the new carpet. Circulation Services took the opportunity to re-arrange the book stacks on the fifth floor into a more efficient arrangement. They were switched from a diagonal layout to a perpendicular layout enabling the addition of 140 new shelves.

Surveillance cameras were installed at all entrances and fire exits improving building security.

The Libraries began a major strategic planning effort: The Libraries in 2017. Members of the taskforce were: Frank Allen (chair), Penny Beile, Michael Dresser, Rich Gause, Donna Goda, Johnny Hill, Athena Hoepfner, Marcus Kilman, Allison King, Cynthia Kisby, Kim Montgomery, Burak Ogreten, and Rachel Viggiano.

This strategic initiative consisted of an environmental scan of trends in library services, collections and technology, revisiting the Libraries' vision, mission, goals and objectives,

and developing recommendations to position the Libraries to provide needed services and collections to faculty, students, and the Central Florida Community over the next ten years.

With the establishment of the new College of Medicine, the Libraries played a role in the LCME accreditation process and in facilities planning for the Health Sciences Library in the new College of Medicine building on the Lake Nona campus. Completion of that building is scheduled for Spring 2010. Classes will begin in the College of Medicine in fall 2009 in a temporary facility in Research Park.

Throughout the year the Information Literacy & Outreach Department collaborated with Course Development and Web Services to create information literacy modules. Four modules were made available to UCF faculty, students, and staff in June: Avoiding Plagiarism, Creating a Search Strategy, Evaluating Web Sites, and Citing Sources Using MLA Style. Additional modules are being developed.

There were 426 library instruction classes attended by 10,634 students in the main library. That was a slight decrease of 2% in the number of classes and a 5% decrease in the number of students attending. There were 50 classes attended by 1,385 students at the Curriculum Materials Center, representing an increase of 13% in the number of classes and a 14% increase in the number of students attending. 2007/2008 was probably the busiest year on record for the CMC in the number of classes and students attending. The Universal Orlando Foundation (UOF) Library at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management also had an increase in the number of classes, with 29 classes (12% increase) attended by 864 students (9% increase). The Libraries' face-to-face instruction program continues to be an important priority.

The embedded librarian program, in which librarians work with faculty and monitor online classes throughout the semester, provides research assistance to students. Librarians also provide assignments, grade, and give students feedback and post grades. While overall there was a slight decrease in the number of students, there was a slight increase in the number of classes.

Library instruction classes at the Regional Campuses increased as well. There were 272 classes; an increase of 11%.

The Information Fluency Student Award was established in partnership with the Burnett Honors College. Awards of \$500 each was presented to an upper division and a lower division student. This year's recipients were Megan White (upper division) and Stephanie Levitt (lower division).



Recipient of one of the two \$500 Information Fluency Student Awards Megan White with Dr. Marty Hopkins (Teaching & Learning Principles) and Dr. Alvin Wang, Dean of The Burnett Honors College

Information Literacy & Outreach also began publication of *unbound*, an internal online newsletter for Libraries' staff and faculty.

Overall statistics for the Ask A Librarian service decreased slightly by 2%, but chat sessions continued to increase as that part of the service is becoming the most popular. Chat sessions increased by 6%. Telephone sessions and e-mail sessions continue to decline. Telephone sessions decreased by 7% and e-mail decreased by 7%.

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) Collaborative Chat Service ended in May due to budget constraints at several of the participating libraries. The Libraries joined the Florida Electronic Library's Ask A Librarian Service in June. This statewide service began in 2002 and currently includes over 100 participating libraries, including 47 academic libraries, community college libraries, special libraries, and public libraries. UCF Ask A Librarian staffs the chat for the Academic Desk of the Florida Electronic Library ten hours a week. Students and faculty will continue to benefit from the excellent virtual reference service provided by this new partnership.

The implementation of de.li.cious, a reference desk wiki, and instant messaging in the UCF Ask A Librarian service provided greater access for students and faculty.

Research consultations, intensive one-on-one or small group service for students, faculty, and staff continued to grow in popularity.

Overall circulation of the Libraries' collections (not including reserves) decreased by 3% from last year with a total circulation of 315,517 compared with 326,562 for last year. Use of the collections by undergraduates decreased by 7%, use by graduate students decreased by 9%, and use by faculty by 2%.

A major shifting project on the first floor of the main library was completed to simplify the layout of the book stack ranges, making it easier for library users to locate library materials. As the collections grow new shelving will continue to be added and shifting projects will continue to be routine as lack of space for collections and seating continues to be critical in the main library.

Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Services' Lending unit received 32,516 requests during the year which were down by 10% from last year and filled 22,261 requests. Contributing to the decrease was the impact of the re-carpeting of the fifth and part of the fourth floor and the temporary relocation of materials during August and September.

The Borrowing unit received 20,918 requests from UCF users, down 7% from the 22,475 requests last year.

The main library had a slight decrease of 6% in the number of users for a total of 1,238,666. This follows the increase last year of 29%.

The Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) located in the College of Education building established a new record in the number of persons using that facility. 81,611 persons visited the CMC, up 2% over last year.

The UOF Library at the Rosen College had another significant increase in the number of users as 107,289 persons used the library, up over 9%. This year marks the first year that the number of persons using the library exceeded 100,000.

Total users for the all UCF libraries in Orlando were 1,427,566.

The rate of growth in the Libraries' print collections dropped significantly as only 24,924

volumes were added to the collections; a decrease of 52%. That is the lowest number of volumes added to the collections since 1995/96. The print collection now has 1,389,780 volumes not including government documents. This was a direct result of the severe cut to the libraries materials budget combined with the loss of purchasing due to inflation beginning in July 2007.

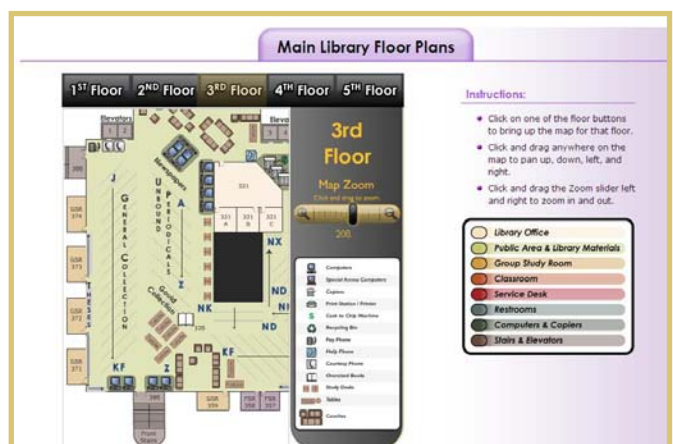
The overall print collection now has 1,700,008 volumes and increased only 1.4% over last year. In addition, access is provided to 197,381 electronic volumes for a total collection of print and electronic volumes of 1,897,389.

The Libraries' serials collection continued to grow as 1,984 titles were added, 1,006 were cancelled, increasing the number of titles to a total of 18,012 titles, including 11,576 electronic titles. This increase was due to enhanced electronic journal packages negotiated with publishers.

Access to electronic resources is continuing its rapid growth. There were 4,911,924 searches with 2,625,250 full-text downloads of all electronic databases for which statistics are available.

Electronic formats (monographs, serials, databases, and back files) make up an increasing percentage of the library materials budget. This year \$2,374,227 or 46% was expended.

The Libraries received the *British Parliamentary Papers 1800-1900* published by Irish University Press from Florida State University Libraries. This important set consists of over fifty subject series in 1,100 volumes.



Screenshot of one of the newly created main campus library interactive floor plans. These new floor plans attracted the attention of the *Tame the Web* blog, created by Michael Stephens, Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University and frequent speaker on libraries and technology [<http://tametheweb.com/2008/06/10/can-you-find-your-way/>].

More unique university publications became accessible as the project to fully catalog this collection in Special Collections and University Archives continued. The following were cataloged: FTU/UCF Press Releases, FTU/UCF Financial Reports, FTU/UCF employee, faculty and staff handbooks, and FTU/UCF Office of Research and Office of Graduate Studies annual reports.



Combat Paper, a book art protesting the Iraq War, is a collaborative effort between the People's Republic of Paper and members of Iraq Veterans Against the War. The book is actually an envelope containing several pages of handmade paper created from the uniforms of veterans who served in the war.

Among the beautiful artists' books acquired for the Books Arts Collection were: *Scream at a Librarian* by Booklyn Press, *Combat Paper* by Iraq Veterans against the War and People's Republic of Paper, and an exceptional Dana Smith book, *Sanctuary in My Skin*. Other additions include a limited 200 copy edition of the Barbarian Press publication entitled *Rufinus* which was signed by the author Robin Skelton; *In the Beginning, in the Beginning*, in the *Beginning* by Rampant Lions Press; *Choix de Vivre*, from Scripps College Press; and Grenfell Press's first book, *The Grenfell Press Typefaces &c*. The Libraries' copy is a limited first edition inscribed by Grenfell Press's founder Leslie Miller to William Targ, a successful book editor who was well-respected in the field of commercial publishing. Targ is best known for publishing Mario Puzo's novel *The Godfather* while editor-in-chief of G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Special Collections also acquired a first edition of Zora Neal Hurston's *Moses: Man of the Mountain*. The Libraries' copy is in excellent condition and still retains its original book jacket. In this 1939 novel based on the familiar biblical story of the Exodus, Zora Neale Hurston blends the Moses of the Old Testament with the Moses of African American folklore, which later led many to refer to her version of Moses as the great "Voodoo Man" of the *Bible*. This fine title is also significant because of the book's former ownership: it bears the signature of Eslanda Goode Robeson who was an anthropologist, author, reviewer, and the wife of actor, singer,

and activist Paul Robeson. Paul Robeson spoke out against racist conditions experienced by Asian and Black Americans and condemned segregation in both the North and the South.

Special Collections is selectively acquiring the works of Jack Kerouac, both in print and manuscript. This year's purchases included a number of additional titles including the first edition and first printing of *Satori in Paris*, published in 1966. Kerouac wrote this work upon his return from Paris, while residing in Orlando.

New acquisitions to the Bryant West Indies Collection include a rare 18th century map, *An Accurate Map of the West Indies* (1740), and two scarce early 19th century maps, *Carta di S. Domingo* (1821) and *Charte von West Indien* (1804). A nice copy of Derek Walcott's *The Caribbean Poetry of Derek Walcott & the Art of Romare Bearden* was also acquired.

The William L. Bryant West Indies Collection received a painting by well known Haitian artist, Petion Savain (1906-1975), donated by Joan Stewart from the collection of Eleanor Sleight. Savain's works, known for their bright colors, have been displayed in numerous art galleries, such as the Corcoran Gallery and the Riverside Museum. Eleanor Sleight, a longtime friend and donor, played an important role in bringing the Bryant Collection to the Libraries in 1972. The Collection is named for the father of the donor, William J. Bryant. Ms. Sleight died in March 2008.



This beautiful Petion Savain painting was donated from the collection of the well-known Bryant West Indies Collection scholar, Eleanor Sleight. Mrs. Sleight's insight and patronage has helped the Bryant West Indies Collection become a world class resource on Caribbean life and culture.

The Libraries received an important collection which enhances the tourism and hospitality management collections. The George and Anne Millay Papers collection was received from the Millay family. George Millay, the Father of the Water Park, was the founder of SeaWorld and Wet n' Wild and had an important influence on the theme park and amusement industry.

Adding to the Libraries' collection of Florida artists, a Joy Postle painting entitled, "Two Painted Buntings" from a series called Glamour Birds was purchased from a private collector.



Purchased from Joy Postle patron Gloria Ellis, "Two Painted Buntings" as joins a growing collection of works by the famed painter. The piece features two birds known as 'Painted Buntings' which are common in North America. One sits on a branch while the other is in mid flight. Postle includes the branches of a flowering tree and Spanish moss to serve as the backdrop to this painting created on silver metallic paper board.

Among the gift collections received during the year were a collection of French literature and translations, a gift of Helen Keuning; and a large collection of military history books (World War II, Vietnam, and maritime history) donated by Dean Veramakis.

This year digital imaging activities added 44,116 images to digital collections including the Van Sickle Leftist Pamphlet Collection, Florida Historical Quarterly, Central Florida Memory, Florida Heritage, Digital Library of the Caribbean, Carey Hand Funeral Home Records, and the Bryant West Indies Collection providing enhanced access to the Libraries Special Collections.

The Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETDs) collection grew to 1,459 in 2008 and made scholarly content produced by UCF students available to a broader audience.

The Curriculum Materials Center implemented a portal to Notable Dissertations to support doctoral programs in the College of Education. Developed at the request of College of Education faculty, this is an interactive, searchable website that links to full-text UCF-awarded dissertations and abstracts from externally awarded dissertations in the Dissertations Full-Text database.

The Systems & Technology department made substantial improvements to the systems infrastructure in the main library, including installing ten additional wireless access points to enhance coverage, installing redundant lines to all closet switches, and installing a new uninterruptible power supply (UPS) in each network closet to improve reliability. Several new servers were put into production adding significantly more storage and security.

Main library floor plans were completely revised as new interactive color-coded floor plans with more accurate depictions of each floor became available online on the Libraries' website.

September 4-October 31, 2007 the Libraries, Orange County Library System, Orange County Regional History Center, and the Kerouac Writers in Residence Project of Orlando celebrated the 50th anniversary of the publication of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* with a series important and well-attended exhibits and programs as part of the *Kerouac in Florida: Where the Road Ends* display, including:

- A presentation by Bob Kealing, author of *Kerouac in Florida: Where the Road Ends*.
- A marathon reading of *Dharma Bums* led by Sigma Tau Delta English Honorary Society, involving students, librarians, and faculty in a seven-hour non-stop event.
- Kerouac House tour and presentation in College Park.
- Jazz and poetry readings in the Libraries' Media department.
- *Beats and the Community*, a presentation by Dr. Ernest Smith and Dr. Patrick Murphy.

Other events during the year included:

- *The Voice of the Everglades*, a presentation by Chautauqua performer and scholar, Betty Jean Steinshouer, portraying the "Voice of the Everglades," Marjory Stoneman Douglas, author of *Everglades: River of Grass*
- *No More Walls: Bridging the Gap between the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences through Music*, featuring David Amram, a well known composer and jazz musician
- *Florida's Water-driven Legacy: What's left?*, a presentation by Bill Belleville, an environmental writer and documentary filmmaker.

Exhibits at the Universal Orlando Foundation (UOF) Library at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management included *Dick Pope: the Father of Florida Tourism*, and *Don't Miss it!, Florida Roadside Attractions before Disney*. Special

Director's Overview (cont'd)



Collections & University Archives partnered with the UOF Library to create these exhibits.

There were several personnel changes in the Libraries faculty during the year.

- Tim Bottorff, Reference Librarian, UOF Library at Rosen, was named Interim Head of the UOF Library in July 2007 and official head of the library in June 2008.
- Laila Miletic-Vejzovic was appointed Head, Special Collections & University Archives in March 2008.
- Marilyn R. Snow retired with 24 years of service to the Libraries.
- Jason Martin moved to the Curriculum Materials Center from the Information Literacy and Outreach Department, becoming Reference Librarian there.

Allison O. King, Librarian at the UCF-BCC Joint Use Library in Cocoa died on August 17, 2007 after a long illness. The Allison Ondrasik King Children's Book Collection was named for Allison in recognition of her dedication to the students and faculty of UCF Regional campus in Cocoa.

Kristine Shrauger received the Excellence in Librarianship Award.

Doug Dunlop was promoted to Assistant University Librarian.

Dwain Teague, Director of Development, was transferred to the College of Art & Humanities by the UCF Foundation in July.

Johnny Hill was selected as the UCF Employee of the Month for the month of October 2007.

This was the third year that the Libraries recognized staff members for their years of service. This year's recipients were: Debbie Weatherford (30); Joan Reynolds (20); Barry Baker (10); Marcus Kilman (10); Peter Spyers-Duran (10); Ying Zhang (10); Corinne Bishop (5); Cindy Burris (5); Linda Seward (5); Rachel Mulvihill (5); and Ruth Wiley (5).

At the annual ceremony and reception in October Ms. Elizabeth Cunningham, a senior majoring in Microbiology & Molecular Biology, received the \$2,000 2007 June S. Stillman Memorial Scholarship for Library Student Assistants & USPS Employees. Established in tribute and memory of June Stillman, a charter librarian of our university who tragically lost her life in 1998, this scholarship is offered specifically to Libraries student and USPS employees.

With unfilled vacancies and reductions to the Libraries' operations and library materials budgets, this was a challenging year for Libraries' staff and faculty. In times such as these, the outstanding dedication and creativity of the Libraries staff and faculty in providing services and collections become even more important. Thanks to each person for a job well done!

Barry B. Baker
Director of Libraries



At the ceremony & reception for the 2007 June S. Stillman Memorial Scholarship: (left to right) Cheryl Mahan, co-founder of the scholarship; Barry B. Baker, Director of Libraries; Elizabeth Cunningham (this year's recipient) holding the plaque with the names of all of the recipients; June's grandniece Sarabeth; and June's grandson Ben McGregor, who started school at UCF this year.