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A Learning Commons for the 21st century:
Renovate the Main floor of the Library

Last year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Olin Library. A lot has changed since Ronald Reagan was President and we all sang *We are the World*. Most of the incoming undergraduate students this year weren’t even born when the Olin Library opened. When the library was expanded and Information Technology and Archives & Special Collections joined the Olin Library in 1998, our students were in elementary school. Expectations of what a library should be have drastically changed in those 25 years.

The college library of the 21st century is becoming a place of collaboration and community. As information resources and services go digital, students and faculty still need a place to study, together and alone, to meet and mix, and a central location for professional services, specialized computing, and information resources. The building that houses the Olin Library is a good foundation for this future. IT and the Library are both located in this building and working closely together. The space is one of the most popular on campus with programs, services, and resources that draw in people. However, the main floor is no longer meeting the needs of today’s Rollins student. It was designed for a different and outdated librarianship and information technology. It needs to be updated. We will finance this renovation of the north end of the 2nd floor of the Olin Library with endowed funds and funds from within the library’s budget.

We will spend the next academic year involved in detailed planning and preparing the space. Construction is scheduled for the summer of 2012 so that students will be welcomed into the redesigned space at the beginning of the Fall semester 2012. All services will continue to be offered during planning and construction.

See the following page for more details about the renovation.
Rollins Scholarship Online: Send Your Research out into the World!

What is Rollins Scholarship Online (RSO)? The RSO is a digital archive of research and scholarship produced by Rollins faculty and students. Studies have shown that scholarship preserved and distributed in freely accessible, online archives are more heavily cited and have greater worldwide reach than traditionally published articles. In its first year, articles in RSO have been accessed thousands of times by people in over 100 countries. Many of these downloads have come from places you might anticipate. Almost 500 hits came from the United Kingdom, and Hong Kong researchers have accessed the archive 180 times. However, hits have come from an amazing array of countries, including Greenland, Malta, Cape Verde, Pakistan, Morocco, and Japan. Last year, the RSO received ten queries from Uganda and nine from Kenya. This is an important way of communicating our research to the world, and we encourage all Rollins faculty to add their research to the archive.

What kind of materials are included in RSO? Peer-reviewed journal articles are a large part of the archive. In addition to faculty research, student-faculty collaborations, and other scholarly works, RSO also hosts journals, conference proceedings, masters theses, and other collections.

How can I access RSO? The portal is located at http://scholarship.rollins.edu/, but individual documents are easily found by standard search engines like Google.

How can I participate? Most scholarly works can be submitted electronically. The final, peer-reviewed, manuscript version accepted for publication is the version of the work that we need. More information on submitting work can be found at http://scholarship.rollins.edu/faq.html, or you can contact David Noe if you have other questions (dnoe@rollins.edu).

Planning for Renovating the Main Floor of the Library

The architect’s drawing on the first page reflects a preliminary vision for the new main floor of the Olin Library. The multimedia lab will be greatly expanded. Construction for this phase will begin in the Fall, with completion anticipated by the start of the Spring semester. The area currently housing the library director’s office and the suite of offices used by the librarians is likely to become a greatly expanded and improved café.

In order to accommodate expanded service areas, the print reference collection will be reduced to about ten percent its current size. This will be accomplished by transferring many reference books to either the circulating collection or the Reference Overflow section on the first floor. Other high-use reference books will be purchased in electronic versions and made available on the library’s website. Some of the books deemed no longer useful will be removed from the collection.

We have spent the last year listening to students and faculty, and thought long and hard about how the main service areas of Olin need to be updated to meet the needs of 21st century library users. Here are some of the things you can expect:

- More computers and fewer reference books.
- More flexible group and individual spaces for students.
- Librarians more visible and available for users.
- A comfortable coffee shop, with a comfortable café aesthetic.
- Redesigned and more accessible service points.
- The whole floor will be open 24/7 during the academic year.

We look forward to your input as we plan the redesign. Look for opportunities to share your opinion in the coming year.
New Databases at the Olin Library


Mango Languages. A database for learning or reinforcing conversational knowledge of languages. It contains beginning, intermediate and advanced courses of instruction for all major world languages, as well as basic instruction in less well-known languages such as Czech, Haitian Creole, Pashto, Tagalog, and Urdu.

DSM-IV-TR. An online edition of the newest version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

Journal Citation Reports. Contains data to evaluate the scholarly ranking of over 11,000 scholarly journals. Provides journal rankings and impact factors.

Ethnographic Video Online. More than 1,000 films, interviews, raw footage, and study guides documenting cultures from around the world.

GreenFile. Covers articles examining human impact on the environment.

IBISWorld. A huge collection of market research reports. Extensive coverage of U.S. industries and services, as well as a more general overview of global industries. Also contains Risk Assessment reports, business environment reports, and a specialized collection of extensive data on Chinese industry and services.

Web of Science. Provides access to citation indexes for sciences, arts and humanities, and MEDLINE from 1950 to the present. It can be used for tracing where an article has been cited, as well as compiling a tally of citations for a particular author.

Bibliography of Asian Studies. An index containing records on the humanities and the social sciences pertaining to East, Southeast, and South Asia published worldwide from 1971 to the present.

British History Online. A huge archive of primary and secondary sources documenting history in the United Kingdom from medieval times to the present day.

Latin American Studies Full-Text. A database of articles, primarily in Spanish, documenting Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Olin Library is Now Mobile!

Thanks to the diligent work of Digital Library Specialist Paul Gindlesprenger, you can now search the Olin Library from your smartphone or iPad. Featuring streamlined versions of our most popular resources, you can look for a book, consult with a librarian, find out what time we close, or search a number of our databases. The site loads quickly from any phone. Check out the QR code to get started!
New Faces:

Elizabeth Hunt. Elizabeth is our new Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian. Have you noticed how the Olin Library’s collection of journals available online has expanded exponentially over the past few years? You can thank Elizabeth for organizing, linking, and paying the bills for these thousands of new titles. Elizabeth earned a degree in English Literature from the University of Minnesota and her Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin. She comes to us from Ripon College in Wisconsin. Until moving to Florida a few months ago, she had never lived further south than Illinois, and is wondering how she can make use of her considerable talent for knitting in a steamy climate. Sweaters, scarves, and mittens are of limited value here, but she plans to experiment with knitting cotton, a “forgiving textile.” Welcome aboard, Elizabeth!

Sharon Pesante. Sharon is our new Technical Services Supervisor. She does everything from ordering books to making sure the items are received, processed, and on the shelf. As the library transitions from receiving most of our resources in paper to a system in which electronic resources are assuming greater importance, Sharon will be instrumental in streamlining and expediting operations. Before coming to the Olin Library, Sharon worked for twenty years at the Osceola Public Library. Sharon is an outstanding gardener and is well-known for her skill with cultivating an astounding variety of lilies.

Lauren Gibaldi. Lauren is a visiting Reference & Instruction Librarian at the Olin Library. She has a bachelor’s degree in English Literature and a Masters in Library Science from Florida State University. Lauren’s first book, The Attila Plan: Florida and the Mariel Boatlift of 1980, is in the review process with the University Press of Florida. Prior to becoming a librarian, Lauren was an editor, an English teacher, and most curiously, an acrobat.

Moving On:

Naomi Harrison. Anyone who visited the library will be familiar with Naomi’s vibrant personality and her outstanding service at the Reference desk. After almost twenty years of service, she is moving on to a new chapter in her life as she travels the world and explores the universal laws of life. Naomi oversaw the transition of our Government Documents collection from a primarily paper-based collection into the world of electronic access. She was dedicated to the Holt school students and the value of adult education. Over the years she partnered with many faculty members to assist in the research and development of scholarship. Perhaps most importantly, Naomi made sure that all of our students found a welcoming environment at the Olin Library, and she will be missed.

Edna McClellan. After 27 years, Edna has retired as the Head of Technical Services. Edna’s cheerful presence was a foundation of the Technical Services department, which went through a remarkable transformation during her years of service. Where there was once a card catalog filled with hundreds of thousands of pieces of paper, by the time Edna retired we had a beautifully integrated online library system. During her years at Rollins, Edna created original cataloging records for thousands of books. Those records have been shared and distributed with libraries throughout the country. Edna is remaining in Winter Park to enjoy an active retirement.