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Welcome to the John C. Hitt Library!

I’m the Subject Librarian for the Department of Political Science. Please contact me for any of your research needs at: linda.colding@ucf.edu OR 407-823-4248

Let me remind you of a few services we offer. Don’t forget our Research Guides. General Public Administration information can found at http://guides.ucf.edu/PoliticalScience. I can also create a research guide for your specific class including online classes.

If you are teaching a face to face class with a research component, please consider having a library instruction session. You can submit the online request form at http://library.ucf.edu/Reference/Instruction/LIRequest.php or contact me directly at the information provided above. I can guide your students to the many databases and resources specifically for Public Administration. If you can’t bring your students into the library, I’d be happy to stop by your classroom to introduce myself and a few of the Library’s resources. For online classes, consider including me as an embedded librarian. I can assist your students with any research or library question through a discussion conference. I can also create a research module including a graded assignment.
The library will have about $3000 to purchase materials this year. Please work with your library liaison, Anca Turcu, to submit requests. This money is strictly for books and/or DVDs. One question I will have for you is whether you would like to purchase the item electronically. Unfortunately we are not permitted to purchase journals with this money because those orders need to be renewed each year and we don’t know what our budget will be in the future. Also, sorry but no textbooks!

Are you an Open Access Champion?

Open Access Week is an opportunity for the academic and research community to continue to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access, to share what they’ve learned with colleagues, and to help inspire wider participation in helping to make Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research. You are invited to take advantage of a free event to discuss the possibilities open access publishing affords authors across a variety of disciplines. Join us on Monday, October 20th from 9am to 3:30pm in Teaching Academy room 117 for sessions focusing on Open Access publishing.

The John C. Hitt Library is proud to announce the launch of the joint Faculty/Graduate Study Room service this Fall Semester. The library has a total of 11 study rooms that can accommodate between 2 to 10 people. The study rooms are located on the third floor of the library and may be checked out by any faculty, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The study rooms can be checked out for a total of four hours. This service provides the faculty with the opportunity to meet with their students outside their regular office. Reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance online. For your convenience, the link to reserve a study room is: http://library.ucf.edu/StudyRooms/

I’m looking forward to working with each of you and your students this year!

Linda