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Department Review: Gifts & Exchange



The Fall Book Sale in progress...

The case is, for so many in Central Florida, that the bookshelves in homes overflow. Books, movies, and music CDs spill into stacks on the floors and tabletops. Spouses chide spouses to “get rid of that stuff!” Most of those things, the UCF Libraries Gifts & Exchange office will take, and do so with a hearty “thank you.”

Books brought to Gifts & Exchange are reviewed by trained collection development librarians to determine whether they should be added to the Libraries’ collections. Those that are not added are held for the semi-annual book sale. All donated VHS or DVDs, popular or academic, are automatically added to the collection, unless they are duplicates already held in the library. The library is also eager to expand its music CD collection. Those converting music CDs to electronic formats and no longer using those discs are encouraged to donate the originals!

Donating is simple. So that we can send an acknowledgement of the gift, which you can also use to make a tax deduction, we ask that you take a few moments to fill out a brief form with your basic information. Gifts & Exchange accepts only academic journals, and then only if the library does not already carry them and there is a consecutive run of at least two full years.

Twice each year Gifts & Exchange opens its doors on the first floor of the main library for a public book sale. All donations not entered into the collection are sold to raise money for further collection development and other library causes, thus enhancing the educational experience and providing our students with even better resources than we had at our disposal throughout college. This growth and expansion is an absolute necessity in the academic arena and your donations can help us go above and beyond our normal allotment.

We thank you for that, and our students will do the same.

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In addition to making gifts of used books and media, the opportunity always exists to make other kinds of donations. For example, cash donations can be made by going to the [Online Giving](#) page and completing the easy form. Planned gifts and memorial gifts are always a great option as well as donating for the purchase of particular items for the library collection. Those items, once cataloged and added to the collection, will carry with them always, a book plate in honor or memory of those you choose at the time of donation. Remember, too, that all gifts the the UCF Libraries and the university are tax deductible; additional benefits incur from making the gift of securities. For more information, contact the office of Library Development and Dwain Teague at 407-823-5982 or dteague@mail.ucf.edu.

If you have that rare bit or artifact of Florida or UCF history, those items, too, can be donated to the [Special Collections and University Archives](#); all of the same donation benefits described above apply. Items of particular value to the area include Florida history documents, photographs, paintings, personal letters and, of course, anything depicting UCF history. Some such donated items are currently displayed in A Knight Showcase, currently on display in the library through November 5.

A UCF Factoid: This year is the 40th anniversary for Star Trek. Thirty years ago, Gene Roddenberry and Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock) spoke at UCF, then Florida Technological University.

Celebrate National Archives Month on October 12 with A Knight Showcase

“A Knight Showcase” has been on display since August and, for everyone concerned with UCF’s history, your time runs short! This special exhibit will continue on display through November 5, and the Libraries will celebrate Archives Month on October 12. “A Knight Showcase” shows deeply stored and little known artifacts from UCF’s 43-year history. It is a celebration, not just of where UCF has come from, but also where UCF may lead in the future.



A Knight Showcase, on display Aug. 1 - Nov. 5

It is apropos that such a detailed display of the University Archives is shown at that time, as October is Archives Month. To honor Archives Month, “A Knight Showcase” will be the center of a particularly grand evening, on October 12 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm. Interested bibliophiles, archivists, faculty, and patrons are invited to attend the catered event, that will feature the opportunity to speak with archivists on preserving family photos, books, and documents.

This event, however, is not the only chance to see this exhibit. Indeed, it will remain in place for all who enter the library to see through the beginning of November, just after, appropriately enough, Spirit Splash, the traditional ‘pep rally’ for UCF’s homecoming.

Should anyone like to attend or obtain more information, donate materials and/or RSVP, please contact 407-823-2576 or e-mail the [Special Collections and University Archives](#).