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### Welcome To My Newsletter!

First, welcome to the first issue of my swanky newsletter! I will send this out periodically to keep you abreast of things happening at the library that may have an impact on your department. The big change this semester was, of course, the rollout of our new Canvas course for ENC 1102 classes, Introduction to Library Research Strategies. After a few inevitable bugs, things seem to be running smoothly now. Many instructors have already assigned this course, and we will be soliciting feedback at some point in the near future for ways we can further improve on what we have started.

Conversely, we have noticed a significant drop in the number of face to face library instructions sessions that have been requested for 1102 classes this semester. While some instructors may be waiting until later in the semester to request instruction sessions, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Canvas course is not intended to be a replacement to our face to face instruction. Rather, it can compliment face to face sessions by freeing up time we would normally spend reviewing those most basic aspects of library research. We hope those sessions will be even more valuable once students have completed the Canvas course.



If you have any concerns about how all this is supposed to work, I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The contacts within the DWR are Thomas Wright and Matt Bryan, and within the library you may contact Rachel Mulvihill or Corinne Bishop.

## International Open Access Week Activities

International Open Access Week runs from October 21—27th, 2013. The Libraries will celebrate the occasion with both an Open Access exhibit on the main floor of the library and with a series of events to be hosted at the library. The exhibit will run throughout the entire month of October and will feature an Open Access timeline, a large model of the Research Lifecycle at UCF, and photos of UCF faculty who have been supporters of the OA movement.

The Libraries will also join in ASERL's Open Access Week Chat with Peter Suber, Director of the Harvard Office of Scholarly Communications. Instead of a web-based lecture, this will be an interactive interview and discussion with Peter. Questions will be collected in advance to get the discussion started, but attendees can also submit questions and comments in real-time during the session. Christine Fruin, ASERL's Visiting Program Officer for Scholarly Commu-



### Collection Development

Now is a good time to start thinking about collection development again. As always, we have a limited amount of funds for faculty requests, but those of you who have ordered through me in the past know I try to fill every request I get. Also, if you are developing a new course, please let us know because we may be able to get extra funds to beef up the collection in that area. Contact me personally, or Barry Mauer for more information.

### Document Delivery

Don't forget that the library offers free Document Delivery Services all UCF faculty, staff and graduate students. This service gives faculty the opportunity to submit requests through Interlibrary Loan for items that are both owned and not owned by the UCF Libraries. Simply fill out an Interlibrary Loan request as you normally would and our friendly staff will pull the requested material for you. Then they will either send the articles directly to your ILL account or have the book ready for you at the Circulation desk. The average turnaround time is "estimated" at 1.31 days.

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