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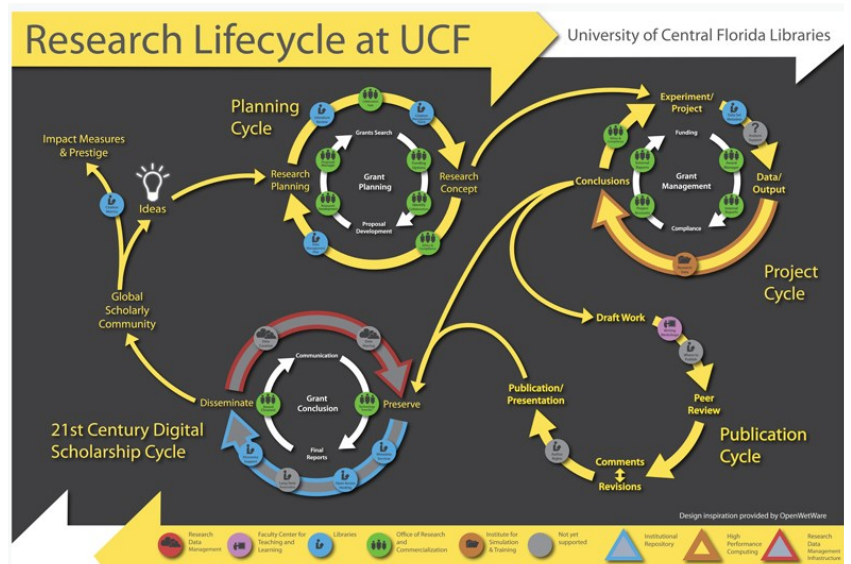
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Welcome to My Newsletter!

I have decided to be a little more creative this fall by producing this swanky little newsletter instead of my usual email updates. I hope you enjoy it! There have been many changes at the library since my last update... here are a few of the highlights.

On a personal note, I recently founded and edit an online newsletter called Illuminations: A Newsletter for New Faculty. The first issue was published last spring and features an excellent contribution by Christian Beck called "The Language of Love." Also featured are Amanda Koontz-Anthony (Sociology), Anne Gleig (Philosophy), and Karin Y. Chumbimuni-Torres (Chemistry) as well as short pieces from a number of departments around campus. I am very happy with how this turned out, so take a look if you haven't already: <http://illuminations.library.ucf.edu/>. Also, if you know a new faculty member who would be worth highlighting in a future issue, please let me know!

We also have a relatively new Office of Scholarly Communication. They have created an elaborate flow chart of the research lifecycle at UCF (click on the image to for a larger pdf). We hope that presenting the research lifecycle this way will highlight what support services are still needed here at UCF. We are also planning a series of workshops and an exhibit to coincide with Open Access Week in October. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any comments about the lifecycle, or if you are interested in being involved with future activities.



New Canvas Course for Library Instruction

I was also part of a group that created a new Canvas course called "Introduction to Library Research Strategies." This course consists of an introductory video and six modules that guide students through the basics of catalog and database searching, as well as a few other research skills. It is our hope that automating the more basic aspects of our library instruction program will free up more time during our face to face session to do more in-depth instruction. This course is being widely used in SLS and ENC 1102 classes.

We still do our traditional instruction sessions, as well as "embedded" instruction for online courses. If you are interested in any of these options, please contact me directly.



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.

Collection Development

Finally, now is a good time to start thinking about collection development again. As always, we have limited funds for faculty requests, but those of you who have ordered through me in the past know that 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.

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