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# Health Professions

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I hope the fall semester is going great for everyone. I wanted to introduce myself as your new subject librarian. I have been a librarian for over 13 years. I received my M.S. in Library Science and B.S. in Elementary Education from Florida State University. I worked three and half years at FSU's Robert Manning Strozier Library before joining UCF in late 2003. Previously I was one of the library liaisons for the College of Education & Human Performance. When Elizabeth Killingsworth left for Texas I took over several departments in COHPA. I am also the subject librarian for Communication Science & Disorders and Health Management & Informatics.

I would happy to come over and speak at one of your department meetings; this would give me the chance to meet everyone and learn a little more about the library needs of you and your students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions! Elizabeth enjoyed working with all of you and I'm excited to work with such a great group.

I will send out newsletters like this each semester to keep you informed about valuable library resources and services for you and your students.

## Purchase Suggestions

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As your subject librarian I also buy books and videos for our collections, and **I'm happy to report that we do have some funds to make one-time purchases this year.** This typically means books and DVD's, things that don't require the financial commitment of maintaining a subscription. You can contact me directly with purchase suggestions or go through your department's library liaison, currently Dr. Jennifer Plant.

## **NEW** Single Sign-On & "UCF Library Tools" Available

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Great news! If you or your students are already logged into the UCF Portal (<http://my.ucf.edu>) or to Canvas, you will no longer need to login again to access library resources! When you click a link to access a database or full-text journal article that usually requires authentication, you will simply be sent directly to the resource!

Also, within Canvas, you may have noticed a new link in your course template, "UCF Library Tools" in the left-side menu. This link leads students directly to a subset of the most heavily used library resources and services and allows students direct access without further login requirements. On the next assignment where you feel the library could play a part, direct your students to this convenient link. And let me know what you think about the link; I would love your feedback!

## Instructional Services & Tools

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Do you want your students to have an introduction to using the UCF Libraries, or maybe more in-depth help from a librarian? Here are some of your Library Instruction options, including face-to-face and online tools.

**Face-to-face Library Instruction** – Bring your class to the library, or I will come to you! Sessions are tailored to your class and assignment. Face-to-face instruction works best in classes with a research project, and allows for hands-on practice and lots of student-librarian interaction. <http://library.ucf.edu/Reference/Instruction/LIRequest.php>

**Embedded librarians** – Have me IN your Canvas Course. The librarian's level of interaction with the class is up to you: I can be available to answer student questions, or I can create a lesson and assignment within your Canvas course. Embedded librarians work best in online courses with a research component. Contact me for more information.

**Information Literacy Modules** – 15 existing modules covering appropriate information gathering, evaluating, and usage. Each module usually takes under an hour to complete and includes content, practice, and assessment. Scores can be synced with the Canvas gradebook. Popular topics include Avoiding Plagiarism, Citing Sources with MLA or APA style, and Recognizing a Research Study. Information Literacy Modules work well in face-to-face or online classes that need a better understanding of how to find and use information. <http://infolit.ucf.edu>

**Canvas Course “Introduction to Library Research Strategies”** – A stand-alone Canvas library skills course that concentrates on the basics of using the UCF Libraries to find needed resources. This nuts-and-bolts course introduces students to the Libraries web page, One Search, and Ask A Librarian. The library skills course works best for new and transfer students or those with little library experience who just need the basics. <http://guides.ucf.edu/librarycourse>

## Document Delivery for Faculty & Graduate Students

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Document Delivery Services are free to faculty, staff and graduate students. This service gives faculty the opportunity to submit requests through the Interlibrary Loan system (ILLiad) for items that are owned or not owned by the UCF Libraries. Users do not need to know whether the item is owned by the UCF Libraries, our staff will research it for you. If found at the UCF Libraries, staff will pull the requested material and either send the articles directly to your ILLiad account or have the book ready for you to pick up at the Circulation desk. Average turnaround time is just over one day.

Items not available at UCF will go through the normal Interlibrary Loan request process. Remember that normal turnaround times for ILL are three days for articles and 7-9 business days for books.

## Citation Management

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Need a place to store your citations? Try one of the libraries' citation management programs, Endnote or RefWorks. Easily export citations from library databases and Google Scholar. Then organize these citations for your research projects or share references with colleagues. Finally the best part... let the programs create your in-text citations and bibliographies! Try one of these programs so that you have access to your citations anytime and anywhere!

<http://library.ucf.edu/ScholarlyCommunication/CitationTools.php>

## Update on Elizabeth

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I know many of you worked closely with Elizabeth Killingsworth in the past. As much as we miss her she is enjoying Dallas, Texas and did start a new position as Head of Research Services for Central University Libraries at Southern Methodist University. Her new email is [elizabethk@smu.edu](mailto:elizabethk@smu.edu) in case any of you would like to catch up with her!

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