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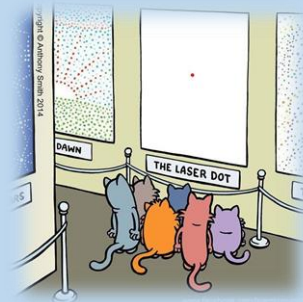
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Biology Newsletter

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After years of planning, the 21st Century Library project has begun.

The 21st Century Library project will transform John C. Hitt Library building. When the Library opened in 1968, it served as a repository with services designed around collections. The Library is evolving into an exciting and creative research and learning environment that supports knowledge creation. Library services and spaces are being designed around the needs of students, faculty, and scholars in the Central Florida community.

Site preparation has begun for construction of the Automated Retrieval Center (ARC), an exciting element of Phase 1 of the project. The ARC will make 1.25 volumes available for immediate retrieval.

Other elements of Phase 1 include conversion of the fifth floor to a new quiet study area, more electrical outlets, fire and safety improvements including renovated stairwells and sprinklers throughout the building, accessible restrooms, and upgraded elevators. Future phases of the project include construction of a building that connects the ARC to the library building, and a complete renovation of the existing library buildings, as well as more group study rooms, as well as graduate student space, a reading room atop the ARC, a digital commons, 3,264 seats in varied types for individual and group study, expanded special collections and exhibits area, and a new main entrance on the Student Union side of the building.

Library services and resources will remain available throughout the project. Space will be available for study and research in the John C. Hitt Library during all phases of work. Access to some areas of the Library will be restricted at times as the work proceeds, but alternative locations in the library for services and individual and collaborative work will be made available.

More information is available at <http://library.ucf.edu/21st/>



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GOODBYE AND FAREWELL On Friday, October 14th I will be saying goodbye after four and a half years at UCF and head to Rollins College. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you and your students.

Until a replacement is hired, please direct any questions you might have to Richard Harrison

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