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Political Science — Fall 2016

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Hello everyone, I hope your fall semester is off to a great start! This newsletter provides library updates and information about services to support you and your students. Please contact me if I can provide additional information or answer questions about collections, instruction or services.



The 21st Century Library project will transform the 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, graduate student space, a reading room atop the ARC, a digital commons, 3,264 seats in varied types for individual and group study, an 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/>

STARS & SelectedWorks

The UCF Libraries' institution-wide digital repository, named **STARS** (Showcase of Text, Archives, Research & Scholarship), allows faculty and students to showcase their work by providing options for sharing intellectual and creative outputs in a central site in the cloud. Additionally, **SelectedWorks** offers an ideal platform to create individual profiles to maximize readership by the public as well as researchers through optimized search engine discovery. The author dashboard also provides access to monthly download information and a readership map. <http://stars.library.ucf.edu/>

Open Access Week - October 24-30, 2016

Open Access (OA) week is celebrated each year in October. OA refers to research articles, data, books, or other scholarly output that is available for free, unrestricted access. Articles not published as OA usually require subscriptions or payment for viewing and have strict copyright guidelines that do not permit sharing or posting articles online. OA Week aims to bring awareness about the benefits of OA in the global scholarly community. This year, the UCF Libraries has planned several OA Week events for students and faculty, with a balance of entertaining and educational elements. For more information, please see our event page at <http://stars.library.ucf.edu/oaweek/>

Subject Librarian and Library Services

- Subject Librarian assistance with student questions in Canvas courses <http://library.ucf.edu/staff/bishop-corinne/>
- Subject Librarian instruction sessions (in-class or at the library) <http://library.ucf.edu/services/instruction/instruction-request-form/>
- Research Consultations w/Subject Librarian — students may schedule using online form <http://library.ucf.edu/help/schedule-an-appointment/>
- Scholarly Communication Services <http://library.ucf.edu/about/departments/scholarly-communication/>
- Ask Us! (contact for online help with quick questions) <http://library.ucf.edu/ask/>
- Borrowing/Interlibrary Loan <http://library.ucf.edu/services/borrowing-from-other-libraries/>

Library Graduate Workshops—Fall 2016

Each semester UCF librarians offer a series of graduate workshops. Sessions are provided in collaboration with the College of Graduate Studies and are held at the Graduate Student Center and at the John C. Hitt Library. This semester, eight workshop topics designed to support graduate students in conducting library research will be presented — fall schedule is available at <http://www.students.graduate.ucf.edu/PathwaysDescriptions/> Graduate students **must register** for all workshops through their **myUCF Student Center** under **Graduate Students** then **Pathways to Success**. Please see the [Pathways to Success Workshop Registration Instructions](#) for details.