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The nose knows: Spring is here. And with this season’s sweet fragrance of blossoms come thoughts of planting and new growth. Pondering choices for my own front porch, it occurs to me that there’s an analogy between growing a garden and growing our Rosen Library’s collection.

Just how does a library’s collection take shape? you might ask. In this instance, our Rosen Library began with transplants—hospitality materials transferred from the main library’s collections, but it certainly doesn’t stop there. Like gardeners poring through seed catalogs during the dormant winter, librarians too scour catalogs—publishers’ catalogs. We check standard lists, visit book vendors’ websites, and click through the online catalogs of comparable institutions, tracking down titles. We engage faculty to contribute ideas for selections in their areas of expertise to support their courses and research; we chat with students to gauge their needs and their wants. Seeds are sown.

Then finally the first bud of our garden appears like the first gnarly northern skunk cabbage of spring poking through musky earth: a stalwart reference tome asserts itself. A trio of small bright travel guides—irresistible as young rabbits—unabashedly escapes from their packaging. Out-of-print titles, our fine old heirloom roses, arrive from antiquarian book dealers. The Dean unexpectedly brings down an assortment of classics on tourism—our garden’s “volunteers”—sprung like bald cypress from the over-abundance of previous seasons’ pine cones.

Great libraries, like great gardens and great forests, are shaped not overnight, but over time. As a library we are a young sapling with tender, immature bark and shallow roots. But keep an eye peeled to our shelves as you would to your own newly planted patch. Watch us grow!

How you can help: If there’s a title you’d like to suggest for our library, just e-mail me and let me know at debster@mail.ucf.edu.
The Rosen Library

Check It Out

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Make the Connection! Did You Know? Off-campus Access To Research Databases Available

Access to the library's electronic resources is available to faculty, staff, and currently-enrolled UCF students.

For detailed instructions on how to connect remotely, please visit:

http://www.library.ucf.edu/Ask/offcampus.htm
or Call:
Ask A Librarian (Local) 407-823-2562 or (Toll-free) 1-866-271-7589

The Harvard Business Review Is Here!

Got a burning question???
Call: (407) 903-8100
M-TH 8am-8:30pm
FRI & SAT 8am-5pm
or
E-mail: rosenlib@mail.ucf.edu

LOOK: NEW SCHEDULE CHANGE

Shuttle Bus Service
UCF Main Campus to Rosen School
Monday-Thursday:
Leave UCF Campus—
7:45am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm, 5:00pm
Leave Rosen Campus—
9am, 11am, 2pm, 4:30pm, 6pm
No Friday or Weekend Service

New Titles Arriving Daily

Journals & Magazines
Business Week
National Geographic
Fast Company
Play Meter
Strategic HR Review
Journal of Vacation Marketing
Harvard Business Review

Audio Books on CD
Critical Conversations
Execution
Fish!
Good to Great!
Gung Ho!
The One Minute Manager
People Centered
Leadership
Who Moved My Cheese?
The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Rosen Full Service Library

?? 1.4 million volumes are available within 48 hours from the Main Campus Library
?? 24 Computers Online for web access & research—databases containing millions of journals, articles & books
?? Research Assistance to access the 11,000 print & electronic periodical subscriptions
?? Course reserves
?? Over 4,000 volumes now on the shelves, thousands on order & coming in daily
?? Over 100 journals, magazines, newspapers
?? Travel & Professional resource service brochure files
?? Wireless laptops for checkout
?? Daily Lockers: Free Rental
?? Study Rooms
?? DVD/VHS Media Centers
?? Copy Machines
?? Cash to Chip Machine
?? Checkout laptops, VHS Tapes

Wireless Access On Rosen Campus

There is presently strong coverage in the library, labs, and limited coverage in the classrooms. There are plans to expand coverage into the Courtyard and Student Lounge areas.

However, You Must First REGISTER YOUR WIRELESS CARD:
http://www.noc.ucf.edu

The Rosen Library Staff, Barry Baker & Frank Allen (from the UCF Libraries' senior management team) share in the excitement of the Rosen School Dedication Day.

Deb Ebster, Dean Abraham Pizam welcome special guests UCF Board of Trustees Chair Dick Nunez, UCF Vice President Beth Barnes, entrepreneur/UCF benefactor Tony Nicholson and UCF President John C. Hitt to the beautifully designed 9,000 sq ft Rosen Library.