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GARDENING 101: HOW TO GROW A LIBRARY

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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.

Dean Pizam Checks Out Rosen Library
The Rosen Library celebrated the “First Book Check-out” with Dean Abraham Pizam, Rosen School of Hospitality Management, Barry Baker, Director of UCF Libraries, and Deb Ebster, Head of the Rosen Library.

We're off to a terrific start! During February, our historic first month of service at Rosen Library we:

?? Welcomed over 4500 patrons
?? Fielded hundreds of patrons’ questions
?? Added hundreds of volumes to our collection
?? Guided students through MLA/ALA citation styles
?? Taught our first library research sessions
?? Filled dozens of interlibrary loan requests
?? Coached a doctoral student through a literature review
?? Provided company profiles and contact info

We Appreciate Our Library Student Assistants
Hanna Baker-Barolette, Shana-Lee Dixon, Max Sestilli, & April Robertson
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

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**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

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**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

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**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**

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**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.