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Visitors to the library have enjoyed our most recent exhibit:


Scheduled to run through March, this exhibit features memorabilia on loan from the Orange County Regional History Center from some of Orlando's most famous hotels of the past.

The display of artifacts—in many cases, all of which remain to tell the story of some of the grandest hotels in Orlando's history—celebrates not only the grandeur of the facades, but also the birth of professional inn keeping and the impeccable service and hospitality for which the city is renowned today.

Per C Up at the Rosen Library!

By Tim Bottorff

Does that big term paper or oral presentation have you down? Not sure how to get started? Confused about how to find books and articles on your topic? Intimidated by databases? Don’t worry; come PERC up at the library!

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Give it a try—we'll do our best to PERC you up!

Highlighting Rosen Library Staff: Deb Ebster

Meet Deb Ebster, Head of the Universal Orlando Foundation Library

In the spring of 2003 she was working as head of public services in the library at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau when she first saw her position at Rosen advertised on the internet. “I shot off my resume and cover letter to UCF immediately. Living and working in the Bahamas was interesting, but having a chance at the challenge of opening a new library was irresistible.”

Deb earned her Master's degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Deb is quick to acknowledge that she's got her work cut out for her in the next couple of years at Rosen. “No doubt the pressure's on. With the College's goal set to become the premiere hospitality program on the planet, our library has got to be on top too!”

She is an active member of the American Library Association and the Florida Library Association. Her research interests include customer service in academic libraries and learning styles among generational cohorts.

In her spare time, Deb is an avid traveler; some of her favorite journeys have taken her to Tibet, Athens, Cape Town, and Paris.

“Anyone who says they have one life to live must not know how to read a book.”

—Samuel Butler (1835 - 1902)
English composer, novelist & satire author

“This is probably the corniest story you've ever heard, but it's a true one. I have wanted to be a librarian since my Dad took me to the neighborhood branch of the Chicago Public Library at age six to get my first library card. I have always felt most at home in a library.”
A Word on Wine: Pinot Noir

If you, like Miles - the sweet but quirky lead character in this year's hip hit movie Sideways - have come under the spell of the Pinot Noir grape, you're not alone.

Of this wine, the real star of the movie, noted Master Sommelier Andrea Immer says: "...I love its smoky-ripe scent, pure fruit flavor, and, most of all, silken texture. It is the ultimate 'food wine.' It is my choice to take to dinner parties and to order in restaurants, because I know it will probably delight both white and red wine drinkers and will go with most any food." From: Andrea Immer's 2004 Wine Buying Guide for Everyone, N.Y.: Broadway Books, 2004 [Rosen General Collection TP 548.I4624 2004].

Want to Exhibit In the UOF Library?
If you have a special collection related to hospitality, Contact Linda Black at 407-903-8006 or lcbblack@mail.ucf.edu

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Student Housing Facility

New on-campus dorms will be ready for Fall semester occupancy by August 2005. Accommodating a total of 392 students, the two four story buildings will feature 94 four bedroom/2 bath units and 8 two bedroom/two bath units and swimming pool. For more information, applications, and rental rates look at www.housing.ucf.edu

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