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The Libraries are celebrating the launch of its new digital open access institutional repository, STARS. Showcase of Text, Archives, Research, and Scholarship, at <http://stars.library.ucf.edu/>, STARS was created through a 2014 Technology Fee funded proposal to publicize, disseminate, and provide ready access to works by, for, and about the University of Central Florida.

“STARS will highlight and expand access to the intellectual assets and output of UCF — in direct support of President Hitt’s goal for the university to achieve international prominence in graduate study and research,” said Lee Dotson, Digital Initiatives Librarian.

The institutional repository allows submissions by all faculty, staff, students, and affiliates of UCF wishing to share their work with a worldwide audience. Examples of content that can be hosted in STARS include:

- Working papers, conference papers, technical reports, and datasets;
- Faculty-student collaborative projects;
- Journals published by the UCF community;
- Published articles, books, and book chapters when copyright and/or license allow;
- Organizational annual reports, newsletters, and founding documents;
- Image collections or audiovisual materials, either primary or supplementary;
- Conferences and symposia; and
- Projects that include digitized content and/or links to online content.

Posted submissions receive a permanent, shareable URL that helps researchers leverage the Internet and social media to further increase the visibility of their scholarship. STARS allows readers, at no charge, to discover and view relevant research by topic, author, or sponsoring department. The system also allows users to sign up for e-mails or RSS feeds alerting them to new content tailored to their unique interests.

Members of the UCF community interested in submitting work should contact the Subject Librarian for their department or contact directly the STARS coordinator. They also should review the policies and guidelines listed at <http://stars.library.ucf.edu/faq.html>. Different collections may have specific guidelines for submissions but basic guidelines and principles govern all work submitted to the repository.

For additional information, comments, questions, or suggestions, contact the STARS coordinator at <STARS@ucf.edu>.

NEW DATABASE ADDS TO PRIMARY SOURCE COLLECTIONS

A successful Technology Fee proposal written by the Department of History has enabled the UCF Libraries to purchase a new primary source database, Indigenous Peoples: North America.

This database contains an extensive grouping of archival materials related to Indians of North America dating from the sixteenth century well into the twentieth century. The collection includes manuscript collections, rare books, newspapers, periodicals, census records, legal documents, maps, drawings and sketches, oral histories, and photos. It also features video content from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Materials have been sourced from both American and Canadian institutions, such as the National Archives, the Library of Congress, Princeton University, and the Association of American Indian Archives (AAIA).

Topics of interest include the Iroquois Confederation, Canadian Catholic Indian missions, Indian removal, Indian Wars and the frontier army, the Dawes Severalty Act of 1887, Indian languages and linguistics, Indian delegations, and Indian-Federal relations.

The database can be found listed alphabetically on the Libraries’ database page: <http://guides.ucf.edu/databases>.

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