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As another ECU academic year gets off to a great start, I am reminded of Charles Dickens' words from *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." It is the best of times because you, our students and faculty, have access to the extraordinary resources of a wonderful library at your beck and call—resources that a decade ago would have only been available at a research library of the first order. To make use of those resources, you also have a dedicated library faculty and staff who seek to provide you with the services and books, journals, and information resources you will need to teach your

courses and do your research.

It is the worst of times, because the library must institute a nearly 20% cut to services and acquisitions—so providing you with resources you want and need will be a challenge for all of us here at Joyner Library, but don't let that stop you from asking for help and assistance. Budget cuts have not impeded us from making changes to improve services or enhance our facility. We are delighted to have the University Writing Center and Pirate Tutoring as new Joyner Library residents. The Reference Department is now collocated

with our 100 workstation "computer lab," and we have added six new group study rooms and 40 individual study rooms. So come visit us and see what's happening!

New to the Library: six group study rooms and 40 individual study rooms!

SOME IMPACTS of the Library's BUDGET CUTS

- [Shorter library hours](#)
- Fewer purchases of books, DVDs, CDs, and music scores
- [Cancellations](#) of print and online materials
- Fewer students hired to work in the library
- Inability to replace public computers and other equipment
- Loss of 3 faculty and 7 SPA positions

ECU is preparing for an overall budget cut of 9% for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Some areas, including Academic Library Services, have been asked to make even larger cuts. ALS's cut will be **\$2,607,106 or 17.9% of its total budget**. To achieve a reduction of this magnitude, all portions of the budget had to be examined and reduced. Every effort was made to minimize the impact on ECU students and faculty, but with a cut this large we know the impact will be felt by all.

The following databases have been cancelled to help achieve the mandated level of cuts: American Film Institute Catalog, AP Images, AuditAnalytics, Bibliography of Native North Americans, BizComps, Chicago Manual of Style, CQ Global Researcher, eHRAF World Cultures, EmBase, ESL Library, ExecuComp, Film Index International, NTIS, Oregon PDF in Health & Performance, Proquest Research Library, and Psychological & Behavioral Sciences Collection. Other databases will

be added to the cancellation list as our review continues. Contact [Wm. Joseph Thomas](#), Head of Collection Development, if you have questions about [database cancellations](#).

More information about how the library is dealing with the [budget reductions](#) and making [cancellation decisions](#), can be found on our website. For general questions about the budget reductions, contact the Library's Dean, [Larry S. Boyer](#) or [Jan Lewis](#), Associate Director.

ECU Budget Reductions Hit Joyner Library Hard

A New First Floor Experience



Students, faculty, and staff returning to [Joyner Library](#) will notice several changes on the first floor that will enhance the learning and research experience. These changes were informed by a space planning project that included student and faculty focus groups. [Budget cuts](#) limited our options, but we have been able to implement recommendations that did not require expenditures of state or endowment funds.

More comfortable individual

and small group seating has been placed in the two wings of the entrance lobby. [Pirate Tutoring](#) and the [Writing Center](#) moved from the Old Cafeteria Complex into the library's North lobby. The new location will make it easier for students to find these offices and will facilitate extended service hours. The [Reference Desk](#) moved to the back West end of the library in an area with over 100 computer workstations. Relocating the Reference Book Collection gave us an opportunity to relocate some com-

puters to the space next to the first floor group study rooms. More tables and chairs will be added to this spacious light-filled area. Laptops, cameras, and other equipment are now available for check out at the [Circulation Desk](#). In that area you will also find the DVD collection. Finally, we hope you will enjoy the new accent walls as much as we do. From the yellow at the Circulation Desk to the purple walls in Reference and TRC, we're showing our *pirate pride!*

Music Library Celebrates Coral Anniversary

The annual gate count of 50,500 in 1984 has doubled, says music librarian, David Hursh.

On July 1, 2009, ECU's [Music Library](#) ended its 35th year of service as a department of JY Joyner Library and began a year long coral anniversary celebration. Though the music library was originally intended to support the educational mission of ECU's [School of Music](#), it has grown to meet the needs of musicians, music teachers, and music lovers from all parts of the eastern North Carolina region and earned the distinction of being the largest collection of music

related materials east of Raleigh.

This gem in eastern NC's musical crown had humble beginnings. In the 1958-59 academic year, ECU's Department of Music converted its student lounge into a small library of scores and sound recordings. When the new AJ Fletcher Music Center opened in the mid 1960's, it included an approximately 2,500 square foot music library managed on a part time basis by a retired music professor.

The next major milestone, the one celebrated this year, is the conversion of the independent departmental library to a branch of [Joyner Library](#). During the 35 years since, the staff has grown to include two faculty music librarians and three paraprofessionals. The collection has grown from 14, 500 volumes in the late 1960's to nearly 90,000 volumes. The annual gate count of 50,500 in 1984 has doubled! For more information, contact Head of Service, [David Hursh](#).

Upcoming Library Events

8/24/09 W. Keats Sparrow Awards
5:30-7:00pm– Exhibit Area, 2nd floor

8/24/09 Friends of Joyner Library table
9:00am Faculty Convocation

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[Friends of Joyner Library](#) membership drive



