A Letter From the Dean, Larry Boyer

Last month, we hosted colleagues from the History Department for lunch and a discussion about Library services and faculty needs. Joyner Library, with its 1.5 million volume collection and rich special collections and electronic access to more than 300 databases, 40,000 journals, and 600,000 e-books, is an incredible source for information and research. Our faculty and staff are always delighted to be consulted about our collections and services. Although our building will not be adequate to meet the needs of an institution experiencing the current and projected rates of growth, we have recently been able to increase our seating capacity by nearly 200 and to enhance the learning environment with new furnishings and equipment. We are constantly seeking ways to improve both our physical environment and resources.

The lunch forum provided us with some specific improvements which we are seeking to implement quickly, including adding online catalog computers in the second and third floor stack areas and increasing signage about maintaining quiet in the study areas on those floors. We will also redouble our efforts to communicate and consult with faculty about weeding or collection changes.

The History Department’s observations and suggestions were very informative and helpful, and I would like to meet with other departments to explore faculty library and research needs, so I will be contacting other departments in the next few months to set up a Library Dean’s Lunch Forum. But do not feel that you need to wait for the next lunch forum to phone or e-mail me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Presentation Practice Room: New for Students and Faculty

Joyner Library's new Presentation Practice Room has the tools to help patrons become more effective at public speaking.

Featuring the ability to:

- Rehearse and record the presentation, then play it back for review.
- Split the screen to record yourself as well as images from PowerPoint or other supported software.
- Use state of the art technology supplied by ECU Information Technology and Computer Services (ITCS) including document and presenter cameras, computer with touch screen capability, and a recording system.
- Save the video digital file of the presentation to a flash drive and take it with you.
- There is also seating for an audience to observe and critique the presentation.

When not reserved for presentation practice, the room may be used for class viewing of films from the Joyner Library DVD and VHS collection.

The Presentation Practice Room is located in room 1415, on the first floor between Java City and the Reference Department.

This new resource is available for ECU students, faculty, and staff. Reservations are required (use the room reservation system on the Joyner Library Web Site.)

To enter the room, present your Pirate ID to the Security staff in the lobby.

For Technical assistance call (252) 348-1404 or ask for help at the Circulation Desk.
Joyner Library proudly announces the 3rd annual Graduate Student Art and Design Exhibition, on display in the 2nd floor gallery from October 18 to December 18. Student artists will display works of art including ceramic, illustration, metals, painting, photography, sculpture, and textiles.

ECU’s First Lady Nancy Ballard is this year’s juror. Awards sponsored by ECU colleges, schools, and units were presented on October 21st. Integrating art into the library experience is an important aspect of the Joyner Library mission to support student academic success and faculty teaching and scholarship.

If you could not join us at the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony, you are welcome to view the exhibit during Library operating hours through December 18th.

This event is free and open to the public.
Faculty & Graduate Student Document Delivery service

Joyner Library offers a free document delivery service for ECU faculty and graduate students on the Main campus. Journal articles that are only available in Joyner’s print volumes may be requested using the ILLiad system and will be delivered to your email account. From the Joyner Library web page select Document Delivery under Library Services, then click Make a Request/ILLiad Logon.

Faculty may use the Faculty Document Delivery Request form and graduate students should use the Graduate Document Delivery Request form option, once logged in to ILLiad.

Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery pulls print journals and other print items from the circulating collection, scans the items, and sends links to the patrons’ email account. There is no charge and no limit on the number requested (within reason).

If patrons need entire works, our Pull&Hold service will pull circulating materials and hold them at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, contact William Gee at gee@ecu.edu or 252.328.2268.

About Pull & Hold

The Joyner Pull & Hold Service is helpful to those who don’t have time to search for items inside the library. A patron can request items online. Library staff will search for those items and place them on hold at the Circulation Desk for pick up within 72 hours of receipt of a confirmation e-mail.

Who is eligible for this service? All currently enrolled ECU students, staff and faculty, area educators, North Carolina residents with a valid J.Y Joyner Library Card and Cooperative Borrowers are eligible. Items that may be requested include books, DVDs, VHS, government documents, items from NC Collection and from the Teaching Resources Center. Non-circulating items (Reference material, any items from Reserve Collection, microfiche and equipment) cannot be placed on hold via Pull & Hold Service.

There is no limit to how many items one can request through Pull & Hold Service, and best of all the service is FREE of charge.

For more information, please contact the Circulation Department at 252.328.6518 or Sanela Bektic at bektics@ecu.edu.

Fall 2010 Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Workshops

Electronic submission of theses and dissertations is required as of spring term 2010. The Graduate School and Joyner Library are conducting workshops in November for students and faculty to provide an overview of the entire electronic process, familiarize students with the submission web site, and explain traditional and open access publishing options. To register for a workshop, please send an email to Amy Tripp at trippam@ecu.edu.

November 9th          2:00-3:00          Mendenhall 221
November 17th         2:00-3:00          Mendenhall 221
November 19th         2:00-3:00          Health Sciences Building 1335

Reminder: The deadline for submitting theses and dissertations electronically to the Graduate School for a fall graduation is Tuesday, November 30.

ECU’s electronic submission site: www.etdadmin.com/ecu

Questions? Please contact Belinda Patterson at pattersonb@ecu.edu, 328-5792.

Announcement: Films on Demand Trial

The Library has recently gained trial access to Films on Demand, which provides streaming access to a wide variety of educational films. The trial will be active through October 28. To access this resource, go to the Library’s Database Trials page: http://www.ecu.edu.jproxy.lib.ecu.edu/cs-lib/techsrv/trials.cfm. After reviewing trial databases, don’t forget to complete an online evaluation using the evaluation link provided on the trial page.

Announcement

Fall Bake Sale on the Sonic Plaza
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
10:00am - 2:00pm

Sponsored by Joyner Library Staff. All proceeds will be donated to Go-Science. Support the fundraiser and treat yourself to something sweet!
Preserve the History of ECU

Support the University Archives Endowment today! The Friends of Joyner Library are raising funds in support of the University Archives Endowment with an art raffle of “Harbor Reflections,” a 24 x 36 framed oil painting by local artist Bob Pittman. For tickets call 252.328.2771 or contact Blythe Tennent at tennenti@ecu.edu.

- $10 for 1 ticket
- $25 for 3 tickets
- $50 for 1 ticket and signed and numbered print

Draw Date: 12/2/2010. You do not have to be present to win.

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