Happy New Year from the Dean

Welcome back! I hope that your holidays were festive and that 2012 is off to a good start. With nearly 400,000 faculty, students and other users visiting Joyner Library, the Fall semester was an active and busy time, and we don’t expect the Spring to be any less hectic.

One of the busiest reading rooms in the Library is our recently renovated Teaching Resources Center. Not only students have been impressed with the changes we have made in that area, but donors have been as well. We are delighted to be able to announce a recent gift from Mrs. Betty Debnam Hunt to support this area and ensure its continued success.

In a recent survey, one of the concerns expressed by many students was about our hours of operation, especially the weekend hours—we are hopeful that the recent expansion of hours will allay those concerns.

Finally, we know that students and faculty alike sometimes need a break from their studies or research—may I suggest sampling something from our popular reading collection; there’s nothing like the relaxation of a good book on a cold winter’s evening. Search our catalog today!

Spotlight on Popular Reading Collection

Check out the Popular Reading Collection located on the shelves behind the Circulation Desk. Recent additions are regularly displayed on the round display kiosk near the Library’s entrance.

Through our rental plan with a major book vendor, we select fiction and non-fiction, keeping selections fresh. Books circulate for two weeks with additional renewal terms.
New Databases from NC LIVE

Happy New Year from NC LIVE! The legislatively-funded organization welcomes 2012 with ten new databases.

- **One Click Audiobooks** provides more than 1,200 downloadable audiobooks; many of these are new fiction titles, although classics and nonfiction are also available.
  1. Help pages show how patrons may download & transfer these to personal devices.
  2. Users can browse titles from the library’s database page, and will soon be able to find individual titles in the library’s catalog.

- **Hoover’s Online** is a business research platform that permits searching U.S. and international company listings by industry, size, and geography to build lists, create marketing plans, conduct competitive analyses, and raise funds.

- Eight new databases provided by EBSCO include **Biography Reference Center** and **Points of View Reference Center** providing general reference materials applicable to a wide range of subject areas.

- **Entrepreneurial Studies Source**, **Legal Information Reference Center**, and **Small Business Reference Center** all provide business and legal information.

- **Small Engine Repair Center** offers online manuals for a wide variety of small vehicles and power equipment.

- **Art & Architecture Complete (AAC)** features more than 63,000 images. AAC also provides full-text coverage of 380 periodicals and more than 220 books, and indexing to more than 850 more journals and 200 more books.

- To offset the costs of these new databases, NC LIVE made some cancellations.
  1. Patrons have lost access to the COIN Career Library and Reference USA.
  2. Reference USA’s business directory functions are now offered by Hoover’s Online.
  3. Although NC LIVE cancelled its subscription to PsydINFO, ECU Libraries began subscribing so that our faculty and students retain access to this valuable resource.

Questions may be directed to the Reference Department or to Joseph Thomas, Head of Collection Development.

Click here to connect to databases

Upgrades, too!

Upgrades to several NC LIVE multi-disciplinary databases open new content to library users.

- **Academic Search Premier** and **Business Source Premier** were upgraded to **Academic Search Complete** and **Business Source Complete**.

- **Two other “Premier” databases** - **MAS** and **Masterfile** - were also upgraded to the “Complete” versions.

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Graduate 101 Research Guide

This guide helps new and existing Graduate students in all disciplines begin their research. The guide includes information on finding books, finding articles, search techniques, discipline specific information, RefWorks, and a get help section.

Graduate 101 is a research guide that helps students learn about finding articles and books, writing a literature review and their thesis, using RefWorks, and more!

Consider embedding Graduate 101 into your Blackboard course for Spring 2012! http://libguides.ecu.edu/Graduate101

Joyner Library has a new tutorial to help ECU Graduate students learn about library resources!
The Betty Debnam Hunt and Richard M. Hunt Endowment Fund Continues to Support ECU

Born in a family of journalists, Betty Debnam Hunt seemed destined to make a lasting mark in the world of journalism. On August 29, 1969, she published the first “Mini-Page”.

After 43 years of Mini Page publications, Ms. Debnam Hunt continues her dedication to education through the establishment of the Betty Debnam Hunt and Richard M. Hunt Endowment Fund at East Carolina University.

The endowment of $100,000 will allow the selection of resources to further support the development of the Debnam Resource Center for Family Literacy established on March 24, 2004 in the Joyner Library Teaching Resources Center. This generous donation will enhance the success of education students at ECU.

We Need Your Help!: Join the Friends of Joyner Library

Financial contributions help to sponsor:
- W. Keats Sparrow English 1200 Writing Awards
- The Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming;
- Joyner Library Graduate Student Art and Design Exhibition;
- Speaker programs; and
- Student scholarship and professional development

Membership levels include:
- $25 ECU Faculty/ Staff
- $35 Individual/Book Club
- $50 Family

For membership, visit Friends of Joyner Library

TRC Art Display by Students from Lake Forest Elementary School Through February 17, 2012

The Teaching Resources Center’s walls will be adorned with beautiful pieces of art made by students from Pitt County’s newest school: Lake Forest Elementary.

Under the instruction of Jett Harrell, students from Kindergarten through 5th grade created unique two-dimensional paintings and drawings.

Stop by the TRC and take a look at the art created by these talented Pitt County students!