Fisher Digital Publications Update

At the 2012 Faculty Scholarship Celebration, Lavery Library unveiled Fisher Digital Publications, a service for publishing and archiving the work of students, faculty and staff.

We’re happy to report the site has been tremendously successful, garnering over 13,000 views in its first year. The most-accessed collections were Education Theses and Dissertations, Pharmacy Faculty Publications, and articles from the Undergraduate Review.

Please visit: fisherpub.sjfc.edu

Exhibits at Lavery Library

Two Sides of a Story: Shawnee Hill
This fall, Lavery Library has hosted an exhibit of Finger Lakes artist Shawnee Hill’s illustrations in the Lower Level Gallery.
http://www.coroflot.com/shawneehill/

Up Next: Steven Lee Davis
Next semester, the library will exhibit the work of wood engraver Steven Lee Davis.
http://www.studioleedavis.com/

Information Literacy Skills Study

Librarian Marianne Simmons is working to measure the persistence of information literacy instruction. This study is in 2 phases. Last April, Marianne administered a quiz almost identical to the quiz given to freshmen at the end of the library session held in ENG199.

Results indicated that only a third received a passing grade on the quiz. Therefore, the library wants to engage the campus with a more rigorous information literacy assessment.

Phase 2 occurs this Fall Semester. More than 70 students have volunteered to take the in-depth iSkills exam created by ETS. This hour-long exam will give us more insight into what our students need to become information literate graduates.
New Librarian
Christina Hillman

Lavery Library’s newest librarian in her own words:

“I love getting to work with students, both at the Help Desk and through my liaison area: OCC Ed.D students. I’m always learning either from others or on my own. I like to hear what others think—about pretty much everything—when I am learning something new. I like to play poker.”

Faculty First

Students often look to faculty first when beginning or struggling with their research. The library invites you to include the contact information for your library liaison on your syllabi. This might also include the link to a specially designed guide each librarian has put together to assist students in getting started with their research.

Ask your librarian for help including her in Blackboard!
http://sjfc.edu/library/contact/mylibrarian.dot

Keating Room Expansion

Facilities worked their magic last spring to expand a small room into the new 625 ft² Keating Room study and tutoring area. Seating 32, the room has already been used by over 2000 students, including 10 weekly Chemistry tutoring sessions with an average of 8 students per session.

According to a Fall 2012 survey, group study, quiet study, and individual study spaces are the top 3 features students would like to see in a redesigned library. A $10,000 donation from Trustee Marty Keating provided for finishing touches, including a smart board for presentation practice, art, and whiteboards.

Did You Know?

- 90% of Research Help Desk interactions during the Fall Semester aligned with information literacy goals and College Wide Learning Goal 3 (Communication). Librarians spent over 130 hours providing this one-on-one instruction.

- 61,692 full text articles were downloaded from EBSCO databases in the 2012-2013 academic year.

- Fisher students and faculty checked out more than 2000 books from the Upper Level this semester.

- Of 18,665 books and videos added to the catalog this semester, less than 1000 are on physical shelves.