Host Program for Chinese Librarians

Together with librarians at the Library of Congress, Cleveland Public Library and Georgetown University, Min Tong, a UCF librarian at the South Lake Campus, coordinated the U.S. Host Program for Librarians from China in June 2011.

The Asian Library and the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs (which strengthens international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of international education, understanding and peace) jointly organize the program, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, for International Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Chinese American Librarians Association. The program’s goal is to give Chinese delegates the opportunity to observe first hand the day-to-day operations of select public libraries in the United States, and to share stories and experiences about libraries in China.

The visiting librarians ended their Florida trip by visiting the UCF South Lake Campus Library, a joint-use library in partnership with the Lake Sumter Community College Library (LSCC) and the Lake County Library Systems. During the two-hour visit, Denise English, director of LSCC’s Library Services, and Boyd Bruce, assistant director for public services at Lake County Library System, talked with the visitors about the varying roles that libraries play in both the United States and China, and how they differ.

Technology Commons Opening Soon

 slated to open in January 2012, the Technology Commons is a large open space located in Computer Centers I and II that will serve as a central hub, encouraging student academic collaboration. The Technology Commons, the latest project from Computer Services & Telecommunications (CS&T), will reinvent Computer Centers I and II as a versatile, collaborative learning space in the heart of the UCF campus. The project includes upgraded computer workstations and new software, as well as media production and editing facilities, a help desk, PC repair, and a cafe. The goal of the Technology Commons is to be an ideal study area that will be inviting to UCF students, faculty and staff alike.

New Technology for Fall Semester

Beginning September 12, several new of equipment items were added for checkout at the UCF library’s media services desk.

New equipment includes 44 iPads, 10 flip cameras, 10 digital cameras, five voice recorders, 10 portable Blu-Ray players and five portable scanners. All of these items were made available by the Student Technology Fee, and are available only to UCF students. Equipment may be checked out for up to seven days at a time, with one seven-day renewal allowed.

The new technology has been very popular so far, with all of the iPads being checked out on the first day.
New Year, New Look for Information Literacy Modules

A new look is coming to the UCF Information Literacy Modules. During the winter break, the Obojobo system used to create and view the information literacy modules will move from Flash to HTML5. As a result, the modules will have a new color scheme with a much cleaner, more vibrant interface. All of the basic functionality and navigation will remain the same.

The information literacy modules are unique, online instructional tools that can be used in both face-to-face and online courses to teach students information literacy concepts and skills, such as how to avoid plagiarism, how to cite sources, and how to gather and evaluate information. Each module has content, practice questions with feedback and an assessment with scores. Because Obojobo is an authenticated system, student scores can be synced with WebCourses or downloaded into any grade book.

A list of all 12 information literacy modules and instructions for assigning the modules is available at http://infolit.ucf.edu.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Killingsworth at elizabeth.killingsworth@ucf.edu.

Faculty Multimedia Center

The Faculty Multimedia Center (FMC) has been housed in its current location, Classroom I, Room 202, since 2000. Its primary function is to provide access to multimedia production technologies and training on production techniques and software for faculty. The center services faculty working on course and research materials for both online and face-to-face instruction.

Services and technologies available include:
• Semester-Based Interns (student assistants)
• Large-Format Printing
• Photographic Services
• Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Support
• Slide Scanning
• High-Speed Document Scanning
• A4 Flatbed Scanners
• Video Editing
• Audio Recording
• Tegrity Recording
• Camtasia Recording

The Faculty Multimedia Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some services, such as the sound booth, high-speed document scanner, training room and digital slide scanner, require an appointment to ensure quality customer service.

Carole Hinshaw Retires

Carole Hinshaw, UCF Libraries’ marketing and program officer, is retiring.

As a native of Alabama, Carole is an alumna of the University of Alabama, where she is remains a strong football fan. She graduated from library school at LSU.

Carole served in several positions at UCF: reference librarian, library instruction coordinator and head of the reference department beginning in 1999. Since 2009, Carole has been the library’s marketing and program officer.

Carole has enjoyed acquiring nationally travelling exhibits for display at the library. She served on the committee that brought Frankenstein: Penetrating the Myths of Nature to UCF. Carole chaired the committee that hosted the recent display, A Fine Romance: Jewish-American Songwriters, American Songs 1910-1965. Her favorite display of them all has been Pride and the Passion, which presented the history of baseball’s Negro Leagues. Carole and her committee planned an amazing day with the “legends” (Negro League players from the 1940s), who shared their experiences with a spellbound UCF audience. That night the “legends” met the UCF Baseball team pregame, and one of them threw out the first pitch.

Carole has been an active member of the American Library Association, Florida Library Association and Southeastern Library Association. She served as chair of a Library Instruction Round Table Committee and was active in the Distance Learning Section. On campus, Carole served as secretary of the UCF Faculty Senate. She was recently appointed to the Sanford Museum Advisory Board, she serves on the Board of the Rotary Club of Sanford and South Seminole County, and she works with the Kerouac Project’s Writer-in-Residence program.

Carol said she has many happy memories and that she’s going to miss a lot of very interesting people and so many good friends. We will all miss Carole, too.
Information Technologies & Resources Recognized for Efforts

On Oct. 28, UCF Organizational Development & Training (OD&T) recognized individuals who completed one of its series training courses (Leadership Challenge, Supervisory Skills, Emerging Leader, etc.). Staff from Information Technologies & Resources were included in that group. OD&T also recognized work groups that have made a commitment to ongoing employee development. Three of the six groups that received the Order of the Baton award also were from Information Technologies & Resources. Congratulations to all recipients!

New Digital Signs in Library

The UCF Libraries’ main building has new digital signs. Five LED TVs (one 46” and four 40”) have been installed to provide current library news, events and directional information, as well as PC and study room availability and floor maps.

The resource availability information and floor maps have been displayed on monitors on the columns across from the art wall on the second floor for the past year. These monitors were part of the Knowledge Commons project. The additional monitors will be located on the first, third, fourth and fifth floors across from the bank of three elevators and at the front entrance across from the circulation desk.

In the next few months, small monitors will be mounted outside the classrooms to display the daily schedule for those rooms, and the TV in the café will be converted to display live TV and announcements. The signs near the art wall will also broadcast video and other multimedia to enhance the exhibits on display.

The licensing for the software to run the signs was negotiated through a campus effort to evaluate and select the product that would best support digital signage on campus, giving departments a robust environment to provide daily information specific to each sign’s location and display campus-wide emergency announcements when needed. After a year of planning, the UCF Digital Signage group chose Four Winds Interactive software to manage the sign content.

Maps can be found on the libraries’ website at http://library.ucf.edu/Administration/Maps.

Sloan Consortium Award Winner

Joel Hartman, vice provost and CIO for UCF Information Technologies and Resources was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Sloan-C A. Frank Mayadas Leadership Award.

The Mayadas Leadership Award is the highest individual recognition offered by the Sloan Consortium and acknowledges and celebrates leadership in online education. Through this award, the Sloan Consortium seeks to recognize those innovative individuals who most clearly have demonstrated the ability to advance online learning.

The selection committee, comprised of leaders in higher education, felt that Hartman’s leadership in the field of online learning on a national scale has been, and continues to be, transformative.

Narrative from the award nominations and supporting letters included the following:

“He is a model CIO and a national leader in harnessing the power of information and instructional technologies for the transformation and advancement of higher education. Leaders have followers, managers have employees. That statement captures the transformative nature of Joel’s leadership impact at UCF, in our region, across the country and many places throughout the world.”

“Joel has a gift for setting a vision and then employing the strategies and tactics necessary to realize that vision. UCF’s immense growth in online learning during his tenure is a testament to this ability. But beyond simply growing educational access via technology, Joel continually espouses the pedagogical application of technology. He does not favor technology for technology’s sake. He does not subscribe to the notion of simple adoption as a measure of success in educational technology. Joel’s goal is nothing short of transformation.”

About the Sloan Consortium:
The Sloan Consortium is an institutional and professional leadership organization dedicated to integrating online education into the mainstream of higher education, helping institutions and individual educators improve the quality, scale and breadth of online education. Membership in the Sloan Consortium provides knowledge, practice, community, and direction for educators. Originally funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Sloan-C is now a non-profit, member-sustained organization devoted to leading higher education to meet societal needs for affordable access, quality innovation, and teaching and learning excellence.

Watch for new digital signs, like the one above, located throughout the main UCF Library.

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Congratulations to the 2011-12 Technology Fee Award Recipients

2011 FALL AWARDS

College of Arts & Humanities:
• The Writing Across the Curriculum Program
• Rehearsal Hall Network Infrastructure Upgrade
• University Writing Center

College of Business Administration:
• Business Administration Network Infrastructure Upgrades

College of Education:
• Counselor Education Marriage-Family Research Institute Upgrade (UCF MFRI)

College of Engineering & Computer Science:
• Classroom Renovation for Enhanced Student Experience - 1
• Classroom Renovation for Enhanced Student Experience - 2
• Classroom Renovation for Enhanced Student Experience - 3

College of Graduate Studies:
• Graduate Student Center

College of Health & Public Affairs:
• 2011-2012 COHPA Network Upgrade Proposal

Information Technologies & Resources:
• One-time Purchase of Titles - Cambridge Books Online
• A Web Scale Discovery Tool for the UCF Libraries
• Purchase of the 2011 Sage Deep Backfile Collection
• Network Core Expansion - Upgrades

Student Development & Enrollment Services:
• Multimedia Accessibility (MMA)

2012 SPRING AWARDS

College of Arts & Humanities:
• SVAD Facility Upgrade B.A.-B.F.A. Program
• Center for Humanities and Digital Research Upgrade

College of Education:
• Screens and Microphones for TA and ED Classrooms
• College of Education Technology Infrastructure Upgrade Phase 2
• Technology in Teaching Exercise Biochemistry
• TeachLive
• Education Gymnasium Classroom Multimedia Improvement

College of Engineering & Computer Science:
• College of Engineering & Computer Science Network Upgrade
• Design Studio for Senior Capstone Design

College of Medicine:
• Burnett HPA II Classroom Multimedia Upgrade

College of Nursing:
• College of Nursing Skills and Simulation Lab Tablets

College of Optics & Photonics:
• CREOL Network Upgrade

College of Sciences:
• Howard Phillips Hall Network Upgrade
• Physics Studio
• Biological Sciences Building Network Upgrade
• COS Multimedia Classrooms - 2011-2012

Information Technologies & Resources:
• Classroom Building Student Computer Lab Projector and Screen Replacement

2012 CONTINGENCY AWARDS

Burnett Honors College:
• Crestron Touch Screen Upgrade

College of Arts & Humanities:
• Digital Technology Room Upgrade B.F.A. in Emerging Media Graphic Design Degree Program
• Digital Technology Room Upgrade B.A.-B.F.A. in Studio Art Degree Program

College of Education:
• ActivBoards for the Teaching Academy and the Curriculum Materials Center
• Teaching Academy 303 Lab Refresh

College of Sciences:
• Nicholson School of Communication Multimedia Newsroom - Phase 1
• High-Definition Television (HDTV) Studio Upgrade

Information Technologies & Resources:
• Classroom I Building Classroom Multimedia Upgrade

Regional Campus:
• Multimedia Classroom Upgrades

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