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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKLIN W. OLIN LIBRARY AT ROLLINS COLLEGE



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Olin Hours

Main Floor: 24 Hours

Service Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 7:45 a.m. to Midnight

Friday : 7:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to Midnight

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Reference.....(407) 646-2507

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This edition of our newsletter is in pdf format on our website and most of our readers are receiving it in that format. If you would prefer to receive it in print in full color in the future, send an email to Melanie Osborn at mosborn@rollins.edu, and we will be happy to oblige.

The Olin Library has won the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award!

This is "the Academy Award" for libraries.

Conferred by the Association of College & Research Libraries, this award recognizes "the staff of a college, university and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution."

The award committee specifically noted the Olin Library's extensive integration into the campus community as well as academic programs, stating, "The new organizational relationship with the Tutoring & Writing Center, the establishment of the Center for Creativity multimedia lab and initiation of a digital preservation program and digital archivist position give further evidence to this centrality. The emphasis on library performance and user satisfaction, data-information decision making and engagement with systematic assessment of student learning in general education underscore service development and improvement."

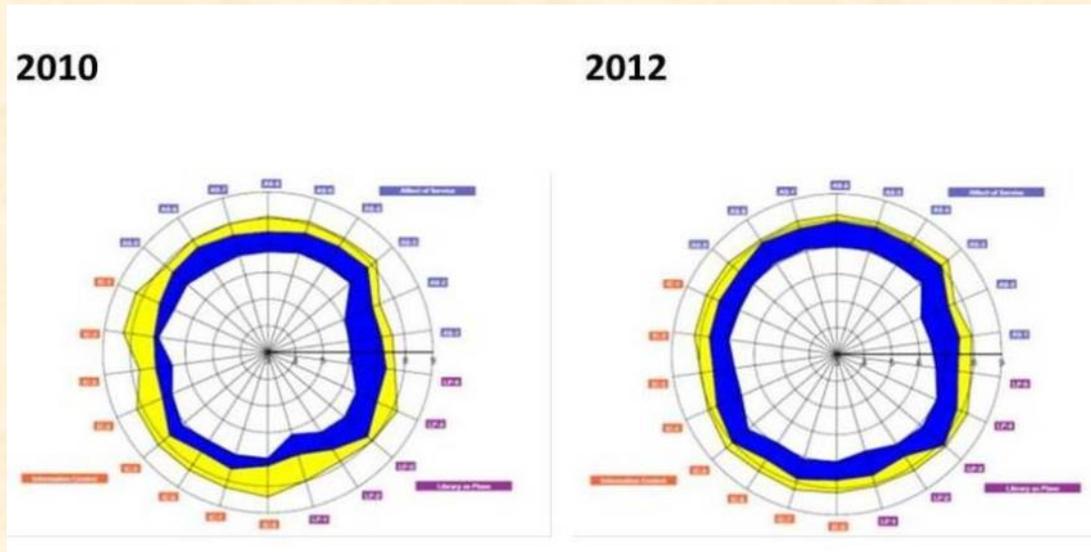
The staff and librarians have spent several years aligning our operations to support the evolving needs of the college, and it was thrilling for our hard work to be so prominently recognized. Our partnership with Information Technology and Tutoring & Writing Consulting has helped make the library into a vibrant hub of intellectual and community activity for the Rollins community.

There are so many libraries doing so many great things; it is a real honor to win this award, and a testament to all the hard work of everyone in Olin -- in the library, IT, Tutoring & Writing Consulting, and the Bookmark Cafe. Congratulations everyone!



Results from our Latest Library Survey

Last October, 659 users of the Olin Library filled out a comprehensive survey evaluating our library in terms of its physical space, quality of services and collection. The charts below shows the progress we have made in the past two years in our resources, services and space. The closer the blue band comes to filling the yellow band, the better we are doing in meeting our users' highest level of expectations. For more detail, please see the entire report at <http://www.rollins.edu/library/about/stratplan/libqual2012.html>



The statistical data is helpful for guiding our decisions, but equally useful were the narrative comments. We heard a few common requests for better services, and we are pleased to be able to address some of your concerns:

Why can't I print more than one copy of a document? Good question! The "one copy" policy was instituted at a time when we had unlimited free printing on campus, and the sometimes reckless printing of hundreds of pages was not uncommon. We now have a system where students may print 1,000 free pages on their account. Working with the I.T. Department, we have removed the limitation on duplicate copies, so students may use their 1,000 pages however they chose.

Can we have more group study rooms? Coming soon! The renovation of the Bush building displaced a number of faculty and staff members who were temporarily located in the library for the duration of construction. The Bush renovation will be complete in August of 2013, at which point all thirteen rooms will be converted into group study or small private rooms for study.

What happened to the video/listening rooms? They are coming back! Some students told us they still need access to a VHS machine or other devices for multimedia purposes. We were not able to accommodate this need while we were short of space during the various renovation projects, but two of our study rooms on the first floor will be equipped with multimedia machines by next August.

This was the third time we have conducted the survey over the past six years, and were pleased to see consistently improving (feedback) from our users. You can see the complete report of the survey here: <http://www.rollins.edu/library/about/stratplan/libqual2012.html>



The Free Speech Column in front of the Bookmark Café

The Free Speech Column

What is the solution for an awkwardly-located pillar plunked down in the middle of a newly renovated library? Although we hoped to remove the pillar located directly in front of the library's café, it is a load-bearing column that would have cost over a million dollars to eliminate. The column is necessary, but terribly inconvenient...much like the concept of free speech itself.

Turning this architectural nuisance into a Free Speech Column allows our students to express themselves however they wish. With two sides covered with corkboard, and the other two with a whiteboard, students have used the space to advertise their bands, post poetry, voice thoughts on gun control and religion, and pass messages to each other.

Postings on the column are unregulated. Aside from asking students to avoid obscenities, the library staff is not monitoring what is put on the columns. It can make for interesting reading. Swing by and have a look at what our students are thinking about!

Join the Olin Library on GoodReads

Have you heard about GoodReads? It is a great social networking site where you can rate your favorite books and get recommendations customized to your preferences.

But there is an even better reason for joining. The Olin Library has set up a group on the site, where we announce upcoming events and books of interest to the local Rollins community. Has there ever been a great author invited to campus, but you only heard about it in *The Sandspur* a week after the event? Or perhaps a Rollins professor has an upcoming book they'd like people to know about. Or maybe you just read a terrific book you think will be of interest to the Rollins community. Come join our group and let us know!

In the long-term, we hope this group will be of interest to our students after they graduate and leave the Winter Park community. The GoodReads site will be an informal space they can visit to learn what their favorite professors are up to or stay in the loop with academic activities on campus.

With the proliferation of sites like Facebook and LinkedIn, you might wonder why you'd want to join yet another group. The answer is that GoodReads is committed to remaining a bookish site. If you have sometimes felt out of the loop in terms of upcoming book events or publications of interest to Rollins, this will be a great group to join. You can find us by visiting <http://www.goodreads.com/group/show/93877-the-olin-library-at-rollins-college>

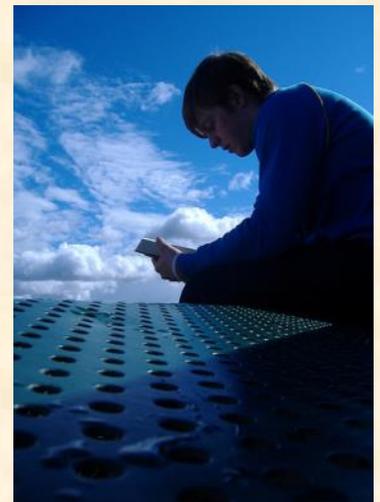


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The Library After Hours

One of the most popular features of Olin's renovation is the ability for anyone with an R-Card to gain access to the library's main floor after closing hours. Our gate counts indicate students and faculty appreciate the ability to use the building during these hours. Some of them are night owls, but much of our traffic comes from early birds, who start coming to the library well before our 7:45 am opening. This is especially popular on the weekend when the building does not open until 9am on Saturdays, and 11am on Sunday.

Typical Over-night Building Usage	Patrons
Sunday	141
Monday	94
Tuesday	69
Wednesday	96
Thursday	70
Friday	75
Saturday	68



New Faces at the Olin Library

Aaron Trombley. Circulation Assistant. Aaron is one of the rare new hires who has no previous library experience, but we wanted him on board because of his great background as an audio-video technician. He previously worked at Hillsdale College in their Information Technology department. Outside of work, he plays the guitar, sings, and writes his own music.



Amanda Vocks. Technical Services Specialist. Amanda is a graduate of UCF with a degree in Education and a minor in Sociology. She has worked six years at the Orange County Public Library, and is a native of Orlando. In her free time she enjoys writing and photography.



Jason Taningco. Evening Circulation Assistant. Jason comes to us from the Orlando Public Library, where he managed their Friends of the Library organization. He is also the author of the popular blog that reviews independent films and can be found at bit.ly/jtaningco



Bon Voyage

David Noe. After three years as our Digital Services Librarian, David Noe will be taking a new position at ByWater Solutions an open source software provider that supports library systems. At the Olin Library, David worked to build the digital architecture to support an ever-expanding collection of electronic resources that seamlessly link across platforms. We wish him well!