

5. STRENGTH OF LIBRARY

The libraries at the University of Florida form the largest information resource system in the state and rank among the top 35 public research libraries in North America. In addition, the campus community has access to the information resources of the Harn Museum of Fine Arts, the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

A. Strength of Institutional Holdings: At the end of June 2005 UF libraries contained over 4,122,400 volumes, 27,320 serials, 7,355,480 microforms, 1,350,105 government documents, 47,000 audio, film and video resources as well as over 9,000 linear feet of manuscript archives and over 1,000,000 cartographic, graphic and photographic materials. The total library staff consists of over 380 librarians, technical/clerical staff and student assistants located in 9 libraries. The libraries also provide access to the full text of digitized titles for over 252,660 books (from 1470 to the present), 38,079 serials and newspapers and 450 subscription databases along with some 20,000 computer data sets. Additional materials (ca. 20,000) are available through the PALMM (Publication of Archival, Library and Museum Materials) cooperative project.

The European collections include approximately 1.3 million volumes (not counting journals, newspapers, monographs or electronic media). This includes some 545,000 European foreign language texts, including over 1,600 minority language and almost 30,000 Slavic language resources (Table 5.1). Europe related research collections exist for Linguistics, British literature, Film studies, French Studies, Spanish Studies, German Studies, Philosophy, Classics, Religious Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Sciences, History, Fine Arts and Architecture, Education, Geography, Economics, Business, Law, Ecology and Environmental Studies. Basic collections are also held for Italian, Russian, Polish, Portuguese and Scandinavian.

Particular strengths of the European collection include a collection of 2,800 pamphlets from the French revolution, an extensive holding of German state documents from 1850-1940, a collection of manuscripts and correspondence from Thomas Moore, John Silkin, Jean Cocteau and Albert

Table 5.1: European Foreign Language Holdings at UF*					
Language	UF holdings	Language	UF holdings	Language	UF holdings
		Mod.			
Bulgarian	277	Greek	2,494	Romanian	991
Catalan	998	Hungarian	1,048	Russian	17,964
Croatian	258	Irish	292	Slovak	180
Czech	2,159	Italian	22,053	Serbian	230
Danish	2,028	Norwegian	1,278	Spanish	219,627
Dutch	4,688	Polish	7,340	Swedish	3,207
Estonian	460	Romanian	991	Turkish	1,180
Finnish	702	Serbian	230	Ukrainian	267
German	97,208	Portuguese	35,497	Yiddish	4,385
Minority languages (incl. Basque, Breton, Galician, Provençal, Occitan, Romani, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh amongst others) account for an additional 1,768 titles.					

Camus, and the P.K. Yonge Library contains a large collection of Spanish colonial documents.

The Law library has important relevant holdings especially in British common law and international law. The Judaica collection includes an extensive Holocaust section with approximately 6,000 volumes on Jews in Europe as well as a unique and rare collection of some 450 memorial books on extinguished East European Jewish communities. UF also has an extensive collection on Greece in the Constantindis Library and a large collection of specialized holdings on European business, administration, finance, marketing and management.

The libraries provide access to over 450 electronic databases, 65 of which are dedicated to Europe, including a specialized searchable database on Post-Communist Nationalism in Eastern Europe developed by Alena Aissing, the Associate Librarian for Slavic Studies. Recent additions in electronic resources include the East View Russian Periodicals Database and the Central and Eastern European Online Library. The library's commitment to support European studies is also demonstrated by the collaborative purchase with CES in 2004 of The Archives of the European Movement (1945-1960), consisting of 2,194 microfiches. In addition, UF has been a designated EU documents depository library since 1974. This collection contains over 8,500 titles. Status as EU depository also provides UF faculty and students with access to restricted EU databases and a

dedicated EU documents librarian to assist in accessing this wealth of information, including providing regular student and faculty training seminars on accessing EU documents.

B. Institutional Support: The libraries spent a total of \$14,681,124 on salaries, wages and other operating expenditures during the fiscal year 2004 – 2005. Approximately 15% or \$2,305,000 was dedicated to CES program related expenses, including 18 professionals fully or partially involved in collection development and specialized reference for European studies with commensurate salaries totaling over \$570,000. The materials budget in 2004-05 for the UF Libraries was \$10,709,273 with expenditures for European materials totaling approximately \$950,000.

C. Cooperative Agreements and Public Access: UF is a member of the prestigious Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Research Libraries Group; the Center for Research Libraries, OCLC, ASERL (Association of South East Research Libraries) and the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA). These institutions promote equitable access to and effective use of recorded knowledge in support of teaching, research and community service. Their union catalogs record a vast bibliographic universe to which UF has full borrowing privileges. UF can also exercise consortial purchases of databases, especially through ASERL and FCLA.

As a public institution and flagship of the state university system UF is committed to provide the necessary resources and services for academia and the community at large. The libraries catalog is accessible free on the web while the proprietary databases can be consulted off campus by remote logon with a valid UF ID. All 9 libraries maintain reference service, including weekends, by telephone, email (UF was one of the first libraries to offer this service in 1989) and a live chat service (initiated in 2001). UF also participates in Questions Point, an international online reference service at the Library of Congress, with access to a collaborative network of reference librarians from around the world 24/7. The libraries are also actively involved in preservation and digitization programs and maintain a full service Conservation Lab. Interlibrary

Loans are conducted online and it is indicative of the strengths of the collections that UF is a net lender, loaning out 125,599 items while borrowing just 75,727 between 2001 and 2004.