

Welcome to Spring 2018

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It is my great pleasure as Dean of University Libraries to welcome new and returning students and faculty to the FAU Libraries.



You will find the faculty and staff of the Libraries eager to help you find the information and resources you need: whether it's a book on the shelves, a room to study together with classmates, an article you can access from our impressive array of electronic journals, a DVD to watch and relax to, a great space where you can study quietly, workstations with special software to help you if you have accessibility needs, a book borrowed from a library across the country, charging stations for your mobile devices, printers and photocopiers, or a well-informed librarian or professional staff member to answer your questions and help you focus your research.

We are guided by our Mission Statement in all that we do:

As leaders at Florida Atlantic University, we connect people to knowledge and global communities of learning across time and space. Reimagining services and spaces, we enable users to explore, collaborate, educate, and create in their journey toward academic excellence and lifelong learning.

The FAU Libraries are working to be more responsive to your needs, more comfortable for you to spend time in, and more actively engaged in the life of the students and faculty. You will see and experience changes this semester, including:

- the opening of a Serenity Room in the Wimberly Library to provide students of all backgrounds a quiet place to pray, meditate, or reflect. This has been in the works for several months and is a direct response to student requests.
- the expansion of the Reserve collection of class materials, as part of the University's efforts to reduce the cost of education for FAU's students. The Libraries are leading this effort on behalf of the University with the assistance of every College and other student support units in the institution.
- monthly meet-and-greet events with me as the Dean so that I can interact with students and faculty and learn directly about your needs and concerns.
- the rolling out of a new website that will be easier to use, more informative, and less cluttered.
- more student-sponsored events and activities that will result from a new program for University Engagement that the Libraries are implementing.
- a student survey which will give us feedback we need to improve existing and design new services and spaces. This will build on data we obtained through a comprehensive faculty survey carried out in the Fall 2017 semester.
- an expanded program of exhibits and lectures to inform and amuse you.
- greater visibility of library faculty and staff as we take our "show on the road" more frequently by attending student and department events across the campus.
- ongoing efforts to renovate the spaces in our facilities, especially the Wimberly Library on the Boca campus.



Welcome to all and may you look to us to help you have an exciting, successful experience in your time at FAU!