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## Florida Academic Repository (FLARE) Print Archiving Network Update

The **FL**orida **A**cademic **RE**pository (FLARE) is the statewide shared collection of low use print materials from academic libraries in Florida. By establishing this centrally housed collection, the Council of State University Libraries (CSUL) provides new options for sharing the costs and effort of long term retention of low use library materials. Under the FLARE memorandum of understanding, the materials designated under this agreement will be retained and made available as long as the need for them exists, thereby allowing participants to consider withdrawing duplicates of these items from their campus collections and to rely with confidence on access to the centrally retained copies. Eventually FLARE will be housed in an environmentally controlled, carefully inventoried and secure high density facility (HDF) located in Gainesville, operated by the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida (UF) on behalf of the participating libraries. Until construction is complete, FLARE will be housed in a leased Interim Library Facility (ILF) and in the UF Libraries Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF), both of which support appropriate environmental and security conditions. In addition to the libraries in the 12 State Universities and the University of Miami, partners in FLARE will include libraries of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Florida College System.

### **FLARE News & Activities:**

- We prepared an updated budget proposal to The State University System of Florida Board of Governors (BOG) for \$18M for 2015-16 and \$8.7M in 2016-17 for the Joint-use Library Storage Facility
  - Although funding was not approved by the Florida Legislature, we will be working with the BOG about possible alternate funding sources for the next fiscal year
- New HDF-style shelving (12' height vs. full 35' height) was installed in the second building at ILF
  - Increases capacity at ILF to 1.5 M volumes
- FLARE collection accessible (<http://union.discover.flvc.org/ux.jsp>)
  - Approximately 2.2M volumes total in storage
  - 937,265 items accessioned, fully processed, and requestable (YTD)
- Anticipated transfers from Florida State Univ., U. Central Florida, U. Florida, U. Miami, and U. West Florida in 2015
- Progress on existing transfers:
  - Processing/traying, U. Florida Science periodicals (154,000 volumes): complete

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- Processing/traying, U. Central Florida collection (107,000 volumes): 88% complete, anticipated completion August 2015
- Government Documents cataloging project continues
  - Total cataloged and trayed: 255,308 items (<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/sccu/Index.aspx>)
  - Center of Excellence for Hearings: 32,121 (24%) cataloged and traded
- Began delivering materials via ILL (OCLC symbol: FLARE, activated November 2014) and UBorrow (statewide unmediated borrowing program)
  - 825 UBorrow requests filled since 7/1/2014 (FY to date): 86% fill rate
  - 80 ILL requests filled through OCLC since 11/10/2014
- Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) software:
  - The Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) joined ScholarsTrust (ASERL/WRLC) and the Florida Academic Libraries in the Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) and will begin using JRNL in the summer of 2015
    - WEST represents the fourth shared print program to choose JRNL to facilitate shared print activities
  - National Agriculture Library (NAL) has joined ASERL and will be participating in JRNL for the agricultural serials project
  - Additional ASERL/FLARE subject-based journal collections are planned for architecture, health and medicine, law, marine science and music
  - Currently, over 14,000 journal titles loaded in JRNL
- Full text of policies addressing collection materials and environment, physical and intellectual access, and operating cost assessments is available at [library.ufl.edu/flare](http://library.ufl.edu/flare)
  - Policies are currently under review by CSUL to reaffirm, clarify, and update

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