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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:

- FLARE collection accessible (<http://union.discover.flvc.org/ux.jsp>)
 - Approximately 2.2M volumes total in storage
 - 1.431 million items accessioned, fully processed, and requestable (YTD)
- Government Documents cataloging project continues:
 - Center of Excellence for Hearings: 87,517 (66%) cataloged and trayed
 - Overall, 683,008 government documents are accessioned and requestable
- ILL (OCLC symbol: FLARE) and UBorrow (statewide unmediated borrowing program) requests
 - Total Circulation, 2017-18: 2,602 (.18%)
- Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) software
 - Print retention programs currently using JRNL:
 - FLARE, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL)/Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC), the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST), and the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA)
 - Currently, 35,515 unique journal titles loaded in JRNL

- Continuing to participate in discussions and planning with the Rosemont Group, a national collaboration of print retention programs
- Addition of HDF style shelving to ALF (phase 1: 2,757 shelves) currently underway
- Full text of policies addressing collection materials and environment, physical and intellectual access, and operating cost assessments is available at library.ufl.edu/flare

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