Enhancing Library Resources
The Frederick Douglass Library was the recipient of a Title III Grant in the amount of $50,000.00 to support the activity of enhancing library resources. The grant was used to upgrade books in the existing collections for the following academic disciplines: Education, English, Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Human Ecology and hotel & restaurant management. Information resources were assembled for the new undergraduate program in Urban Forestry. Media Resources related to the subject areas of Education, Health Care, Criminal Justice, History and Literature were added to the library non-print collection. The audiovisual collection was enhanced with equipment upgrades.

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What’s on the Shelf...
by Marvelia Round

What’s Online...
e-books
Artificial Intelligence and Integrated Intelligent Information Systems: Emerging Technologies and Applications by Xuan F. Zha. 479 p. IGI Global 2007 ebook

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In the ground floor Group Study Room and in the 2nd floor Group Study Room of the library are two new 42 inch monitors as well as computers. These additions bring our grand total to 4 Group Study Rooms equipped with large screen monitors and computers. Also located in the Graduate Study Room is a similar 42 inch monitor and computers.

So just know that all of these changes and advances here at the Frederick Douglass library are made with you in mind. We continue to better serve you personally, as we advance globally.

On the Technology Edge

Library Advocate

The Frederick Douglass Library salutes our library advocates/supporters. In this issue of Douglass Notes, we feature Mrs. Mignon Holland Anderson Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages.

1. How has the library helped you do your job?
   I have loved libraries and what they provide since my earliest days. In joining the UMES community, it was inevitable that I would gravitate toward the FDL and all of the superlative services it provides, particularly where my students are concerned. Every member of the FDL staff with whom I have come in contact has upheld the amiable code of librarians, to always be eager to help always, and always with a soft yet diligent and knowledgeable patience that guarantees reliable, swift, and diverse collections. Our students need this nurturing most of all.

   Although the research efforts of faculty are also in need of such care, I know my students will receive the help of our librarians immediately rather than flounder because they don’t know how to use the various search avenues that are at their disposal. It means a great deal to me to count on the FDL staff to guide my students toward excellence in the research required for their academic success. The UMES community has a university-wide treasure and support its library will fail to reach its highest potential. The Frederick Douglass Library deserves all of the support that members of the UMES community can provide, for they are the repository of what we know and need to learn.

2. What are the top three library services you use?
   First and foremost, the one-on-one, live services of librarians who staff the facility.

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5. What is your favorite part of the Frederick Douglass Library?
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6. What do you do for fun?
   I write fiction for fun, with the hope that each story I write eventually finds its way to an audience. To me, creating characters and storylines is pure joy. Whenever I get a few minutes to think about a story, I’m on it, immersed in it. Then, when I can, I type and computerize the story, and on a very busy schedule, I am making slow progress with my fiction projects. However, it is the process itself that I most enjoy, and so, even slow works for me.

7. What library services would you like to see?
   I would like to see faster and more efficient ILL material turnaround, when they are due or when there are issues regarding the ILL materials. Any $ 1 x 11 printout just isn’t the same as a well written book or journal. I know there will be the need to provide more and more data electronically, and well and good, but the humanizing factor of having books on shelves, well stacked and ready, is something I hope we will see in the near and distant future.

8. What will the library look like in the near and distant future?
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