In May of this year, Mercedes Clem-ent, Michelle McCraney, Rob Saum, Rebecca Block, Terrie Greenbaum, and Patrick Love travelled to the Florida Library Association conference to present on the “Under One Roof” model employed on the Daytona Beach campus in and around the library. This model was of great interest to conference attendees, who wondered how we can have so many departments and divisions working together in the same building. Within the joined buildings of Education Hall and Karl Memorial (Bldg. 200 and Bldg. 210, respectively), there is a wide number of departments for students, staff, and faculty to interact with: the Library, a branch of the Academic Support Center, the College Writing Center, Computer Commons, Florida Online and the Faculty Innovation Center, The Bean coffee shop, and even the Honors College. This model is akin to the trend in creating “Learning Commons” within libraries that has recently gained attention in many educational institutions, such as the one just opened at the University of South Florida that is already credited with helping to increase retention.

The presentation at the conference focused on the strategies employed to ensure that students, staff and faculty can move seamlessly throughout the two buildings and eight departments. Some of these strategies include a shared blog for the Learning Commons, interdepartmental FAQs, cross-training, participation in other departments’ liaison committees, resource sharing, and even the cross-employment of student workers in multiple departments. The Prezi used by the presenters to show the interconnection of the departments is viewable online at http://prezi.com/yjslr3cqhjs/library-services-overview/.

This summer, Daytona State received the exciting news that it had been granted state monies for the expansion of the Daytona State College Writing Center into a joint-use writing center for both Daytona State and University of Central Florida students. The expansion project is currently under way in Education Hall and will involve the relocation of the oversized books collection in the library to allow for new tutoring and quiet study areas to be developed. Like the Library, the College Writing Center will now work with a UCF employee who, like the current Learning Specialists, will help students from both schools with all their writing-related questions. The expansion will also allow the College Writing Center to offer more workshops and “Writing Studios” (tutor-facilitated group work on various writing topics), as well as provide a new space for students working in small groups to brainstorm, plan, write or even practice presentations. Construction for the expansion will likely begin sometime this fall, with the renovated space opening for use around the start of the spring term.
Every morning Irene Lewis arrives on campus at 6:45 a.m. Campus safety officers, all who know Irene by name, escort her to the Baker Academic Support Center in Building 500 where she waits until 8 a.m. for the ASC to open. Irene spends all of her time between classes at the ASC.

At 90 years old, Irene is enrolled in classes at Daytona State College. Irene already has a cosmetology certificate and two associate degrees, one in nursing and the other in microelectronics, but she is steadfast in her goal to acquire 21st century technology and communication skills so she can ultimately help play a role in healing spinal cord injuries.

“I think I can help students who are not familiar with using a computer because having just learned myself, I can teach them at a level they can understand,” Irene said.

Dawn McDonough, professional business tutor in the ASC, said, “Miss Irene is an example for everyone that you are never too old to learn. She wants to volunteer to help others and has several students who go to her for computer help or just advice from someone older and wiser. Irene is a wonderful inspiration to everyone she encounters at the ASC.”

“Thats my aim, and it can be done. My ideas might be lofty, but you cant get through the woods without getting your feet dirty,” she said.

Irene just completed Microcomputer Applications and is putting that knowledge to good use by volunteering in the ASC. She is currently writing a book, tentatively named Microsoft Office for Beginning Computer Users, on Microsoft Office designed to reach those who have no knowledge of computers. She works on her book project while in the ASC, and when someone needs help with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or Access, she is willing to jump in.

ASC Updates and Changes

The Academic Support Center is pleased to welcome a new addition to staff, Michi Gosney, who joins us as the new assistant director. Before joining the ASC, Michi worked with the Organizational and Faculty Development Office as the Employee Development Analyst. Michi brings with her over 10 years of experience with the college. Former ASC Director Dr. Judy Campbell has transitioned to a new leadership position as the director of the Division of Alternative Student Services. Associate Vice President of the Division of Library and Academic Student Services Dr. Michelle McCraney is now serving as the acting director.
The Daytona State College Library is proud to unveil online research guides that we've created! These guides are meant to serve as virtual pathfinders for patrons of the library who are looking for library resources relevant to their subject areas and research interests. So, for example, if you are a nursing student interested in finding articles, you can go to the Nurse LibGuide to find ebooks, databases, and websites that relate to your discipline. Take a look at our Nursing Research Guide as an example: http://DaytonaState.libguides.com/nurse.

For the Fall 2011 semester, the DSC Librarians will continue to create discipline specific guides to help aid students and faculty find the best and most useful resources for their courses. Have suggestions or comments? Please email kohenc@DaytonaState.edu.

"Under One Roof" concept receives state award

SEPT. 6, 2011: Mercedes Clement, Chair of Library Services, has been notified that the “Under One Roof” model outlined on page one of this newsletter has been awarded the 2011 Learning Resources Commission Exemplary Practice for Learning Support Services by the Association of Florida Colleges. This past summer, managers from the various Learning Commons departments presented at the Florida Library Association’s 2011 Conference, discussing how the “Under One Roof” model benefits teaching and learning, academic excellence and supportive services for engaged students.

This presentation was the basis for the submission for the LRC’s Exemplary Practice Award. Detailed descriptions of the “Under One Roof” practices, supportive materials and recommendations from students were included.
There were doors all round the hall, … on the second time round, she came upon a low curtain she had not noticed before, and behind it was a little door about fifteen inches high: she tried the little golden key in the lock, and to her great delight it fitted!

The table was a large one, but the three were all crowded together at one corner of it. 'No room! No room!' they cried out when they saw Alice coming. 'There's PLENTY of room!' said Alice indignantly, and she sat down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table.

'Have some wine,' the March Hare said in an encouraging tone.

Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. 'I don't see any wine,' she remarked.

'There isn't any,' said the March Hare.

'It wasn't very civil of you to offer it,' said Alice angrily.

'And it wasn't very civil of you to sit down without being invited,' said the March Hare.

'I didn't know it was YOUR table,' said Alice; 'it's laid for a great many more than three.'

'Your hair wants cutting,' said the Hatter. He had been looking at Alice for some time with great curiosity, and this was his first speech.

'You should learn not to make personal remarks,' Alice said with some severity; 'it's very rude.'

FROM:
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, 1865.