

A LACIC publication on what's new for Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the Florida International University Libraries, to be published twice yearly, during the spring and fall semesters.

New Electronic Resources

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) publications are now full-text, on-line. *Country Reports*, *Country Profiles*, *Business Latin America*, *Country Commerce*, *Country Finance* and *Investing, Licensing & Trading* provide excellent coverage, analysis and forecasts of the political, economic and business environment for Latin American and Caribbean countries. These publications can be accessed from the Library Home Page from both campuses, your FIU office and even your home computers.

An index to the Cuban newspaper *Diario de la Marina* is now available on CD-ROM. The Caribbean Newspapers Imaging Project (CNIP) selectively indexes articles in *El Diario* from post WWII to 1960. FIU Libraries holds *El Diario de la Marina* from 1899-1960 in microfilm in the UP Periodicals area. CNIP also has a selective index to the Haitian newspaper *Le Nouvelliste* from the 1880s to the 1980s. The CNIP index is only available on LACIC computers in GL 225.

Complementing the print version of the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, FIU Libraries now also subscribe to both in a full-text, on-line format through ProQuest. The on-line *New York Times* goes back to 1999, and the index is entirely retrospective. The on-line version of the *Wall Street Journal* dates back to 1984, with the index fully retrospective. ■

A Reminder...

FIU Libraries have a rigorous Library Instruction Program to help both faculty and students build their research and information literacy skills. LACIC provides customized workshops on research strategies for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

These workshops and classes can help you and/or your students to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate and effectively use the information. The main objectives can be customized to include several or all of the following:

- become familiar with traditional resources
- develop and refine search strategies
- learn how to navigate in an electronic research environment
- identify resources not owned at FIU and the most appropriate way to get them
- identify and evaluate Internet resources

For more information or to schedule a session, please contact Catherine Marsicek, Latin American & Caribbean Information Services Librarian. GL225B, 305-348-2228, <marsicek@fiu.edu>. ■

New Serials

FIU Libraries' subscription to journals and newspapers relating to Latin America and the Caribbean was expanded in the spring of 2001 to include over 30 additional titles. The majority of these titles concentrate on languages and literature, cultural studies, and business and economics. Four new subscriptions to Cuban titles were added. These additions greatly enhance the Libraries' commitment to supporting the research and teaching of Latin American & Caribbean Studies at FIU.

The new titles include:

- *Amazonian Literary Review*
- *América Economía*
- *Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos*
- *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*
- *Bohemia*
- *Boletín de Antropología Americana*
- *Canadian Journal of Latin American & Caribbean Studies*
- *Casa de las Americas*
- *Diálogos*
- *Etudes Créoles*
- *European Review of Latin American & Caribbean Studies*
- *Film Historia*
- *Granma, Daily*
- *Hispanic Business Magazine*
- *Horizontes*
- *Journal of Borderlands Studies*
- *Journal of Caribbean Studies*
- *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies*
- *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*
- *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*
- *Latin American Business Review*
- *Latin American Indian Literatures Journal*
- *Letras de Hoje*
- *MáComére*
- *MB: Magazine of the NAFTA Marketplace*
- *Nepantla: Views from South*
- *Nueva Antropología: Revista de Ciencias Sociales*
- *Palabra y el Hombre*
- *Problemas Brasileiros*
- *Revista Bimestre Cubana*
- *Revista Geográfica*
- *Semana*
- *Studies in Latin American Popular Culture*

United Nations Depository

On March 23, 2001, the Working Committee of the Publications Board of the United Nations, at its 362nd meeting, designated Florida International University Green Library as a United Nations full depository library, becoming the third depository library in the State of Florida. This culminates a long process which began in 1992, when for the first time FIU requested depository status. At that time, the United Nations was not granting depository status to institutions located in developed countries. The library continued working toward the development of a strong United Nations collection, which would serve as a base for expanding the knowledge on global issues, and would help to strengthen the research goals of the University as well as the programs of all departments involved.

Becoming a depository library will open new avenues for research in the field, as well as new channels of communication and cooperative endeavours with the United Nations and with all depository libraries in the United States and around the world.

Many thanks to Mercy Sanchez, International Documents Librarian, and to the entire Documents staff. ■

Ask the LACIC Librarian

<http://lacic.fiu.edu/asklib.html>

Ask the LACIC Librarian is an e-mail reference service available to those with inquiries related to Latin America and the Caribbean. Whether you need information about FIU Libraries' holdings or services, the selection and use of electronic databases and resources, book and journal citation verification, or perhaps just guidance to jump-start your research, the LACIC librarian will respond to your inquiry within 48 hours. Convenient to use, this e-mail service helps when you don't need the in-depth guidance of a personal appointment. It is a perfect way to connect to LACIC when you are off campus or lack the time to stop in and meet with the librarians and staff. ■

Approval Plans in Place

FIU Libraries is in the process of developing approval plans with book vendors of Latin American and Caribbean materials to develop our collections in LAC resources in a well-rounded and thorough way. These plans also allow for the purchase of current materials as they are published. FIU Libraries submits a Collection Development profile to the book vendor and can change and refine this profile at any time. These approval plans will complement the plan that the entire library uses with Yankee Book Press.

Approval Plan for Cuban Books

FIU Libraries began an approval plan in April 2001 with Luis Retta Libros to supply us with current Cuban imprints, especially those relating to literature, art, history, political science, international relations and sociology. This should add to an already strong foundation of Cuban publications within the collection.

Development of Colombian Collection

FIU Libraries is currently working with J. Noe Herrera of Libros de Colombia to help us build the Colombian collection. Our agreement with Libros de Colombia extends beyond receiving recently published materials; we will also be adding noteworthy, out-of-print titles to build a collection of research quality here at FIU.

Electronic Approval Plan for Argentine Books

We began an electronic approval plan for current Argentine materials in the Fall of 2000. Approximately once every month, Librería García Cambeiro in Buenos Aires, notifies us of new titles that conform to our profile guidelines and awaits our approval. Since the initiation of this plan, FIU libraries has purchased over 200 new Argentine imprints, with Argentine and Latin American history, literature, political science and economics being the best represented.

FIU Libraries intends to develop approval plans for materials from additional LAC countries in the near future. For more information about the approval plans or to provide suggestions, please contact Catherine Marsicek, LACIC Librarian, 348-2228, <marsicek@fiu.edu>. ■

New Microforms

With the generous support of Title VI funding from FIU's Latin American & Caribbean Center, the FIU Libraries recently made substantial contributions to its Latin American & Caribbean holdings. The Libraries purchased *The United States and Castro's Cuba, 1950-1970: The Paterson Collection* and expanded its holdings of *The Princeton University Libraries Latin American Microfilm Collection*.

The United States and Castro's Cuba or The Paterson Collection, named after the renowned historian Thomas Paterson, is a collection of declassified records that provide a chronological account of the diplomatic, military and cultural relationship between the U.S. and Cuba throughout the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Included are memoranda, letters, telegrams, diary entries, intelligence and military reports, minutes of meetings, speeches, oral history interviews, accounts of trips, etc. from the CIA, the FBI, the Department of State, and U.S. and foreign archives and libraries. This collection, along with a guide, can be found in the Microform area of the Government Documents Department of the UP Library.

The Princeton University Libraries Latin American Microfilm Collection contains primary resources, such as pamphlets, serials, fliers, posters, government reports, conference proceedings, speeches, labor union tracts, etc. that document the changing situation in Latin America during the 20th Century. FIU Libraries recently acquired microfilm rolls on politics, culture and socioeconomic conditions in Colombia and on politics, government, socioeconomic conditions, human rights and women's issues in Peru. The Libraries also own the church and religion pamphlets for South American and Central American countries and Cuba. A guide to the collection is in the UP Reference collection. ■

Did you know that...

... the FIU Libraries spent over \$75,000 in the fiscal year 2000-2001 to enhance the Latin American & Caribbean collection? Books, periodicals, newspapers, electronic databases, special collections, government documents, reference materials, full-text resources, videos, music and much more. ■

Did you know that...

...Marian Goslinga, Latin American and Caribbean Bibliographer, recently published not one, but two bibliographies about the Caribbean? *Caribbean literature : a bibliography* was published by Scarecrow press in 1998 and *Guadeloupe* was published in 2000 by Clio, as part of its World Bibliographical Series. Marian also makes regular bibliographical contributions to *Cuban Studies* and contributes both articles and bibliographies to *Hemisphere*, a LACC publication. ■

New Newspaper Sets

FIU Libraries recently purchased major archive sets of Latin American newspapers.

Cuban newspapers: We now own back issues of *Granma: weekly review* (1970-1989), the daily edition of *Granma* (1965-1990) and *Revolución* (1959-1965), *Granma's* precursor. All can be found in the periodicals microform area of the UP Green Library. FIU Libraries also has a current subscription to the daily *Granma*. An index to the daily *Granma* from 1965 to 1992 can be found on the University of Texas-Austin's Latin American Network Information Center at <<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/cb/cuba/granma/index.html>>.

FIU Libraries also holds *Diario de la Marina* from 1899-1960 and it's selective index (see pg. 1).

Argentine newspapers: To complement FIU's holding of the Buenos Aires newspaper *La Prensa* from 1969-1925, the library recently purchased its counterpart, *La Nación*. This collection dates from 1905-1950 and can be found in the periodicals microform area of the UP Green Library. ■

Did you know that...

...the Information Area at LACIC has information on current Latin American and the Caribbean Studies conferences, internships, fellowships, study opportunities and career opportunities from all around the world? Stop by Green Library 225 and find out more. ■

New LACIC Listserv

lacic-l@fiu.edu

Lacic-l is the mailing list of the Latin American & Caribbean Information Center at the FIU Libraries. It's purpose is to notify interested faculty, staff, students and the public about Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the FIU Libraries. It is used to advertise events, list new acquisitions, announce new electronic products, post information about research and training sessions, keep you up-to-date on the Libraries' collections, etc. - everything that relates to Latin America & the Caribbean.

To automatically subscribe to lacic-l, send a message to <majordomo@fiu.edu> with <subscribe lacic-l> in the body. To have the list moderator subscribe you, send a message to Catherine Marsicek at <marsicek@fiu.edu>.

To post a message to the mailing list, send a message to <lacic-l@fiu.edu>. As this is a moderated list, your message will be approved by Catherine Marsicek, the list moderator. ■

Latin America in the News

“Latin America in the News”, LACIC's newest web feature, is a twice weekly update on selected current events in Latin America and the Caribbean. Major events about our southern neighbors are posted on the LACIC webpage <<http://lacic.fiu.edu>>, accompanied by a short synopsis and citations/links to detailed news stories from major U.S. and international news sources. Past write-ups include: “Protest over Chavez educational reform,” “Argentine financial crisis,” “Brazilian prison riots,” and “Aristide takes office in Haiti.” Also accessible is an archive to all past “Latin America in the News” write-ups. ■

Need Research Help?

Set up a research session with one of the LACIC Librarians. These extended research consultations on your topic can introduce you to the collection, provide tips on navigating electronic resources and help you gain access to materials and collections not at FIU Libraries. For more information contact Catherine Marsicek, LAC Information Services Librarian. Call 305-348-2228 or e-mail <marsicek@fiu.edu>. ■