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Welcome to the newsletter for IRSC Libraries, Tutoring Centers, and Online



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Libraries

Axis 360 with Florida SHARES



IRSC Libraries are happy to announce our new eBook and eAudiobook platform, [Axis 360](#). Thanks to a collaboration with Florida member academic libraries via Florida SHARES, IRSC Libraries are able to offer an impressive and growing eBook and eAudiobook collection. Inside, you'll find academic and leisure reading titles for all ages. This collection is available to all IRSC students and employees by logging in through MyPioneerPortal.



Join us in welcoming our two newest IRSC Libraries team members, Laura Adams and Evelyn Soto!

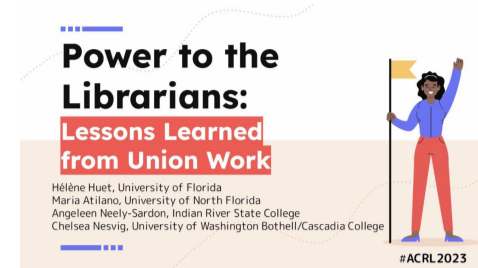
Laura Adams, our Library Technical Services Specialist, joined us on February 1 and is based at the Miley Library on the Massey Campus. Her background spans public and academic libraries with special focus in reference, technical services, and archives. She is from the Treasure Coast and a Vero Beach High School graduate.

Evelyn Soto is our new Part-Time Library Technician for the Pruitt Campus Library. Evelyn is an IRSC grad and also has a B.A. in Anthropology and a M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She loves to read, binge-watch television shows, cook, and bake.

Recent Faculty Librarian Accomplishments



Pruitt Campus faculty librarians, Kendra Auberry and Sara Johnson, have started a podcast, Technology Translated. Learn more and check out the first episodes on [their website](#).



Angie Neely-Sardon, faculty librarian for the Mueller Campus, presented about the unique role of academic librarians in faculty unions at the Association of College and Research Libraries 2023 annual conference. [The presentation slides are available.](#)



Simple Syllabus

IRSC Online is excited to announce we have officially launched Simple Syllabus, a campus-wide solution. As you may know, this year's legislative session introduced a number of changes for Florida's higher education system. Specifically, SB7044 amended and created statutes that directly impact the college's operations surrounding textbook information and syllabi access.

Simple Syllabus is a centralized, template-driven platform that allows instructors to quickly personalize and publish interactive class syllabi. Standardized information such as policies can be set up to automatically populate while still giving faculty autonomy to personalize content for their classrooms. Content created by an instructor from a previous term is also carried forward if teaching the same class. The tool is mobile-optimized, time-saving, and accessible to all. Students also benefit from this tool as they are presented with a Student Portal that shows all syllabi for courses in which they are enrolled. They can also access an auto-generated aggregated materials list to assist them in efficiently preparing for the upcoming semester.



Recent Publication

Guide to Digital Accessibility: Policies, Practices, and Professional Development

Chapter 22: Adapting Professional Development to Improve Accessibility in the Online Environment

Katherine Profeta & Lucimara Mello

This chapter describes how a virtual campus team at a mid-sized state college utilized professional development to augment its culture of accessibility by shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach. The college's strategies include interdepartmental partnerships, frequent communication, professional development, student and staff support, and technology implementation. This chapter defines the institution's digital accessibility initiative by detailing a professional development program, including results and recommendations. The narrative will recount department history, tool implementation, struggles, and successes.



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Tutoring Centers

New Name & New Website

The Academic Support Centers (ASC) are now the IRSC Tutoring Centers. They also have a [new website!](#) Don't worry, the IRSC Tutoring Centers offer the same great tutoring, test prep, and writing help students and instructors know and love at all five campuses.

