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Google Earth is a free-of-charge downloadable virtual globe program. It combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. The images in Google Earth are photographs taken by satellites and aircraft in the last three years.

PASCAL Delivers - Universal Borrowing

Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) Libraries have made a seamless transition to its new state-of-the-art universal borrowing system. Pascal Delivers powered by the InnREACH system supplied by Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) is the platform for FDTC Libraries new fully integrated universal borrowing system. Pascal Delivers is the latest implementation of the libraries integrated library system purchased in fiscal year 2005-2006.

South Carolina students, faculty and staff are able to retrieve books from most academic libraries in the state by making a simple web request. Books arrive at the user's home library within two business days or less. Patrons are only allowed to request items not owned by their home libraries. South Carolina (SC) Libraries have created a virtual academic library with more than 12 million volumes! FDTC Libraries is proud to be the first technical college library to implement PASCAL Delivers.

To request an item not owned by FDTC Libraries, please visit [FDTC OPAC Catalog](#), search for the item, if item is not found, click on the [Pascal Delivers](#) icon to the right of the screen. If you need assistance please [contact us](#). FDTC Libraries partnered with the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries ([PASCAL](#)) PASCAL is a collaborative effort among South Carolina libraries, focused on responding to the information-access crisis facing the citizens and all South Carolina libraries.

Libraries vs. Internet

We live in the information age, where access to many wonderful Internet resources is just a few quick clicks away. For this reason, you might be thinking, "Cool. I don't have to go to the library. I can do all my research online." Not so fast. The Internet is not a substitute for the library. It's a tool best used in addition to traditional research sources. Why use both? Because each has resources, benefits, and limitations that the other does not.

The Library Director's Thoughts Nell Bradley

As libraries exist in interesting times, the FDTC libraries have just completed a milestone by installing III library system in partnership in public institutions in South Carolina. We are a complete partner in "PASCAL Delivers". Access to electronic resources is available with the click of a mouse at any time. All of these changes are to better serve our patrons. None of this would have been possible without a supportive administration and dedicated staff who knows the value of valid and authoritative information in the day of information on demand.

We continually strive to meet the information needs of FDTC students, faculty and staff through change.

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NEW E-DATABASES

Thanks to the collaborative purchasing partnership among SC Libraries, the following new eDatabases are now available to you: [Academic OneFile](#), [Nature Online](#), [American History Online](#), and [Science Online](#). In addition, [XReferplus](#), an eBook collection is also available. Please visit our webpage and click [eResources](#).

E-RESERVES

FDTC Libraries have placed two audio/video e-reserves on reserve for Lonnie Linton ([Personal Safety – HVAC & Contactors & Relays](#)) and a web-based physics ([WebAssign](#)) e-Reserve for Joshua Phiri. Lonnie's e-reserve, [Personal Safety](#) is also available in MP3 format and is available for checkout by students. For more information on e-reserves, please [contact us](#).

MORE LAPTOPS FOR STUDENTS

In an effort to address the growing need and suggestions by students, the library has acquired ten additional laptops for student checkout. With this purchase, a total of 22 laptops are available for student checkout for a two day period.

Remote/Off Campus Access

Web Access Management (WAM) a module within Millennium has the capability to authenticate patrons. Remote or off campus access is now available via WAM. To access eDatabases click on the [Off-Campus Access](#) link from the library's [main page](#).

[New Serials/Journals](#) - American Woodworker, Architectural Digest, Better Homes & Gardens, Wood, ESPN Magazine, Guideposts, Infoworld, JAZZIZ, Journal of Homeland Security, Men's Fitness, Men's Health, Rolling Stone, Security Journal, Strategic Finance and Vegetarian Times.