

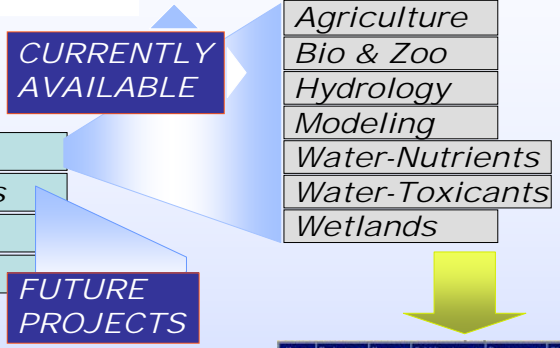


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Objective

- Provide access to scientific and literature information on-line and for everybody

Online Everglades Library

Abstract:

An online Everglades scientific resource library is essential as an information center for widely scattered Everglades-related science efforts and as a resource for the community dealing with multifaceted problems of the Florida Everglades. The independent EvergladesHUB.com website is well positioned to develop and provide an excellent digital platform for a new information system focused on collecting and offering scientific research literature. A working pilot example is already currently provided on this website presenting citations of scientific journal articles published during the last 5 years. They have been conveniently divided into 7 most relevant science fields:

Agriculture, Biology & Zoology, Hydrology, Modeling, Water-Nutrients, Water-Toxicants, and Wetlands. The new Online Everglades Library (OEL) is offering the **Science** literature database as an initial priority because of the immediate demand. The literature database domains will gradually be expanded for other key areas such as **Law, Business, Social Sciences, Government, Media releases**, (etc.).

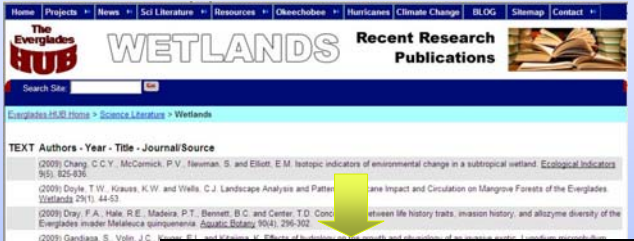
This facility will substantially differ from existing Everglades Digital Library (FIU), SOFIA (USGS) and NPS information systems that contain only a very limited selection of literature resources. Restricted by different regulations and lack of resources, these could hardly serve as an information resource center for all of Everglades-related interests and they remain on the distant fringe of the current information flux and demand where vast amounts of information are required to flow instantaneously, digitally, and online, accessible to all.

The expansion of the OEL pilot project into a comprehensive database to cover at least 40 years of published scientific literature is considered. Apart from offering titles and abstracts of published articles, EvergladesHUB.com website will also offer open access to full texts wherever possible (© permitting). As full access to subscription-based literature publications offered by commercial databases is invariably expensive and often cumbersome, all the various Everglades stakeholders would benefit from the availability of a carefully pre-selected relevant literature resource base at their fingertips - online.

In the near future, the OEL web-site facility also aims at offering a section with consolidated technical and scientific reports available in the public domain that are normally difficult to locate. In addition, the user-friendly OEL will feature high-speed search capabilities and will be continuously maintained and updated.

This presentation is to familiarize the audience with the concept of the proposed new OEL, its features and operation.

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Development of the full OEL is an enormous task (>6,000 references) A challenge is hereby issued to

- private enterprises
- government agencies
- foundations, NGOs

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