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To Whom It May Concern:

Penfield Library is committed to supporting SUNY Oswego's sustainability goals and is active in pursuing initiatives that will support research and broaden understanding of sustainable practices. The foundation of our support is a growing collection of scholarly resources on central research topics, including environment, sustainability, green movement and conservation. We also collaborated with Art Department faculty on an exciting recent initiative – an exhibit of sustainability art, *Art Students Interpret Environmental Issues*.

Since the inception of SUNY Oswego sustainability efforts, and course assignments related to this topic, we have developed several research tools for our student and faculty scholars. Key among them is our recently updated *Environment and Sustainability Research Guide* which provides a convenient portal to our many print and online sources. Some of the resources accessible through this guide include two robust journal article databases, *GreenFile* and *Environment Complete*, several encyclopedias and librarian recommended Internet sources. This year we have significantly expanded our efforts in collecting books on sustainability topics, adding the following to our collection during the 2010-2011 academic year : 165 books; 122 government documents; 18 ebook (electronic books) purchases; and 654 post-2005 ebooks in our new online collection *Ebrary*.

The *Art Students Interpret Environmental Issues* collection of paintings and photographs was created by SUNY Oswego art students, most in the graphic design class. This two-month long exhibit was organized in collaboration with Art Department faculty and curated by then Art Librarian Deale Hutton, who asked students to depict themes including habitat, global warming and endangered species. Hutton reported that “the students demonstrated not only understanding of the concepts but great creative depth in depicting both positive (wind power, beauty of nature) and negative (pollution, environmental destruction) aspects of the theme.” The exhibit served as a valuable learning experience both for the student artists and for all who viewed this colorful, interesting and thought provoking work. It is now on continuous display in our Facebook photo gallery.

Sincerely,

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