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As Cataloging Librarian, Laura Kirkland oversees all materials added to the library's online catalog. She supervises and trains the student assistants who process library books and materials. She is also responsible for quality control, ensuring that all catalog records are accurate with up-to-date and correct headings. She also manages subscriptions for the library's electronic journals, and maintains and updates the A to Z journal title list..

Kirkland is the editor of the Stetson University

Faculty Review, an online listing of publications and creative activities of Stetson faculty members. This annual publication began in 2001 and has been well-received by both faculty and administration. All issues are available on the library's website (http://stetson.edu/library/publications_facultyreview.php).

Kirkland has published four articles, one on resources available for catalogers, one (co-authored with Associate Dean Debbi Dinkins) on the impact of adding contents notes to bibliographic records, and one on the relationship of metadata to item circulation. This article presents some of her research from her sabbatical leave, in which she analyzed the catalog's search logs and compared the results with item circulation records in an effort to learn how the library's patrons are searching the catalog, and to what extent those searches enable users to find useful items in the library's physical collection.

Kirkland currently serves on the University's Professional Development Committee, the Tenure, Grievance, and Academic Freedom Committee, the Gender Equity Council, and chairs the Library Research Prize Committee. Together with colleague Debbi Dinkins, she presented a paper at the International Conference of the Book in Regensburg, Germany to share results of their research on the use of e-books by University faculty. The resulting article was published in 2014.

Previously, Kirkland has served as chair of the Central Florida Library Consortium Cataloging Interest Group, the Northeast Florida Library Information Network Tech Services Interest Group, and the Florida Library Association Technical Services Interest Group. She also served as *News Digest* Editor for the Florida Library Association, compiling and editing news from Florida libraries and from national library news sources on a monthly basis. In 2008, she and Instruction Librarian Jane Bradford presented a program at the FLA Annual Conference entitled, "Why We Can't 'Google' Everything - Smart Searching Strategies and Controlled Vocabulary" which was well-attended and received many favorable comments. They repeated the presentation for the CFLC Cataloging Interest Group at the group's request.