Getting Started at the library

1. **Set up the UF VPN**: When you're off campus, you will need to use the **UF VPN software** to access electronic databases, journals and books.
2. **Search the library catalog for books or journal titles**: Links to online books and journals are also contained within the catalog.
3. **Search databases to find articles in journals**: If you are trying to decide which database is appropriate for your research, look at the list of databases listed on the **Journal Articles** tab above.
4. **Check your account status or renew material.** You can renew your books and check your library account **online**.
5. **Create an Interlibrary Loan account**. This will allow you to place requests for books and journal articles not owned by the UF Libraries. The ILL office will contact other borrowing libraries around the world to request your book or article. Journal articles are normally sent electronically.

Holdings of the Everglades REC Library are catalogued in the UF library catalog. To narrow your search for items available at the EREC you will need to do an Advanced Search. In the location box, select 'IFAS Research Centers.' This will identify material in the other RECs, however there are only a few RECs with libraries, so you will quickly see if Belle Glade has the items you are seeking.

These databases are useful in finding articles focusing on agriculture, economic issues and related fields – this is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to available databases available at the George A. Smathers Libraries.

- Agricola (CSA) - Agriculture (Primarily U.S.)
- CAB Abstracts - Agriculture (International)
- Science Citation Index (Web of Science) - General Sciences
- ABI/Inform - Business
- LexisNexis - Statistical
- PAIS International - International
- GPO - Government Printing Office
- Handbook of Agricultural Economics - Agriculture development
- Global Plant Initiative (JSTOR) Community-contributed database that features more than two million high resolution plant type specimen images
- Biosis - Biological sciences/organism information
- Ecology Abstracts (1982-current) - Current ecology research across a wide range of disciplines
- ASAE -Technical documents published by American Society of Agricultural Engineers
- Agris -International agriculture information
- EDIS - Extension Digital Information Source -UF's extension documents. Applied information related to crops, finance, family, etc.
- Biological & Agricultural Index - Agricultural research, biology, environmental science, genetics, horticulture, physiology, veterinary medicine, wildlife management and much more.
- SciFinder Scholar (or UF Access Instructions) -Chemicals and substances, including biological materials
- WorldCat -Database listing books held by world libraries
- Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants -The Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants provides a source of information for the distribution of plants within the state
- Citrus Greening
  Bibliography created by Southwest Florida Research & Education Center
- Plant Management Network (PMN)
  Images of plant diseases
- Plant Science (Proquest)
  1994 to present. Plant growth, reproduction, botany, etc.

Mintel Reports - UK based. consumer products. great with food and beverage products and lifestyle trends. market share, company profiles, demographics (women and kids too), industries
IBISWorld - market research. niche items, such as goat farming. some market share, few company profiles. includes demographics and industry information
MarketResearch.com Academic - aggregator of others' reports. 12 month embargos on reports. some market share and demographics, has company reports and industry information
First Research Industry Profiles on Hoover's Online - industry profiles. Touch on agribusiness