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The William S. Richardson Library



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About the Library

The William S. Richardson Library is located at the end of John U. Lloyd State Recreation Area at NSU's Oceanographic Center in Dania Beach. This small but well-stocked research library overlooking Port Everglades is open 24/7 to those with a gate card. Its primary function is to serve the research needs of the Oceanographic Center faculty and staff members and students, but may be used from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by anyone interested in marine-related materials. It is best to call ahead.

The library's approximately 3,000 books on the various disciplines of oceanography and marine biology are arranged by Library of Congress numbers. There are 100 active journals, 15 active magazines, 10 newsletters, and various gray literature available. There are also government documents on-site such as NOAA/NMFS reports, NOAA Tide Tables, Florida Geological Water Resources, and other reports.

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