Nova Southeastern University forges historic partnership with Broward County

From Donald E. Riggs, NSU Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

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December 14, 1999, was a signal day in the history of information and library services for Nova Southeastern University and Broward County. On this day, Ray Ferrero, Jr., president of NSU, and Suzanne N. Gunther, chair of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, signed the "Agreement between Broward County and Nova Southeastern University, Inc., for Design, Construction, and Operation of a Joint-Use Library and Parking Garage." This agreement marks the beginning of a 40-year partnership between NSU and Broward County. This library partnership between an independent university and a public library may be the first of its kind in the world.

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Projected Construction Timeline

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Project Costs

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Residents of Broward County and NSU users will have access to both traditional library services and modern technology resources.

Join us on a virtual tour of the new research library

Imagine this. You enter the new NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center through a two-story rotunda atrium lobby. The bright, airy space has the grand proportions of classical architecture. It hums with the vibrant activity of students, faculty members, and families drawn to this place of learning, study, and intellectual exploration.

Within this people-friendly place, embedded in the "bricks and mortar" of a state-of-the-art facility—designed for the 21st century and beyond—is an advanced technology infrastructure and wiring that allows for increased systems capacity and potential for greater connectivity among NSU's various schools and centers.

View the future. Standing within the atrium, you view the lakeside panorama of the NSU campus through walls of glass, across the colorful, child-sized shelves of the children's collection. Perhaps, on this first visit, you attend one of the library training sessions to learn the nuances of the latest software in an electronic classroom on the first floor. Afterward, you browse in the young adult or adult popular reading area and check out the latest best-seller. Then you stroll over to the library café overlooking the lake, stopping to enjoy a café latte and the pages of your borrowed book.

The central reference desk is located on the second floor, above the public areas of the first floor. Here, NSU's staff assists students and faculty members in their research by locating the particular journals, books, and periodicals they need; guiding them through electronic databases; and helping them navigate the global net. Of most significance to you, the public can also use these formidable university resources for research. From morning to night, seven days a week, professional librarians are available to help you and answer your questions.
The new facility will be the premier research and information technology center for Broward County. It will be used by about a half-million citizens each year, in addition to NSU students, faculty, and staff members.

Expand your horizons. The Exhibit Hall on the second floor is designed to serve the community-at-large and the NSU campus population. Two major display areas are available for permanent or traveling interactive educational and cultural exhibits.

In addition to collections, the third floor features small- and large-group meeting rooms for interaction among library users; for library staff members to offer users one-on-one training; and for library staff members to interact with faculty members and student groups in specialized research training.

The fourth floor houses the Knowledge Navigation Center, where research, training, and learning will take place in a seamless environment. The multi-media training laboratory will give users immediate access to large bodies of online information.

Preserving the past, nurturing the future. Other library features include the University Archives, preserving artifacts and cataloging the university’s historical documentation since its inception in 1964; and the Classroom of the Future, supporting NSU faculty members and local K-12 teachers in exploring, testing, and applying new methods in transforming theory and content into applications and learning products.

The new library is soon to become a reality—progressing from a dynamic university’s growing research demands to an innovative community partnership, from architectural blueprints to a bricks-and-mortar structure.

The new library will be there for you—placing the world’s accumulated knowledge and intellectual tools at your fingertips, helping you to nourish your dreams, fuel your imagination, and fulfill your life’s ambitions.
From the Desk of Gail Kaplan
Circle of Friends, Executive Steering Committee

These are exciting times for Nova Southeastern University. NSU and Broward County have created an extraordinary, visionary partnership in bringing a joint-use academic library and research facility to the community, serving NSU students and faculty members as well as citizens.

As the library is being built, so too is the Circle of Friends. A core group of outstanding community leaders has volunteered to serve on the Executive Steering Committee, helping to shape the organization. As the first in NSU's history, the Circle of Friends has looked at models from other academic library friends groups, and has gained valuable insights from Harvard, NYU, Stanford, Georgetown, and others.

In collaboration with NSU library leadership, the committee is currently developing membership recruitment strategies, setting future programming goals and building an organizational structure. We are especially grateful to Don Riggs, NSU vice president for information services and university librarian, whose wisdom and guidance have been critical.

We hope to expand the Friends in ever-widening circles, creating a viable, resourceful, and important support arm for the Nova Southeastern University Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. Please come aboard early and join us in this very exciting venture.

Coming Soon:
A Circle of Friends Web site
Mark your calendar: May 16, 2000
First Meeting of Circle of Friends

The first meeting of the Circle of Friends will be held on Tuesday, May 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Horvitz Administration Building on the NSU Davie campus. President Ray Ferrero, Jr., will give a briefing about the new library.

You'll meet the project architects and have an opportunity to preview library technology exhibits. President Ferrero will focus on the "opportunities and possibilities" the new facility will bring to NSU and the community.

Gail Kaplan, president of Circle of Friends, will chair the meeting and election of the Friends' first board of directors. Mary Riedel, Sun-Sentinel community relations manager, is the chair for this event.

Please join us at this first kick-off meeting and be part of this historic occasion.
Membership Update

**Founding Friends ($950)**
Elaine and David Blattner
Raquel and Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Linda Gill
Jane and Robert Holzkamp
Gail and Michael Kaplan
Joann and Donald B. Medalie
Virginia and Tom Miller
Miller & Solomon General Contractors, Inc.
Ina M. Reed
Mary Riedel
Jane and Donald E. Riggs
Rita L. Talchik and William C. Phillippi

**Sustaining Friends ($500)**
David C. Meyer

**Patron ($250)**
Carla Albano and George Cann
Elizabeth Beauchamp
John A. Morgan, Jr.
Mary and Frederick G. Ruffner, Jr.

**Family and Individual**
Glenda and Florio Abbate
Wini and Joseph Amaturo
Sharon E. Barnwell
Nancy and Frank Cavico
Sally Ann Carr
Barbara D. Cooper
Patricia Du Mont
Elyse and Wayne Dunham
Maria and James Dwyer
Constance and Theo Folz
Elizabeth and Arthur Freeman
Robert W. Gaddis
Stuart D. Galup
Joyce and Neese Gardner
Marietta Glazer
Karen and Craig Grosby
Edye E. Groseclose
Myra Gross
Mara and Arthur Jaffe
Christine and Arthur Lambertus
Marsha and Alan Levy
Mary and David Loshin
Harriett MacDougall
Sara J. Rashidi
Jane and Peter Sperys-Duran
Laura and John Wetsch
Tessie and David White
Muriel and Marcus Zbar

Member Profiles

**Barbara D. Cooper, Chair, Bylaws Committee**

Barbara is a true asset to our emerging organization. She is a sought-after authority in library organizations. She has been published widely in library journals and has organized and spoken at various workshops around the U.S. She is a past president of the American Library Trustee Association, Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Library, Friends of the Broward County Library, and Broward County Medical Association Auxiliary; past chair of the Florida Governor’s Conference on Library and Information Services, White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce, and Southeastern Library Association Trustees and Friends Section; and founder, first chair, and current board member of the Broward Public Library Foundation as well as many more service positions.

Barbara is currently secretary of the Council for Florida Libraries, Inc., vice president of the Gold Coast Jazz Society, Inc., treasurer of the Fontaneda Society (book collectors), and a sustaining member of the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

Barbara’s awards include the American Library Association Trustee Citation; Southeastern Library Association President’s Award; Florida Library Association Trustees and Friends Citation; and two Community Service Awards from the Junior League of Fort Lauderdale.

**Bylaws**

The Circle of Friends bylaws were prepared by the Bylaws Committee with the assistance of Gail Kaplan and consultation with Don Riggs and other Steering Committee members. They were then presented to the NSU legal office and, following approval, were introduced at an NSU Board of Trustees meeting, at which time they were promptly approved.
Sharon Barnwell, Chair, Membership Committee

Sharon is dedicated to improving the community through involvement, commitment, and contribution. A health care executive for more than 18 years, she has held leadership positions in a variety of complex and challenging health care environments, including an academic medical center, managed care organization, Catholic hospital, military health care, and public health care systems.

In her most recent position, she was responsible for the managed care initiatives of the Boca Raton Community Hospital, a not-for-profit health care system. A small business owner, she is also editor-in-chief of Healthy Woman.

Sharon is a diplomate and certified health care executive of the American College of Health Care Executives and a member of several local, state, and national health care related organizations. In 1999, Sharon was honored by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) with a VISTA Award for community service, and in January 2000 by the American College of Health Care Executives with its annual regional award for “Commitment to Health Care Excellence.” She is a graduate of Leadership Broward and president of Class XIV, as well as a 1996 graduate of Leadership America.

Membership Development

The Membership Committee has held several meetings to prepare for the first membership campaign by the Friends group. More than 1,200 solicitations were mailed in February 2000. Memberships are arriving on an almost daily basis.

Mary Riedel, Chair, Programs Committee

Mary is involved in developing links between the Sun-Sentinel Company and its employees with the community, and expanding support of community organizations. Since joining the Sun-Sentinel’s marketing division in 1987, she has participated in many community issues, including support for libraries and education.

Working with the Broward Library Foundation, the Sun-Sentinel was the founding sponsor of the Children’s Reading Festival. She is also cochair of the fund-raising effort for the new African American Research Library and Cultural Center. Mary was instrumental in the Sun-Sentinel’s role as founding corporate sponsor of the President’s Council, a group that now provides networking for nearly 2,000 South Florida organizations. She also was a founding member of Artservice, which supports both emerging and established arts and cultural organizations.

Currently, she is president of Broward Women’s Alliance, board member of the Donor’s Forum of South Florida, Cultural Foundation of Broward, board member (and past chair) of Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc., advisory board of Sun-Sentinel Diversity Venture Fund, and active supporter of Miami City Ballet.

She is a graduate of Leadership Broward, Leadership Boca Raton, and Leadership Palm Beach. Her community service has been recognized by the Thousand Plus Club of the American Cancer Society, Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, Broward County Fair, and Leadership Broward Foundation. She is an accredited member of International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).
Southeastern University Circle of Friends

University Partnership with Broward County

Vice President for University Librarian

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Benefits of membership

Every year, the Circle of Friends will sponsor diverse programs—lectures, exhibit openings, and symposia—to stimulate the intellect and the imagination.

As a member, you'll receive a subscription to Tidings, the Friends' newsletter, offering an inside look at the library's programs, services, personnel, new acquisitions, and future plans. And members will receive recognition in annual reports and invitations to Friends-only events.

Founding, Sustaining, and Patron Friends will receive invitations to VIP Friends events, including a reception with NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr. Founding Friends will receive permanent recognition in the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.
Membership

☐ YES. I accept your invitation for membership in the Circle of Friends for Nova Southeastern University Library, Research, and Information Technology Center in the category checked below.

Membership Levels

☐ $950 – Founding Friend  ☐ $100 – Family
☐ $500 – Sustaining       ☐ $50 – Individual/
☐ $250 – Patron            NSU Student

NAME ________________________________
COMPANY _______________________________________________
ADDRESS _______________________________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP __________________________________________
PHONE (WORK) ___________________________________________
PHONE (HOME) ___________________________________________
EMAIL _________________________________________________
NSU ALUMNI SCHOOL ___________________________ YEAR __________

☐ My company sponsors a matching gift program. Enclosed is the form.
☐ I want to include the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center in my will or trust. Please send additional information.

Payment type (Please check one.)

☐ Check – Make payable to Nova Southeastern University.
☐ Credit Card – Please fill in below.
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
Credit card number ___________________________
Expiration _____ / _____ / _____
Signature __________________________________________

Please send check and application form to:
Nova Southeastern University
Einstein Library/Department of Library Development
3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796
Current Library Features

The NSU library offers:

- More than 125 databases (many selected full text) in arts and humanities, business and economics, conferences and proceedings, consumer affairs and people, education, engineering and technology, general and reference, life sciences, medicine and health sciences, public affairs and law, science, social sciences
- Online book catalogs of more than 15,000 libraries including NSU's NovaCat
- Internet and World Wide Web connections
- Cooperation with the Foundation Center and a Grants Collection
- Library instruction in usage of the online catalog, Electronic Library, and other research tools
- Document delivery and interlibrary loan requests
- Distance library services to off-campus students
- Material orders via mail, email, fax, voice mail
- Access to Electronic Library through World Wide Web
- Personalized one-on-one service delivered by highly qualified professionals

Hours:
- Mon–Thurs: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Sat: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sun: 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.