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THE BIG MOVE

September 2001 is the month when the "big move" into the "big and new library" is scheduled. Unless something unexpected occurs, we will commence moving offices, books, computers/printers, microforms, books in storage, etc. into the joint-use library in September. Of course, most of the equipment, furnishings, technology, etc. in the 325,000 square foot library, research, and information technology center will be new. In addition to the Einstein Library, University Archives and part of Technical Services will move into the new facility.

Planning

Undoubtedly, planning the move is the most important component of moving a library. A move that results in confusion and disarray is the consequent of poor or no planning. Every aspect of the move must be considered during the planning phase. Setting time schedules, determining how many books should be placed on the shelves in the new facility, creating sequences of events, and delegating tasks are a few of the components of a thoughtful moving plan.

Moving Books and Journals

The aspect of any library move where there is the greatest possibility of things going wrong is the relocation of books and journals. There are many issues/questions involved with moving the book stock; for example, how much space do we allow on the shelves in the new library for growth/expansion in the collection.

Office Furniture/Equipment

A large amount of the office equipment/furniture in the joint-use library will be new. There will be, however, computing/printing equipment moved from our offices into the new offices. We will have to develop lists of what will be moved, what will not be moved, and what is to be done with the left behind furniture/equipment. Thus, in a sense, we all will be involved, one way or another, in the move.

Cooperation

The above remarks touch on a very small part of the move. Perhaps the most important human aspect of the entire move will be the team work and cooperation. We all have to pull together and make the move happen in the most efficient and effective manner. Your cooperation and involvement with the move will be genuinely appreciated.

Don Riggs
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

"Instead of going to Paris to attend lectures, go to the public library, and you won't come out for twenty years, if you really wish to learn." — Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)
The major complaint received from patrons of the HPD Library was lack of group study space. Since a water main pipe just outside the library could not be relocated, there was no way to expand the current library space. Therefore, a new "Assembly Building" was constructed along the walk leading from the covered parking lot to the main HPD building. This new edifice contains a large auditorium, a 50-seat microlab, copy room, two seminar rooms, and 26 group study rooms of varying sizes. Individual keyed locks were installed, and policies were developed allowing room usage for three hours at a time. With Peggy's help, the procedure was set up for rooms to be checked out in Novacat. Our 22 library study rooms have now been converted to keyed access, as well. Use of both sets of rooms can be viewed from our website.

The building is open during library operating hours, and five part-time employees were hired to monitor the use of these rooms. The best thing about being assigned to administer and supervise these rooms was meeting the very capable people who are filling these positions. They have each written a short introduction about themselves for this newsletter.

Debra Goldstein started working at NSU six months ago as the Lead Attendant/Coordinator in the Assembly II Study Center. The people with whom she has daily contact, faculty, administration, staff, and students have been extremely helpful and pleasant. She has always enjoyed working at universities/medical schools. She has worked at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine as a Research Technician in the Ob/Gyn Department, at the University of Miami School of Medicine as an Office Manager/Coordinating Assistant in the Office of Student Affairs, and at Yale University as the Assistant to the Chairman in the Department of Neurology.

Barbara Gray was born in New Jersey, and has lived in Florida since 1979. She plays golf, loves to swim, and is always open to adventure.

Martha Lucia Gutierrez completed her undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Psychology and Education, and in Research and Technology. She has been married for 28 years, and has three wonderful children. The eldest two are engineers and the youngest will soon follow in their footsteps.

The NSU-HPD Study Center has given her an opportunity to meet and deal with future professionals on a daily basis in a field of major importance. The HPD students must be prepared to meet the challenges of our changing world and she is happy to be a part of this process, giving her contribution no matter how small.

Deborah Marcev also checks out the study rooms to students, monitors the time spent in each study room, and maintains a quiet environment for other patrons.

She and her new husband, John, are originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. They were recently married on May 12. Both will graduate from the optometry school in 2002.

Deborah was attracted to working in the library system because of the hours, the tuition waiver, and her wonderful boss, Janice Gottlieb.

Arlene Saddler is a graduate student pursuing a degree in Special Education with an ESOL endorsement. She transferred from FAU in Boca anticipating NSU's flexible, short, and interesting courses combined with genuine and practical experiences. She has had no regrets.

Her experience at NSU has been invaluable. She has the freedom to volunteer in areas that provide insight and pleasure. She volunteers at the Wellness and Recreation Center, as well as the Davie Mental Health Center.
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Miriam Hershenson, former Regional Branch Supervisor for the Broward County Library, accepted the position of Head of Public Library Services for the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. She had been in her previous position since 1993. Other positions she has held include Branch Librarian of Coral Springs Library, Branch Librarian of Deerfield Beach Library, and Regional Children's Coordinator for Broward County. In addition to her experience in South Florida, she has worked as an Elementary School Media Specialist in Massachusetts and Virginia.

Miriam ("Mimi") earned the B.A. in political science from Syracuse University and the M.S.L.S. from Simmons College.

Mimi brings the necessary public library experience to this exciting new position. She has the unique opportunity to recruit the entire staff who will be offering service to children, young adults, and adults (popular reading). Let’s extend a warm welcome to Mimi.

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

En Garde!

Todd Puccio, Technical Services Librarian at the HPD Library, participated in his very first fencing tournament on March 3rd at the BCC South Campus Gym. He has been taking lessons for the past three years and thought it was about time to put his skills to the test. He didn't win any medals this time, but when asked about his performance he said that he did as well as he expected, "I won my first bout and then tied another one. The rest of the fencers were much more experienced than me. I was happy to get a few points on each of them even if I didn't win." He also told us that he would go to more tournaments in the coming year and let us know when he wins a medal. Way to go, Todd!

Eric Camacho, HPD Library, recently had the opportunity of a lifetime. On April 4, he auditioned in Tampa for the show "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" Later that month, he flew to New York to tape a show that aired on May 4. After successfully answering the fast finger question, he then sat in the hot seat across from Regis Philbin. Eric walked away with $1,000 and an unforgettable experience. Congratulations, Eric!

Hey, you canine lovers!! Have you heard of BARK PARK? You and your dog can have a fun outing romping and playing with other dogs in a safe and protected environment. Take 84 East to 4th Avenue and go South to Snyder Park. There is a park for small dogs and big dogs. Water is provided for drinking and bathing (dogs, that is!). Both parks are fenced and include obstacle courses. Admission is minimal, but remember to bring proof of updated vaccinations! And if you play on a Sunday morning, you might meet up with Nora Quinlan, who has been a volunteer since the park opened last November.

Have you discovered a great restaurant, an interesting place, or fun activity that you would like to share with us? Please email one of the editors of CONNECTIONS with a short story describing your experience. There is lots to do in South Florida.

The Annual Fort Lauderdale Corporate Run/Walk to support the Leukemia Society of America and to promote fitness in the workplace was held on April 19th at the New River Village Park. The following Einstein Library employees participated, Rebekah Benison, Kathleen Dunleavy, Daniel Esquivel, and Katie Turner. This was Kathleen's sixth year and Katie's fifth year to participate. Way to go, crew!
WHAT'S NEW AT........

EINSTEIN Library

Donald Riggs and Harriett MacDougall attended the Solinet Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Harriett spoke on recruiting and retaining staff; Don spoke about new models for shared facilities. Don was also a speaker at the Florida Association Community College Library in Tampa.

Don and Harriett, as well as Elaine Blattner, Mimi Hershenson, Lila Hemphill, Laura Lucio, Nora Quinlan, Johanna Tunon, attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco.

Johanna was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for the Council of Higher Education in Puerto Rico and in June went to evaluate the Institutional Renewal License for the University of Phoenix, Puerto Rico campuses in San Juan and Mayaguez.

Peggy Richard attended the IUG Conference in Santa Clara.

Congratulations to Jaime Passaro who accepted the position of Circulation Manager, Evenings and Weekends! We welcome Leonard Oyeonoro who started as the new Collection Maintenance Coordinator on June 11. Also a hearty welcome is extended to Vanita Chauhan, Administrative Assistant for Reference.

The Einstein Library continues to grow and grow! Congratulations to Mar and William Bonnin who welcomed Rhys William to their clan. He was born on May 24 weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Anthony Clementi is the proud father of a baby son, Matteo, born on June 5. Baby and mother, Helena, are doing fine. The Gilkes family, Yvette, Chip, Ashley, and Kaya welcomed Baby Girl Jordyn at six pounds, 13 ounces on July 3.

HPD Library

Todd Puccio attended the Ninth Annual Innovative Users Group Meeting in Santa Clara, Ca. in May.

Mary Lawrence, Hilary O'Sullivan, Todd Puccio, Kaye Robertson, and Alex Wachsler attended the MLA Conference in Orlando, Florida in May.

LAW Library

We regretfully announce that Star Andrews has resigned as Circulation Manager to move to Ohio where her husband has accepted a new job. A warm welcome is extended to Melisande Balleste who began work as the Circulation Manager.


Billie Jo Kaufman, Lisa Smith-Butler, and Carol Yecies also attended SEAALL.

Billie Jo served as a judge in the 5th Annual Technology Fair held at NSU in April. She also attended the AALS Committee on Libraries & Technology 2001 in Washington, D.C. and the 2002 AALL Committee meeting in Orlando.

Maxine Scheffler and Sheryl Womack attended the 10th Annual Serials Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as well as the Florida Library Paraprofessional Workshop in Fort Pierce.

Rhonda Gold has written an article, "Guide to United Nations Information in the NSU Law Library" which was published in the SFALL Spring 2001 Newsletter.

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