On August 21, 2000, beginning at 11:30 a.m., in Room 309 in the Hollywood Mailman Building a strategic planning session will be held for all NSU libraries. Lunch will be served. The session should be intense, interesting, and quite informative. We will finish our work by 4:30 p.m.

As many will remember, in 1997 we developed the three-year (1997-2000) strategic plan currently being followed. It is now time to update this plan. Significant progress has been made on the achievement of the goals/objectives/strategies delineated in the 1997-2000 plan. Before August 21, we expect to have a large amount of the preliminary (and necessary) work for the plan completed. Drafts of the vision, mission statement, goals, and objectives will be in your hands before our planning session.

With the constant change libraries are experiencing and the new joint-use library scheduled for completion in 2001, the future will bring much excitement and many challenges to the NSU libraries. Do we sit back and let circumstances determine the future of the NSU libraries? I think not. We will create and implement the blueprint/strategic plan for the exciting future of NSU’s libraries and information services.

Don Riggs
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

"If information is the currency of democracy, then libraries are the banks."

— Senator Wendell Ford

"...knowing that to be a librarian was to come as close as any human being can to sitting in the peak-seat of eternity's engine."

— Stephen King
TECH TIPS
Dick Fredericksen

WORD
When you insert clip art or other Windows metafile objects in your Word documents, the rotation tools on the Drawing toolbar aren't available. To use these tools, you must convert the metafile to a Word picture object by ungrouping and then regrouping the object. To make this process more efficient, add Word's built-in Disassemble Picture button to the Drawing toolbar. This button is also convenient to use when you want to modify the components of a clip art object. To add the button, first display the Drawing toolbar by selecting View/Toolbars/Drawing from the menu bar. Then select Tools/Customize from the menu bar, and click on the Commands tab. Choose Normal.dot from the Save In dropdown list to save the button for use in the Normal.dot template. Select Drawing from the Categories list box. Finally, locate the Disassemble Picture button in the Commands list box and drop it to the Drawing toolbar. To use the button, select a clip art or other object and click the Disassemble Picture button. Word automatically ungroups the object so you can work with its individual components. To regroup the object, click the Select Objects button on the Drawing toolbar and then select the objects you'd like to group. Then, select Draw/Group from the Drawing toolbar.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, LECTURES... ...
IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

HPD LIBRARY
Janice Gottlieb, Mary Lawrence, Kaye Robertson, Alex Wachsler, and Mahmuda Mondol attended workshops given during the Florida Health Sciences Library Association annual conference in April. Janice took a course entitled "Evidence-Based Librarianship," an offshoot of "evidence-based medicine," which stresses decision-making based on examination and evaluation of evidence from the best clinical research--large, randomized clinical trials. Mary, Kaye, and Alex attended a very practical class called "Teaching the Adult Learner in the Library Setting," during which students taught a model lesson and critiqued each other. The instructor stressed the development of rapport between teacher and students and the importance of speaking clearly and logically. Mahmuda studied the "New DOCLINE QuickDOC," a web-based quickDOC program for interlibrary loans.

Dr. Alex Wachsler attended the 15th annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association in Washington, D.C. from March 15 - 17. He was particularly interested in the presentations discussing "Invisible Web." These Internet sites cannot be accessed using traditional search engines. Created by librarians, they can only be found by specialized, or second generation search engines. Developed by librarians, they can only be found by specialized, or second generation search engines.

LAW LIBRARY
Rhonda Gold was a guest lecturer for the Advanced Legal Research Seminar. Her topic on international legal materials included UN documents, treatises, indices and other pertinent information. She also wrote an article on "Human Rights on the Internet" which was published in the Southeastern Law Librarian Spring 2000 newsletter.

Diane Altimari attended the Southern Florida Women's Conference. She was also a speaker at the institute for paralegal Education Seminar on "Strategic Use of Internet Search Engines in Florida." Maxine Scheffler and Sheryl Womack attended the 8th Annual Florida Library paraprofessional workshop, "Libraries in the New Millennium" in Fort Pierce, Florida. Billie Jo Kaufman attended the Senior Administrators Retreat in Marco Island and the Academic Retreat in Boca Raton. She and Stephen Sobchak also attended CALI in Chicago. Jaimi Stout attended NSU's Effective Communication, Conflict Management, and Leadership Skills workshops. Carol Yecies attended the National Seminars Group workshop, "Attitude Problems."

EINSTEIN LIBRARY
Johanna Tunon and Paul Pival gave a presentation at the 9th Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Portland, Oregon in April. The topic was "Innovative Methods of Providing Distance Students with Instruction via Technology." Elaine Blattner, Suzi Hayes, Lia Hemphill, Harrriett MacDougall, Nora Quinlan, Peggy Richard, Don Riggs, and Johanna Tunon attended the American Library Association in Chicago in July. Suzi Hayes attended the Special Libraries Association from June 9-14 in Philadelphia.

JOIN US... ...
All library staff is welcome!
Meet for lunch at Ichiban the last Friday of every month for some of the world's best sushi. Ichiban is located on University Drive next to Bagelmania. Next date: August
ELAINE BLATTNER, EINSTEIN LIBRARY
Congratulations to Elaine Blattner, her husband, David, and children, Sarah and Steven on their selection of "2000 Family of the Year" by the Family Service Agency, Inc. They were honored at a reception on Thursday, June 22nd.

DONNA STRUTHERS, LAW LIBRARY
Donna Struthers has agreed to serve as the Law Library & Technology Center/Law Center’s contact for the recycling initiative. CTS is a major player in efforts to contribute in a positive way for campus wide recycling. The Law Library & Technology Center/Law Center wish to lead the campus in these efforts as demonstrative evidence in support of the

AYSEN GURREA, HPD LIBRARY
On August 28, 1996, I walked into the HPD Library for the first time as an undergraduate freshman desperate for student employment. That same day I began my work as the Serials Assistant. A year later my immediate supervisor left to begin medical school, and I was promoted to the staff position of Serials Manager. Ever since the first day, I dedicated my time outside of school to contribute to, what I believe to be, on the most important aspects of a university. The library is a place of understanding, enlightenment, and peace. Of all the things I learned during my years here, one of the most beneficial was seeing other people live out what had always been my dream. For as long as I can possibly remember becoming a physician has been the focus of my life. Working at HPD has allowed me to interact with others who have also made this profession the center of their lives. Last April I concluded my studies at NSU’s Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies and obtained my Bachelor’s in Science. As I now begin my graduate studies in NSU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, I would like the entire HPD staff to know that I am grateful for what all of you have taught me, that I will miss you very much, and that I am at your service.

FOUN DATIONS AND GRANTS
NORA QUINLAN, EINSTEIN LIBRARY
The Foundations and Grants Collection in the Einstein Library is part of the Co-operating Collection network of the Foundation Center in New York City. Co-operating collections are intended to serve as free, funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a core collection of the Foundation Center publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grantseekers. The Einstein Library has hosted the Co-operating Collection of the Foundation center for a number of years. It provides a wide range of resources to help those involved in preparing grants and soliciting funds from foundations. In addition to books and journals the collection also contains two CD-ROM databases, FCSearch and FC Scholar, and Florida 990PFs on microfiche and CD-ROM

On June 11 the Einstein Library hosted a group from the Community Foundation of Broward for Donuts and Discovery: A Guided Tour through the Foundation Center Collection. Twenty-five people from nonprofit agencies in Broward, as well as Dade counties, attended. Nora Quinlan, Assistant Head of Distance Library Services in the Einstein Library, and caretaker of the Foundations and Grants Collection, gave a two hour presentation on the ins and outs of the collection and how to access the Foundation Center web site and demonstrated FCSearch. Participants got a chance to ask questions about the Foundation Center and the Einstein Library’s services and resources. The program was very well received and because of its popularity (there is already a waiting list of 20 people) the program will be repeated later this year.

A special recognition to Nora Quinlan who continually changes the displays in the show case in the lobby of the Einstein Library. Her creative and eye catching presentations are a real asset to the library. Thanks, Nora, for your dedication and hard work!
AND MORE TECH TIPS

POWERPOINT

To change the color of a background texture, use the Rectangle tool to draw a rectangle that fills the entire slide and choose No Line from the Line Color drop-down list. Click on the Fill Color drop-down list and select More Fill Colors. Choose a color from the standard or custom color palette. After choosing the color for your background fill, select the Semi-transparent check box located in the bottom-left corner. Click OK.

WHAT'S NEW AT.

EINSTEIN Library

Congratulations to Lia Hemphill who was acknowledged for her efforts in proofreading Export-Import Theory, Practices, and Procedures by Belay Seyoum.

Congratulations to Linda Martilotto, who accepted the position of Serials Manager in Consolidated Technical Services.

HPD Library

A warm welcome to Vanessa Martilotto, Cataloging & Collection Assistant, and Eric Camacho, Information/Computer Technologist.

LAW Library

A warm welcome is extended to Wally DiCola who began working as the Clinic Technology Coordinator on April 24.

Congratulations to Dominic Fariello, Kathleen Dunleavy, Peggy Madison, Suzi Hayes and Jennifer Isaacs who participated in the fourth annual NSU Corporate Run/Walk held on April 27, 2000 to benefit Leukemia Research.

ProQuest Digital Dissertations' Current Research@NSU
Frances Sardone, Einstein Library

CurrentResearch@NSU is a big budget database showcasing local scholarship at its best. Provided through ProQuest, CurrentResearch@NSU is Nova Southeastern University's exclusive depository of dissertations and theses submitted by NSU students to Digital Dissertations. This means that our users, searching for dissertation material by our graduates after 1996, are assured full-text documents as a result of their search. ProQuest indicates that access to view/download the document is free. (But we know better).

CurrentResearch@NSU serves up full-text documents in .pdf (portable document file) format, maintaining the textual as well as the contextual integrity of the document. To accommodate users on the slower end of modem connections and systems capacity, the first 24 pages are displayed as thumbnail preview images below the citation. Without the benefit of an abstracts within the list of documents, the previews also allow the document to speak for itself in terms of content. Distance and local students are well served in this regard.

Search options are extreme. Basic search offers three indexing fields: keyword (targeting title and abstract), author or advisor and one text box. The "Main" search page requires expert searching. Users are required to enter terms, their indexing fields (or tags) and appropriate Boolean operators. Though the "Help" button is clearly displayed, the quick reference to field names, search tags and examples is inconveniently located at the bottom of the help page. Would this seem to correlate advanced scholarship skill with advanced information literacy skills? It's tempting to think so!

In total CurrentResearch@NSU is a very use full database for users under the pressure of generating doctoral level literature reviews and participating in the scholarly endeavors of their predecessors. Locally and at a distance, students have access to full-text, original documents conveniently provided to their desktops. Users unfamiliar with expert search tactics are challenged to sharpen their research skills, with the assistance of the excellent librarians at NSU.

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| Reference | 262-3117 |
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