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FINDINGS

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Library Usage Exceeds All Expectations: Reputation Spreads Across the World

*T*he library building has been open for only a few months, yet usage by both the university and the community is far greater than we expected," said Donald E. Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian.

A striking architectural presence on the main campus of Nova Southeastern University, the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is rapidly becoming an important destination in Broward County's community life.

"Circulation figures—or items checked out—for the last fiscal year in the university's Einstein Library were about 35,000," Riggs said. "In contrast, during the first quarter of 2002, more items were checked out

in the new library than for a full year in the Einstein Library."

Riggs added, "we're extremely pleased that more than 50 percent of the total circulated items were checked out by the public.

"The notion of coupling a public library with a private university library has proved to be an unqualified success, intermingling both popular and academic resources."

While actual day-to-day usage has been a source of gratification for the university as well as the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and the public library system that endorsed it, the library has also caught the attention of organizations both in the United States and abroad.

"The grand scale of the building is in itself a cause for celebration," Riggs said. "Add to that our state-of-the-art technology, and you have one of the most modern libraries in the world. In fact, people from all over the globe are visiting and requesting tours at numbers I've never witnessed before in a new library."

Recently, the library played host to the trade commissioner of Canada and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

"There has also been keen interest on the part of other private universities and municipalities exploring development of similar public/private joint-use libraries for their localities," Riggs said.

Among the regions considering a similar project are Bethune-Cookman College and the city of Daytona Beach, and St. Petersburg College and the city of St. Petersburg, Florida.

"As with so many other innovations in education, Nova Southeastern University is proud to be the first private university in the nation to collaborate with a public library system, creating a unique facility that serves students, faculty members, children, adults, and seniors alike through a multitude of collections and programs." ■

With its striking architectural presence, the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is rapidly becoming an important destination in Broward County's community life.



What's New? What's in it for You?



With book clubs growing in popularity across the nation, NSU's "Books Over Biscotti" program gave summertime reading a big boost.



Children and their parents enjoyed the antics of Tootsie the Clown during a summer program at the NSU Library.

The NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center offers community programming for adults, young adults, and children.

During the summer months, the library participated in the Broward County Library "Color Your World with Books—2002 Summer Reading Program" for children. (The Broward County Library program is sponsored countywide, in part, by the Broward Public Library Foundation, Florida Marlins, McDonald's, SeaWorld, *Sun-Sentinel*, and WFOR-TV.)

Hundreds of children, teens, and adults enjoyed a host of entertaining and edifying programs at the NSU library, such as those listed here.

Children's Programs

Face Painting, Balloon Animals with Tootsie the Clown, Games, and Contests
Critter Talk: Florida Live Animals
Kids Club: Crafts and Activities
Family Fun and Games: Board Games, Puzzles, Coloring, Stories, and Crafts
Freeplay: One-on-one Play Experience
Scottish Games

Old MacDonald's Petting Zoo:
Live Baby Farm Animals
Express Yourself in Art
Children's Film Festival
Celebrate the Ocean: Meet a Real Lifeguard and Scuba Diver

Young Adult Programs

Teen Craft Workshop
Movie Night
Trivia Night
Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Web Design Workshop Series
Open Mike Cafe for Writers, Musicians, and Poetry Lovers
Karaoke Fest

Adult Programs

Click-on Computer Workshop
Computer Basics for Absolute Beginners
Email: Tips and Tricks for Absolute Beginners
Books Over Biscotti: Adult Reading Group
Web Design for Absolute Beginners

To obtain information on similar programs planned for the fall, please call (954) 262-5477. ■

Dedication of Theater Box Office Is a Family Affair

A heartwarming story of family ties and a long-time association with NSU prompted the naming of the library theater's box office.

In December 2001, Anita Paoli Kotler, Esq., and her husband, Jon Kotler, M.D., attended the library's dedication ceremonies. It was a special time for NSU, as well as a special family time for the Kotlers, who were accompanied by Anita's parents, August Paoli, a beloved, long-time NSU trustee, and his wife Toni.

That day, after seeing her parents' names dedicating the theater's lobby, Anita and Jon talked it over on the way home. "We decided we wanted to be part of the library, too," Jon said. "And close to my parents," Anita added.

So it was that Jon and Anita took up the box office naming opportunity at the library, in

memory of Jon's father, Herbert Kotler, and in honor of Anita's parents, August and Toni Paoli.

"Our ties and commitment to NSU run deep," said Anita, who earned her Juris Doctor degree at the university. A partner with her father in their Hollywood-based law firm, Anita specializes in wills, probate, real estate, trusts, and guardianship.

Jon Kotler specializes in nuclear medicine and internal medicine. He is chief of nuclear medicine at Holy Cross Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, and owner and president of Metabolic Imaging of Boca Raton. A specialist in thyroid disease, Kotler is a pioneer in PET (positron emission tomography) scanning.

In addition to their busy careers and family life, Anita Paoli and Jon Kotler are generous in supporting community service. Anita is active in NSU's Gold Circle and the President's Associates. Jon serves on the advisory board of the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his undergraduate degree; the board of directors of Temple Bat Yam; and the futures committee of the Pine Crest School. ■

NEWS BRIEFS

3,000 Broward Students Meet for JASON Project

The renowned JASON Project XIII: Frozen Worlds was hosted by NSU in the library's Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center in conjunction with the School Board of Broward County's JASON Project



program and JASON Project founder Robert Ballard.

Primarily known for raising the *Titanic*, Ballard founded the JASON Project in 1989 to excite and engage

students in science and technology. Through its innovative curriculum, the JASON Project allows students to participate in authentic, ongoing scientific research.

About 3,000 Broward County students in grades three through nine took part in a live, interactive broadcast from Seward and Portage, Alaska. This year's JASON Project explored one of the coldest and most remote areas of the earth—the regions around the North and South Poles—and examined glaciers, sea ice, the culture of the Alaskan natives, marine mammals, global climate changes, and more.

NSU's Oceanographic Center works directly with Ballard on the JASON



Every year since 1989, the JASON Project offers students from grades three to nine opportunities to participate in scientific research through live interactive broadcasts.

Project in Florida, and NSU is one of three primary interactive network sites in Florida.

For information, contact Rebecca Malones, JASON project coordinator for Broward County Schools and NSU at (954) 765-6367. ■

Peggy Barber, Director of Nova Singers, Honored with Premier Concert at Miniaci Performing Arts Center

On Sunday, May 19, the Florida Youth Orchestra honored Peggy Barber, director and founder of the Nova Singers, with the Joseph Leavitt Award for Dedication to the Arts.

Barber is the 12th person to receive this prestigious award.

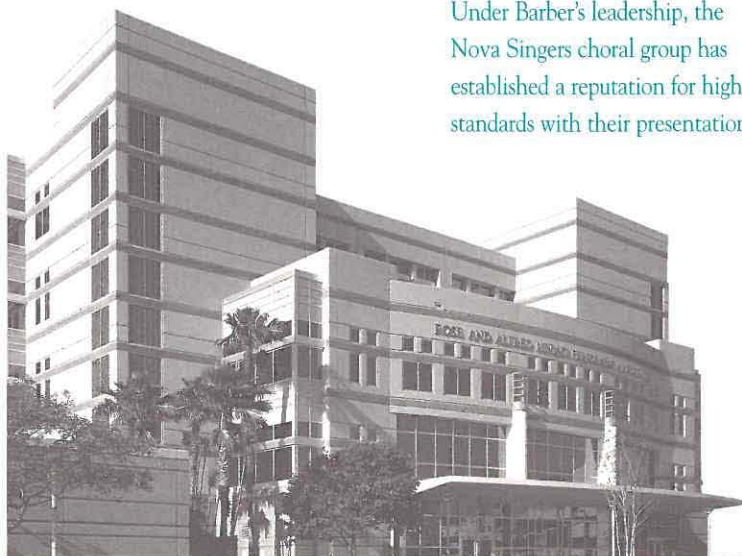
Later that day, a jazz concert was held at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center in her honor.

Under Barber's leadership, the Nova Singers choral group has established a reputation for high standards with their presentations

of great choral masterworks of the centuries. She has led the group since its inception in 1976.

Now, 26 years later, the choral organization entertains audiences far and wide. It comprises 120 members of all ages, from high school students to retirees. To date, the group has produced three CDs. In addition to enriching the cultural community of South Florida, the singers have performed at Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and throughout Europe. ■

The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, the home stage of the Nova Singers, is located on the north side of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.



NEWS BRIEFS (continued)

Library Hosts Extraordinary Underwater Photo Exhibit: "Visit the Silent World"

Circle of Friends members were invited to the opening reception of "Visit the Silent World," a remark-

able exhibition of global underwater photographs by Michael B. Schoenwald, M.D., in June 2002. The collection remains on display through September 27, 2002.

Schoenwald practices urology in Hollywood, Florida. While in high school, he became fascinated with undersea life after reading Jacques Yves Cousteau's *The Silent World*. He began scuba diving at the age of 15. In 1975, he became a certified advanced open water diver. Since then, he has gone diving all over the world. Also an avid photographer, Schoenwald has combined his two hobbies by capturing his underwater excursions on film.

The collection of 133 underwater photos on view includes images from the Caribbean, French Polynesia, Hawaii, Aruba, Cozumel, Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, the Middle East, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, and of course, the Florida Keys.

Explore incredible and exotic sea life such as Longspine Squirrelfish, White Plague On Great Star Coral, Sea Rods, and Yellow Tube Sponge (Florida Keys); Blackfin Shark, Bank Butterflyfish, and Giant Pacific Oyster (French Polynesia); Brazilian Parrotfish, Trumpetfish, and Hawksbill Turtle (Hawaii); Honeycomb Cowfish and Yellow Long Snout Seahorse (Cozumel); Pillar Coral and Flamingo Tongue (Jamaica); Parrotfish On Star Coral and Pink Lumpy Sponge (Nassau); and Stoplight Parrotfish and Ruby Brittle Star (Grand Cayman). ■



Circle of Friends members (l to r) Nora Quinlan, Abraham Fischler, and Don Riggs (right) join Michael B. Schoenwald, M.D., (center) at his exhibit.

NSU's Life 101...Personally Speaking Hosted John Walsh, Janet Reno

As current as today's headlines, NSU's Life 101...Personally Speaking series brought John Walsh, host of *America's Most Wanted* and a tireless advocate for victims' rights and missing children, to speak in the library's Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

Walsh is the second Life 101...Personally Speaking guest this year. Janet Reno, former U.S. attorney general, appeared in November.

The format is an informal interview, hosted by NSU professor Mark Cavanaugh. For more information on Life 101...Personally Speaking, contact Kenny Hendrickson at (954) 262-7283. ■



John Walsh



Janet Reno

Library Unveils Chinese Collection

More than 100 books and videocassettes are part of the library's new Chinese language collection. NSU, the largest independent institution of higher education in the Southeast, and the 12th largest nationally with 19,067 students, has 1,466 students and 100 employees of Chinese descent. For more information on the Chinese collection, contact Mimi Hershenson, (954) 262-4639. ■



CIRCLE of FRIENDS

2001-2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission

The Nova Southeastern University *Circle of Friends* was established to attract and maintain a diverse group of individuals, corporations, and other entities that share the common goal of furthering the intellectual resources of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, and to generate public interest and support for it.

Purpose

The purpose of the *Circle of Friends* is to promote awareness of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center; to fund special exhibits, programs, and collections that will enhance its resources; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services for the academic and public communities it serves; and to provide opportunities for networking, communication, and intellectual development among the members of the *Circle of Friends*.

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Henry Cooper
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Wayne F. Dunham
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Robert Kaufman
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*Membership as
of June 30, 2002

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

Income

Membership Dues	\$17,774.94
Life Member Dues—Endowment	\$20,150.00
Honorials/Memorials	\$150.00
Income from Endowment	\$117.68
Endowment (Losses) Gains	(\$248.97)
Other Income	\$2,000.00

2001-2002 Total Income \$39,943.65

Total project income to date \$80,253.40*

Expenses

Contribution to Library Projects	\$42,000.00
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2001-2002 Total Expenses \$42,000.00

Total project expenses to date \$42,939.55

Project increase (decrease) in net assets \$37,313.85

Figures reported as of June 30, 2002.

*All income from the Circle of Friends consists of restricted funds for the purpose of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Accomplishments

- Of the 150+ members, more than one-half have already renewed for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- A new \$1,000 membership category of "Special Friend" was added to replace the "Founding Friend" category, which was retired when the library opened.
- Twenty-one \$5,000 "Life Members" were enrolled.
- Two issues of the Circle of Friends newsletter, Tidings, were published. With a circulation of 2,500, Tidings updates the community and Circle of Friends members on all aspects of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.
- A sneak preview of the library was held on October 3, 2001, for Founding Friends, Life Members, and library major donors.
- Another sneak preview event was held for all members of the Circle of Friends on November 1, 2001.
- The gala grand opening on December 7 and 8, 2001, featured an invitation-only reception for all Circle of Friends members.
- The donor wall, including the names of all Founding Friends, Life Members, and library major donors, was unveiled at the opening festivities.
- A breakfast exclusively for members with travel writer Peter Greenberg was held as part of the March 9, 2002, Day of Literary Lectures.
- Members were invited to the opening reception of the "Wildspots Malaysia" photography exhibit at the library on March 21, 2002.
- Members were offered special seating opportunities for the May 19, 2002, NSU Pops Concert.
- The third Annual Meeting was held on May 30, 2002, at the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

President's Message



Gail Kaplan,
Circle of Friends President

The 2001–2002 year was beyond exciting, as we watched the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center's construction progress with growing anticipation, then saluted its debut with grand festivities. Already the library's public impact has exceeded expectations, with the university population and the surrounding Broward communities taking full advantage of and enjoying the library's rich and varied collections and programs.

Held on May 30, 2002, the third Annual Meeting of the *Circle of Friends* was certainly a historic occasion, hosted this year within the completed library for the first time. More than 65 *Friends* and guests celebrated the event, which featured a stirring keynote speech by David Lawrence, Jr., the retired publisher of *The Miami Herald* who is now president of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Protection.

The *Circle of Friends* now includes an enthusiastic membership of more than 150 people dedicated to promoting the library's potential as a significant intellectual and cultural source in the community. Our gift to the library—a sculpture carved from ancient stone by renowned artist Beverly Pepper—is material evidence of our lasting commitment to enhance resources and special programs.

It has been my privilege to serve with a group of talented individuals on the *Circle of Friends* board of directors. Special thanks to those who served as committee chairs: Mary Riedel, program; Peter Palin, nominating; Joyce Gardner, bylaws; and Jane Holzkamp, membership.

In closing, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mary Riedel as incoming president of the *Circle of Friends* and to thank NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.; NSU vice president for information services and university librarian Donald Riggs; NSU director of library development Elaine Blattner; and everyone connected with the *Friends* of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center for the opportunity to have been part of such a monumental achievement.



NSU Library to Help Celebrate Opening of Historic African-American Research Library and Cultural Center

The NSU library family is taking an active role in celebrating the opening of the much-anticipated African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) on October 26, 2002.

while providing a full range of general library services to the community. Its location is the southeast corner of Northwest 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.



The \$14 million, 60,000-square-foot cultural mecca—only the third of its kind in the United States—will serve as a research library and a cultural center for scholars, students, and the general public,

“In human terms, this place will allow our children to learn about themselves,” said Samuel F. Morrison, Broward County library director. “It will also attract scholars and historians, even filmmakers. They will be

looking for the same things, the history of black people.”

The building will include a collection of 75,000 books, artifacts, and documents related to the rich history and culture of people of African descent; an interactive youth center; a computer lab; a minority business resource center; 5,000 square feet of gallery space; a 300-seat auditorium; meeting rooms; and a multimedia area.

The AARLCC is funded by the Samuel F. Morrison Endowment Fund. The fund was formed to provide financial support in perpetuity for AARLCC programs and services. For endowment fund contributions or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Broward Public Library Foundation at (954) 357-7468. For other information, visit the Web site: www.broward.org/aarlcc. ■

U.S. Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Holds Veteran's Event at Library

U.S. Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr., (R-FL) was the first volunteer to participate in Broward County's contribution to the Veteran's History Project—a lasting legacy of recorded interviews and other documents from America's war veterans and those who served in support of them.

Rep. Shaw interviewed WWII veteran Albert Dasheff, recipient of a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a Normandy Campaign Medal presented by Shaw last Veteran's Day. The interview was held at the NSU library, which hopes to be the permanent home of the project in Broward.

“Veterans like Mr. Dasheff are a national treasure and we are sadly losing them at a rate of over 1,500 every day,” Shaw said. “Their contribution to our national history can't be recreated once they're gone. I can think of no more powerful way for our children to learn their history than to hear firsthand about the sacrifices that were made by patriots like Mr. Dasheff.”

Dasheff said, “In a couple of years, there won't be many World War II veterans left. I think it's great if they can get some of the veterans to tell their stories.”



U.S. Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr.; WWII veteran Albert Dasheff, recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Normandy Campaign Medal; with NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.

The Veteran's History Project is a national effort organized by the Library of Congress, which aims to chronicle veterans' wartime experiences and how those experiences affected their lives. Information about the collection is available online at the Library of Congress Web site: www.loc.gov/veterans. ■

Circle of Friends Third Annual Meeting

The number three has magical significance in many cultures. Indeed, the third annual meeting of the library's *Circle of Friends* on May 30, 2002, certainly held special meaning as the historic occasion was hosted for the first time in the new building.

Friends and guests alike were struck by the elegant, gleaming proportions of the five-story atrium, aglow with sunshine streaming down from the skylight.

David Lawrence, Jr., distinguished community activist and former *Miami Herald* publisher, was the featured speaker. Currently president of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, Lawrence spoke movingly about the needs of young children, particularly for health insurance, child care, and preschool. He said, "Start the educational process early in life. Once people gain momentum in their lives, they almost never lose it."

After Lawrence's inspiring talk, *Circle of Friends* nominating committee chair Peter Palin presented the slate of nominations for the board of directors for terms starting July 1, 2002. The new board includes: Glenda Abbate, Dara Levan, Don Medalie, Walter Hampton, and Samuel F. Morrison. Those remaining on the board for the 2002–2003 fiscal year are Sharon Barnwell; John Chaperon; James Dwyer; Silvia Flores, M.D.; Joyce Gardner; Marilyn Johansen;

Welcome to the *Circle of Friends*

2002 New Members*

Lori and Peter Baumwell

Ilene Hersh

Anita Paoli Kotler and Jon Kotler, M.D.

Davia and Jim Mazur

Lilly Pinkas, D.D.S. and Joseph Pinkas, M.D.

The Suskind Family—Lori, Lenny,
Russell, and Wesley

Dianna and Anthony Silvagni, D.O.

(*As of July 30, 2002)

Gail Kaplan; Joel Lavender; Virginia Miller; Peter Palin; Sally Robbins; Jean Smith; and Mary Riedel, who succeeds Gail Kaplan as president.

"I leave the *Circle of Friends* in good hands," Kaplan said. "Mary Riedel's leadership will be characterized by her intellect, her drive, and her active presence in the community."

Don Riggs presented Kaplan with gifts in recognition of her guidance and service to the *Circle of Friends*, including children's books given in her honor to the library in the names of her grandchildren.

Circle of Friends members may enjoy many library services at Nova Southeastern University. To find out about your library membership privileges, please call (954) 262-4627. ■



David Lawrence, Jr., former *Miami Herald* publisher, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting in May.



Mary Riedel, incoming president of the *Circle of Friends*, with Abraham Fischler, NSU's president emeritus, at the organization's third annual meeting.



Don Riggs, NSU vice president for information services and university librarian, presented gifts of appreciation to Gail Kaplan, *Circle of Friends*' outgoing president. Children's books, inscribed in the names of Kaplan's grandchildren, were added to the library's collection in her honor.



(L-R) Joyce Gardner, a director on the *Circle of Friends* board, with husband Neese Gardner, and board members Sally Robbins and Peter Palin.

Library Luminaries

Library and Staff Achievements

- The Library Public Relations Council recognized the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center for outstanding promotional materials: "Library, Research, and Information Technology Center," "Open Up a World of Possibilities," and "Discover, Connect, Celebrate, Learn, Interact." The items were displayed at the American Library Association Conference in Atlanta in June. The entries were selected as among the best for their "originality, visual impact, effectiveness, clarity, and content."
- Mimi Hershenson and Nora Quinlan were panelists at the April meeting of the Broward County Library Association. The topic was "How to Build a Library and Survive."
- Michael Shires facilitated a roundtable discussion at the 2002 Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach in April.
- Johanna Tuñon and Mou Chakraborty presented "Taking the Distance Out of Library Services Offered for International Graduate Students" at the 10th Off Campus Libraries Conference in Cincinnati in April.
- In May, Jim Hutchens, Nora Quinlan, and Johanna Tuñon made a presentation entitled "Getting the Story Straight: Publicizing Services to Remote Users," at the Solinet Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Colleagues Don Riggs and Harriett MacDougall were also on hand.
- Jeff Matlak is teaching a master's level course in the library science program at the University of South Florida.
- Carey Hunt and Johanna Tuñon coauthored an article for *Public Libraries*, entitled "Partnerships: The Wave of Today." Tuñon and former NSU librarian Paul Pival copresented "How Do You Spell Support? Multiple Methods of Library Support to Distributed Education Programs" at the North American Regional International Council for Open and Distance Education in Calgary, Canada, in May.
- Congratulations to recent library staff graduates: Cheryl Bond, B.S.; Marcia Durity, B.S.; Nadine Gooden, B.S.; Beth Harman, M.B.A.; Praveen Mootiram, B.S.; and Sandra Ramdial, Ph.D. ■



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Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: noon – 9:00 p.m.

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An invitation to join the CIRCLE of FRIENDS

You're invited to join the NSU Library *Circle of Friends*, a group of individuals committed to advancing—and enjoying—the intellectual life of Broward County.

When you join the *Circle of Friends*...

You will be associated with individuals, families, corporations, and others who share a vision of furthering the intellectual and cultural goals of NSU and the community-at-large. The *Circle of Friends* is committed to

- promoting awareness of the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center
- funding special exhibits, programs, and collections
- supporting and cooperating with the library to develop services for the public and academic community
- providing opportunities for networking, communication, and intellectual development among *Circle of Friends* members

Benefits of membership

Every year, the *Circle of Friends* will sponsor diverse programs—lectures, exhibit openings, and symposia.

All members receive a *Circle of Friends* bookmark and a subscription to *Tidings*, the library's newsletter. In addition, members receive recognition in annual reports and invitations to *Friends*-only events.

Patrons and **Sustaining Members** are invited to VIP *Friends* events. **Sustaining Members** are also awarded a bookplate in the library's circulating collection. In addition to all above benefits, **Special Friends**, **Corporate Members**, and **Life Members** receive special borrowing privileges, priority seating for designated events, and an invitation to a private reception with NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.

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

Membership Levels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000—Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250—Patron |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000—Special Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50—Individual/
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- ☐ I wish to include the NSU Library, Research, and
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The Use of the New Library

Since the occupancy of the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, its use has been phenomenal!

According to the entrance counting device for the months January 2002 through June 2002, we are averaging about 2,700 people entering the library each day. It is estimated that about 1,000,000 people per year enter NSU's three major libraries (i.e., the Health Professions Division Library, the Law Library, and the joint-use library).

The grand opening of the new joint-use library brought about 7,000 people to campus. During the March 9 Byblos authors' program, more than 4,000 people came into the new facility. As of June 30, 2002, nearly 8,000 library cards had been issued to Broward County residents. At least one card has been issued to residents in all zip code areas in Broward County.

Circulation of books and other items has increased dramatically. We are checking out nearly as many books in two months

in the new joint-use library as were checked out during the entire year in the Einstein Library.

Other noticeable increases include an 82.5 percent increase in the number of reference questions asked, a 24.4 percent increase in the number of interlibrary loan transactions, and a 10 percent increase in the number of students taught the proper usage of the library.

Usage of a library depends largely on its holdings. The new library added 51,906 books and other circulating items during fiscal year 2001-2002. This represents a 375 percent increase over the previous year in the number of new items acquired.

Wireless laptop computers and the electronic classrooms also continue to receive heavy use. The 24 laptops were checked out 2,880 times between October 8, 2001, and June 30, 2002.

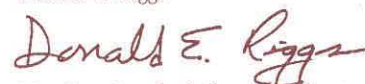
The meeting/conference rooms are being scheduled daily. Likewise can be said for

the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. These rooms/areas are being used heavily by both NSU and the community.



The joint-use library is certainly fulfilling its intent. Broward County residents and NSU students, faculty members, and staff members are finding the treasures in the collections and online resources. The large number of children participating in the library's first summer programs further demonstrates another important way the library is being used and appreciated. ■

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