



Chapter One

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READ posters feature UF celebrities

by Barbara Hood

The George A. Smathers Libraries are joining other academic and research libraries across the country in using the American Library Association's (ALA) Campaign for America's Libraries – “@ your library.”

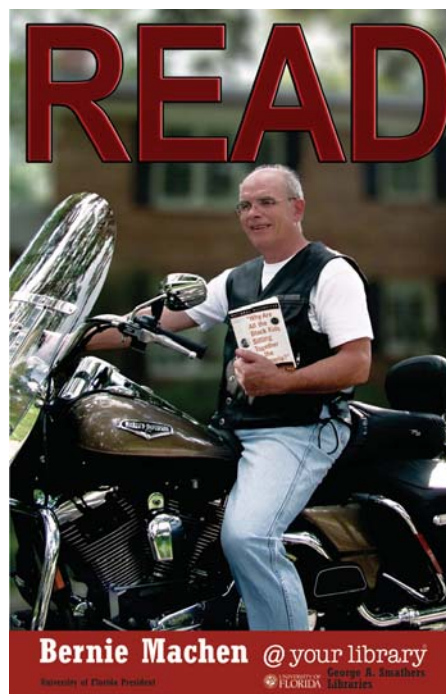
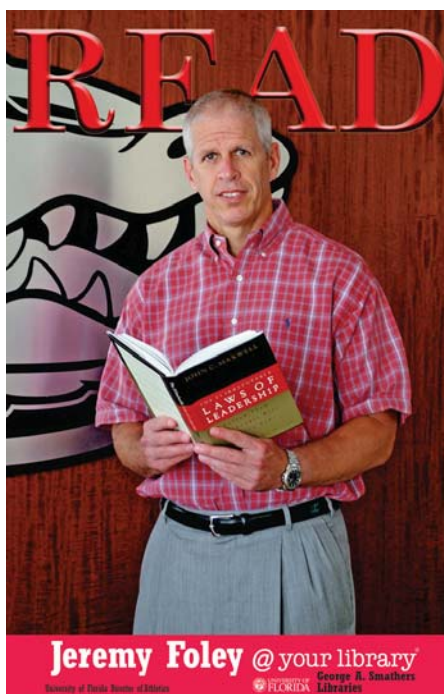
As a kickoff to the program, the libraries are producing “READ” posters using select University of Florida administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The full color posters,

printed in-house, feature professionally designed graphics and photographs of UF celebrities. The posters are hung in the libraries and other buildings across campus.

Each of the celebrities chose a book to read for their poster. The posters display support by the celebrities for reading and for the library system.

To date, the following celebrities have been photographed:

UF President Bernie Machen, Director of Athletics Jeremy Foley, English professor and prolific author Kevin McCarthy, Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications Terry Hynes, Dean of the College of Education Catherine Emihovich, women's soccer coach Becky Burleigh, mascots Albert and Alberta, the cheerleaders, and the dazzlers. Other UF celebrities and their books are planned for future posters. ~



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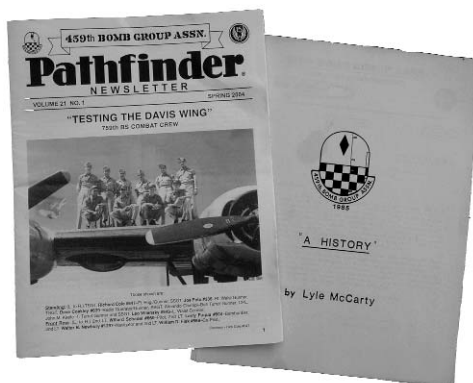
Maurice and Margaret Patrick donate research materials

Maurice and Margaret Patrick from Lake Alfred, Florida, have donated research materials to the George A. Smathers Libraries. Maurice Patrick donated World War II quarterly newsletters and Margaret Patrick donated a selection of German literature and children's books.

Seventy-six issues, including volume 1, number 1, from February 27, 1945, of the quarterly newsletter *Pathfinder*, published by the Fifteenth Air Force's 304th bomb wing are included. *Pathfinder* chronicles individual histories, along with records of historical aspects of certain missions of World War II.

Also donated are the Fifteenth Air Force headquarters' quarterly newsletter and several other publications.

Maurice Patrick graduated from the University of Florida in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science and Agriculture degree. He was a navigator on a B24 during World War II and flew 35 missions over Europe. ~



Mention the subject of World War II in the classroom and, regardless of the academic program, you'll get a roomful of young people eager for information. WWII continues to hold a fascination for each succeeding generation, and the UF Libraries' collection of books and periodicals about the war continues to grow to meet this high demand. Due to budgetary restraints, the library hasn't always been able to acquire as much material as we would like.

The libraries are always interested in acquiring books, documentary videos, and other works about World War II. Over the years the libraries have collected a solid core of academic literature about the war – detailed histories and battles, biographies of noted figures and the like – but students are especially fascinated with the war's effect on those directly involved in the war effort and on the brave deeds of everyday men and women.

These newsletters will become a part of the collection and made available to all for use.

Shelley Arlen
Chair, Collection Management

\$10,000 donated to libraries from Lily Carter Wilkes' estate

The George A. Smathers Libraries recently received a \$10,000 gift from the estate of Lily Carter Wilkes. Mrs. Wilkes, who lived in Titusville, Florida, was a retired University of Florida librarian.

According to her nephew Stefford (Chip) Carter, Jr., also of Titusville, she was a very independent woman who knew what she wanted out of life and followed her dreams. She graduated from the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) in Tallahassee and also from Columbia University in New York.

She was married to John F. (Fred) Wilkes, a chemical engineer and University of Florida graduate. She traveled all over the world with him and even traveled by herself overseas, which wasn't common for women in the early to mid twentieth century.

Alan M. Lovelace to sponsor a window

Alan M. Lovelace of Merritt Island, Florida, is sponsoring a Smathers Library window restoration in honor of his wife Kathryn.

He came to the University of Florida in 1947 and Kathryn began here with the first group of women who were admitted. They were married in 1952 and left in 1954 when he received his Ph.D. She worked at the University Library to support him while he was in school, thus putting her college plans on hold. He chose to sponsor a window to honor her.

A full window sponsorship is \$5,000 and a half-window is \$2,500. For more information, contact Sandra Melching at (352) 392-0342 or sfmelching@uflib.ufl.edu.

Leadership Board creates \$100,000 endowment

by Barbara Hood

The George A. Smathers Libraries Leadership Board pledged \$100,000 at its May meeting to create an endowment to support the UF Libraries.

The funds will be put towards the libraries' greatest needs in teaching, research, or programs, said Dale Canelas, director of UF Libraries.

"This endowment will benefit students and scholars alike," she said. "It will also help improve collections, provide new services or enhance library facilities."

Susannah Borg, the board's inaugural president, said, "When leaders believe in something, they get behind it. This endowment is just the beginning of our commitment to the libraries and the future of UF."

The 24-member board is a service organization of the Smathers Libraries that influences development and advancement on behalf of the UF Libraries. In this role, the board's members serve as advocates of the libraries' special causes, needs and projects throughout the state, local and regional communities.

"Our board, with its grassroots network, has given the UF Libraries a new opportunity to broaden the support base among Florida donors who have a special respect for the role of the libraries as both educational tools and as state treasures," Borg said.

So far, board members have raised about \$10,000 in donations. Once the goal is reached, the UF Foundation will apply for the state to match 50 percent of the endowment.

Board member Suzanne Taylor of Jacksonville, quoted one of her father's favorite and often repeated directives.

"The future belongs to those who prepare themselves to accept responsibility for it."

"I believe that the endowment created for the Smathers Libraries by the Leadership Board is a perfect example of this important concept," said Taylor. "As we build for the future, we must remember that an investment now will provide for needs which we cannot begin to foresee now. It is the responsible, thoughtful, visionary and right thing to do and Bob [Mr. Taylor] and I are proud to be a part of such action."

Jeanne Rochford, a board member from Gainesville, quoted G. Dawson – "A great library contains the diary of the human race; the great consulting room of a wise man is a library."

"With the recent hurricane havoc in our state, we all know how important it is to feel secure. An endowment will make us secure in the knowledge that UF will always be able to have its diary of the human race and that wise men and women will be forever able to use a consulting room that has the best collection money can buy," added Rochford.

Gainesville board member Anne Haisley says that she considers the library as the heart of the university.

"As a Leadership Board member and local business person, it's important to lead the way in support and appreciation of not just the exciting new addition to the library but the outstanding, well established special collections," said Haisley.

The board meets twice a year and the next meeting will be on November 12 at the Reitz Union on the University of Florida campus. ~

Dr. Robert Bryan joins Leadership Board

Former University of Florida Interim President Dr. Robert A. Bryan (1989-



90) has joined the Leadership Board. Dr. Bryan was appointed interim president of the University of Florida following the resignation of Marshall Criser. Bryan's appointment followed an impressive teaching and administrative career, primarily at the University of Florida. Prior to being named interim president, he also served as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Bryan said, "I am pleased to be a new member of the board because I have been concerned about what I regard as the inadequate funding for the library for the past several years – actually, for the past decade – and I hope that I can help the library find new and more sources for funding its needs."

Dr. Bryan went on to say that "the solution for the inadequate funding for the library does not lie in state appropriations; never has and never will."

Keith Douglas

by Barbara Hood

Keith Douglas of Jacksonville is not only a Leadership Board member; he is also an avid patron who primarily accesses the libraries over the Internet. He is a graduate student in the UF Warrington Business School Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Master of Science in business administration program.

"I have always felt that learning never ends," said Douglas. "Libraries hold information that is critical to society and culture and make the information available to everyone."

Douglas became a George A. Smathers Libraries' donor because the libraries were an important part of his undergraduate years at UF (Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, 1970). So when invited to join the board he willingly agreed.

"Seeing how the library has morphed to help make distance learning a reality makes me think that we need to be sharing these electronic resources with all citizens of Florida," he said.

Douglas would like to help find a way to share all of the libraries' own (i.e., created at UF) digital resources with anyone who has access to the Internet. If cost is a deterrent because of a need to increase infrastructure or staffing to support this access, he

believes we could limit access to citizens of Florida. The libraries already have a wealth of information available via the Internet. (For examples, see: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/herbarium/>; <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/herbarium/cat/>; <http://palmm.fcla.edu/>.)

In addition to these resources, the Smathers Libraries pay for licenses to electronic journals. Access to the electronic issues of journals is generally limited by contract solely to students, faculty, staff, and walk-in patrons who use the databases onsite in one of the

libraries on campus. Douglas wants to help convince stakeholders, probably starting with the publishers of electronic journals or aggregate databases like Lexis-Nexis, that this information needs to be shared with everyone. He acknowledges that there may be fears regarding copyright, loss of revenue, cost to download, cost to support, etc.

"With the increased availability of e-books, I know it is just a matter of time until more books

will be published electronically than in print. Then we will face the same issues of access for everyone as we currently do for access to licensed e-journals. That is, who will be given access," he said. "Some states are moving ahead with this concept. Just last week I saw an electronic commercial



Dolores and Keith Douglas

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database that was available ONLY to citizens of Michigan. As long as a person had a [valid] Michigan driver's license or Personal Identification Card, they could input either number with a unique identifier to gain access to the database.”

Douglas would like to see something similar for access to the University Library Systems Electronic Resources.

Having spent 25 years working for an educational publisher whose major customers were librarians in public school libraries, Keith Douglas would like to give something back by working with the board and in pursuit of public access. He spent the last six years in technical support for America Online and continues to keep abreast of developments in computing and communication technology.

Now semi-retired, he is working with a start-up company looking for venture or angel capital to launch their products. He and his wife Dolores, also a UF graduate, were married on campus in 1970. Their two daughters are also UF alums: (Nicole, 2000) and Diana (2003). ~

UF to host “SALALM@50”!

by Richard Phillips
Latin American Collection



The UF Libraries will be co-hosting with the UF Center for Latin American Studies the 50th annual meeting of SALALM (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials) on April 16-19, 2005. This will be a joint conference, marking the Center’s 54th annual conference as well.

“SALALM@50” will bring librarians and booksellers from some 20 different countries, spanning the Americas and Europe. SALALM has met here at UF on two other occasions: its initial meeting that was organized by UF librarians in 1956, and again in 1977.

Recent past venues for SALALM meetings include Princeton, UCLA, Cartagena, Cornell, and the University of Michigan. Richard Phillips and Paul Losch of the UF Libraries’ Latin American Collection are making local arrangements. Sessions will be held at the UF Hilton Hotel.

Background:

Holdings of Latin Americana at UF are in all branches and units of the libraries, with the greatest concentration in the Latin American Collection in the fourth floor of Smathers Library. Overall, holdings consist of 400,000 volumes, 60,000 microforms, numerous music recordings, 50,000 maps and atlases, 1,100 serial titles, and a number of rare books and precious manuscripts. Holdings are strongest in coverage of the Caribbean, especially Cuba and Haiti. A number of scholars refer to UF holdings as possibly the best world-

wide for research of the Caribbean. There are also very deep holdings relating to Brazil, the Southern Cone, and the Andes.

Notable librarians involved in the development of Latin Americana at UF include Dr. Irene Zimmerman, who served as head bibliographer for Latin American acquisitions in the 1950s, 1960s, and the 1970s. She retired in 1977 and is perhaps best remembered as a leader that delegated assignments well, always staying in close contact with campus faculty and following up on priorities. Rosa Q. Mesa, noted government documents

specialist, worked with the collection from the 1960s through 1992, when she retired. She served as head of the collection for 15 years. Both of these women are hailed as SALALM’s “honorary members,” an honor that has been given to just 19 SALALM members in its 50 years of existence.

Among other important figures in the UF Libraries who supported the development of Latin American acquisitions, Dr. Stanley West lent leadership and vision as UF Library Director in the 1950s and 1960s, developing far-reaching and innovative micro-filming projects in many Caribbean archives. Dr. West also threw abundant energy and enthusiasm into organization of the first SALALM meeting in 1956, working with key figures on the national level.

Mention should also be made of Imogene Hixson, who led cataloging work at the UF Libraries in the decades from 1950 through her retirement in 1979. Miss Hixson was the rapporteur general of the 1956 SALALM, and is likely the last living member of the founders of SALALM.

Gratitude should also be extended to current UF Libraries Director Dale Canelas, who has continued priority support for acquisition of Latin Americana at UF.

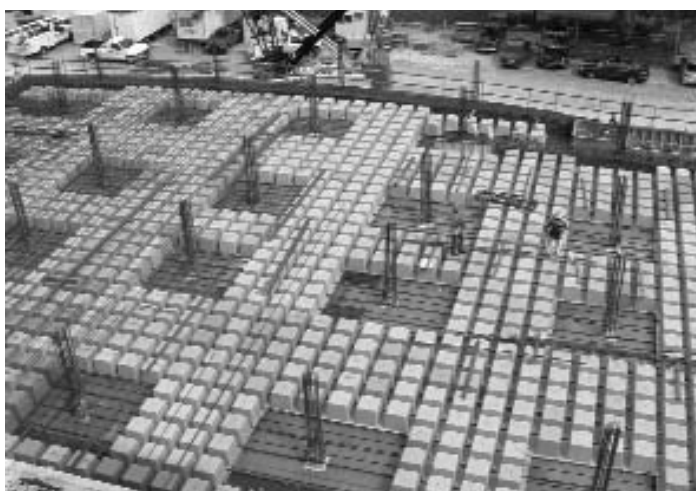
As Florida makes its way through the next decades, it can look upon the wisdom of a key group of UF librarians that built the impressive Latin American and Caribbean holdings that serve our campus and statewide population so well. ~



Left to right: Richard Phillips, head of UF Libraries’ Latin American Collection, Imogene Hixson, rapporteur general at the initial 1956 SALALM, Pamela Howard-Reguindin, longtime SALALM member and current SALALM president from the Rio de Janeiro Library of Congress Office, and Paul Losch of UF Libraries’ Latin American Collection; June 3, 2004.

(Photo courtesy of Frank Orser.)

Library West construction update



Top: Second floor construction of addition; **middle:** concrete forms will create the base for a strong second floor to hold compact shelving; **above:** existing building third floor during demolition.

The simultaneous interior demolition of the existing Library West building and the construction of the addition are continuing on schedule. The building sustained no damage from Hurricane Frances, and is in a good position for storm season, since windows are removed and the “dry out” procedure to seal the building for internal construction has not yet begun. Decisions are being made on the final exterior finishes, furnishings and equipment. A mockup is being created so that the exterior finishes can be viewed together.

New electrical conduit is being installed in the original building and skylights have been installed on the sixth floor. Specifications for the automotive book drop are being prepared by the architects.

For current photos and updates see the construction Web site: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/construction/>

The building and furnishings will present many opportunities for donor purchases. Many of them with naming opportunities. Some of the items are listed below:

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One eight-person study (1st floor)	\$25,000
Two ten-person studies (2nd floor)	\$35,000 ea
Reading nook for 8 (4th floor)	\$25,000
40 faculty studies	\$ 5,000 ea
84 graduate student studies	\$ 2,500 ea
Two lecterns for electronic instruction	\$ 1,500 ea
Two-person sofas	\$ 1,500 ea
Custom computer tables	\$ 1,000 ea
Tables with task lighting	\$ 750 ea
Standing tables	\$ 700 ea
Six-person study tables	\$ 600 ea
Lounge chairs	\$ 500 ea
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Stackable chairs with tablet arms	\$ 150 ea
Reader's chairs	\$ 100 ea

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Desiderata

Students, faculty, and librarians are always looking for the perfect resource to complement their research. While we do our best to be responsive to special needs, there are always a few titles or equipment needs that lie beyond our grasp. If you are interested in helping the Smathers Libraries acquire any of the following, please contact Sandra Melching, director of development, at (352) 392-0342.

Foundations of Modern Europe. Series one: Archives of the Movement. Thomas Gale. This set of 2,313 microfiches reproduces the primary sources of the political movement towards a federated and integrated Europe and consists of the organizational and administrative papers, the correspondence of the key personalities involved, and the major documents of historical relevance. The documents span the years 1947 to 1960 and cover all the significant economic, political and cultural issues. The historical events represented include the Berlin Blockade, the Civil War in Greece, the Marshall Plan, and more. The original archives reside at the Historical Archives of the European Communities, the European University Institute, Florence. The set will be extremely important for research in various aspects of European Studies and will strengthen and help to formalize the Title VI Center for European Studies on UF's campus. \$5,000 (a considerable savings over the original price of \$14,000)

Duncan's American Radio: The Final Trilogy (3 volume set of current and historical data covering the radio industry) \$400

Sephardic Editions, 1550-1820. Spanish and Portuguese Books Written and/or Published by Sephardic Jews of Early Modern Europe. A microfiche collection published by IDC Publishers, with an accompanying CD-ROM containing the descriptive bibliography by Dr. Harm de Boer, University of Amsterdam, Spanish and Portuguese Printing in the Northern Netherlands, 1584-1825. \$4,500

Inspec Archive – Electronic Access to Science Abstract Journals 1898-1968. \$30,000

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A Message from the Director

A glance at the annual report for the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections and the articles on the library recognition campaign, leadership board activities, and Latin American programs certainly underscores the creativity and productivity of library staff in supporting students and faculty at UF. And yet, it doesn't even begin to tell the story of the past year. The accomplishments of library staff over the past year far exceed any reasonable expectations.

Between May and September, Library West staff was working frenetically with the architects and UF Facilities staff to finish the design of the Library West addition and renovation plans – from 60% accepted to 100% accepted – in order to get the project underway before building costs rose sharply. During the same time-span, in May we began the long series of moves that will result in a new organization of library buildings and services by moving 300,000 science volumes to temporary storage in a Smathers Library reading room. This action cleared space in the Marston Science Library to create a new home for the Government Documents Department. The new space was renovated between June and September and the department moved in early October.

Also in May, we were asked by the UF Facilities Department in conjunction with the architect and construction firms for the Library West addition, to vacate Library West entirely rather than inhabit part of the building during renovation. This required discussion with the Provost: where could we put the 1.5 million volume collection? The staff? How would students and faculty get their academic work done? What help could the university provide?

In July, the library was given a Department of Transportation warehouse five miles from campus to hold the collections plus \$1 million to bring it up to book collection environmental standards. In August, we began planning where the 80 staff members who would be displaced from Library West might go.

Between September and December we rewired and provided network connections in three older buildings to receive 80 staff who moved in a series of fifteen moves. Between November and March we moved multiple collections in a series of six different moves between three buildings – one five miles off campus. Between December and February we designed and implemented a book delivery service for the main collections – we return to campus as many as 1,000 books per day; 95% of those requested through the catalog are

returned within eight hours.

Between January and May we trained all of our staff on the new library management system to be implemented in May. Every library process (from ordering books, to cataloging and circulating them) is different, as is using the new catalog to find library materials. Public services and collection management staff have been busy helping students and faculty with the changed system. We also designed a new library web page to make it easier for students and faculty to find electronic information from public and private sources.

In addition, we maintained six libraries open an average 100 hours per week, worked with faculty to build the collections, loaned about a million books, responded to more than 100,000 questions, taught hundreds of students research techniques, purchased almost 100,000 books from five continents in about 20 languages, and processed more than 300,000 journal issues. It's been a busy year that will remain a tribute to the extraordinarily dedicated, flexible, productive faculty and staff of the Smathers Libraries. ~

