Samuel H. Coleman Library
Gallery of Distinction Unveiled

The Florida A&M University Libraries, in conjunction with the Friends of the FAMU Libraries, recently unveiled the names of ten individuals in its Gallery of Distinction. The presentation and unveiling of the honorees was held on July 21, 2006 in a ceremony near the art gallery located on the second floor of the Samuel H. Coleman Memorial Library.

The FAMU Libraries’ Gallery of Distinction, proposed by FAMU’s past president Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, recognizes those who have served the University with distinction. The Libraries’ Gallery of Distinction recognizes those that have impacted library services through their demonstrated loyalty, dedication, creativity and commitment; knowledge and expertise in the respective field; professionalism as recognized in teaching, research, service and/or administration; and service to the University, professional organizations and the community.

The honorees enshrined into the FAMU Libraries’ Gallery of Distinction include: Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant and Margaret Byrd Jones. Posthumously enshrined were: Samuel Harrison Coleman, J. Luther Thomas, Nicholas E. Gaymon, Dr. Edward O. Minor, Alverta N. Morris, Emily A. Copeland, Ida G. Adams and Martha G. Mack.

Recognized at the ceremonies for their assistance with the presentation of the honorees were members of the FAMU Libraries’ Gallery of Distinction Committee. They included: Priscilla Henry, Chairperson, Saiyed Ahmad, Jeneice Williams-Smith and Jacquelyn Shuler. James Woody, carpenter with the University Physical Department, was also recognized for his assistance with hanging the plaques. Refreshments and a tour of the library were provided for the honorees, family members of the honorees, and other guests in attendance.

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The Mission of the Florida A&M University Libraries is to provide a user centered information environment that supports inspirational teaching, exemplary research, meaningful service, and life long learning to the local and global university academic community.
From the Director’s Desk

Welcome to Florida A&M University Libraries, your Libraries of first Choice!

On behalf of the library faculty and staff, welcome and best wishes for successful library experiences during the 2006-2007 academic year. We encourage you to visit our libraries both in person and virtually (http://www.famu.edu/library/). We have a vision to provide information, technology, resources and services to our users in such a way that we positively meet and exceed all expectations. The Libraries are essential partners and resources for FAMU students and faculty engaged in teaching and learning. Your academic success is our success! We strive to ensure that students, faculty, staff, and other members of the University community have the necessary resources and materials for their information needs. Perhaps our most valuable resources are our dedicated library faculty, staff, and student assistants. Together, they work to assist students and faculty with their information and research needs. This year, we are placing increasing emphasis on information literacy and customer service. If you have suggestions that will improve the way we do business, please give us a call, visit our offices, or send us a message.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Lauren B. Sapp
Director of University Libraries

ASERL / HBCU Librarian Exchange Program

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), in partnership with the HBCU Library Alliance and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), received a $20,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support an exchange program for librarians. The pilot placed five associate-level librarians from HBCUs at five southeastern research libraries for two weeks during the summer of 2006. They identified specific issues of importance to their libraries and were paired with an ASERL librarian who could offer assistance in that area. Hannelore Rader, Dean of Libraries at the University of Louisville in Kentucky and Brenda Wright, Florida A&M University assistant director for collection development, were selected and paired to participate in the program.

Initially, Rader visited FAMU’s Libraries in June of 2006 to meet with Wright’s colleagues and to learn about the work environment. Rader spoke to the faculty librarians about academic libraries in the 21st century. She said, “There are no limits for academic librarians and academic libraries in the 21st century however, there are endless opportunities.” Following Rader’s visit, Brenda Wright spent two weeks at the University of Louisville Libraries. The purpose of the visit was to explore best practices as related to budget issues, collection evaluation, publicizing collections, and information literacy. In the article, “Each One Teach One” from the February 2007 American Libraries Rader states, “We focused on how our library uses our budget to gain the most visibility and value. We met with university administrators, partners within the local business community, and other library leaders in the area to gather new ideas and techniques. In the end we had great fun while gaining experience that benefited us both.” In the same article Wright said, “the visit was a great affirmation that it is all about relationships, relationships, relationships. We must continue to establish and sustain relationships with anyone and everyone who can have a positive impact on issues in our libraries, including stakeholders, business partners, and other libraries.”

“These exchanges will promote the values of diversity and collaboration at each of the institutions involved,” said Loretta Parham, board chair of the HBCU Library Alliance and director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center.
The Florida A&M University Libraries Gallery of Distinction was established in 1995, and unveiled in July 2006. The Gallery honors outstanding librarians and library supporters, past and present, who have made significant contributions to the University Libraries.

**Gallery of Distinction honorees...**

- **Ida Adams**
  - Served as Assistant Library Director, 1967-1981; 1984-1995; interim LRC Director, 1980-82

- **Castell Bryant**
  - Serves as FAMU Interim President, 2005 –
  - B.S. in Library Science, FAMU

- **Samuel H. Coleman**
  - Served as president of FAMU general alumni for 14 years;
  - University Library building dedicated and named in his honor in 1949

- **Emily A. Copeland**
  - Served as Head of FAMU Department of Library Science, 1951-1978

- **Nicholas E. Gaymon**
  - Served as Director of FAMU Library, 1969-1996

- **Margaret Jones**
  - Served on Library Science faculty, 1960-78; Associate Director of Libraries; founder and president of Friends of FAMU Libraries

- **Martha Mack**
  - Served as Director of FAMU Federal Credit Union, 1963-1995; library supporter

- **Edward Minor**
  - Served as Director of FAMU Instructional Media Center, 1958-1975

- **Alverta Morris**
  - Served as University Librarian, 1949-1978; first librarian of Coleman Library’s African American Collection

- **J. Luther Thomas**
  - Served as first Library Director and Head Librarian, 1942-1969
During the 2005-2006 academic year, ten new databases were added to the electronic resources collection. To access and review these new databases, click the “Database A-Z List” link on the libraries homepage.

♦ **African American Newspapers in the 19th Century**

This database contains the complete text of major African-American newspapers published in the United States during the 19th century. Titles included are: Freedom's Journal, Colored American, The North Star, National Era, Frederick Douglass Papers (continuation of The North Star), Provincial Freeman, and The Christian Recorder. The newspapers contain information about the African-American cultural life and history during the 1800s, reports of the major events and issues of the day, including the Mexican War, presidential and congressional addresses, congressional abstracts, business and commodity markets, the humanities, world travel and religion. This database of newspapers also contains biographies, vital statistics, essays and editorials, poetry and prose, and advertisements, all of which embody the African-American experience. The period of coverage is 1827-1887.

♦ **American Chemical Society Web Editions**

With coverage from 1879 to the present, this database provides full-text to more than 30 journals and magazines from the American Chemical Society.

♦ **American Chemical Society Legacy Archive**

Provides full-text searching and access to all journal titles, volumes, issues, and articles published by the American Chemical Society from 1879 to 1995.

♦ **Cabell's Directories of Publishing Opportunities** provide authors with information on publication guidelines, review process, contact information, and circulation data to assist in identifying publishing opportunities for articles.
  - **Business Directories** provide requirements for submission and contact information for journals in accounting, economics and finance, management and marketing.
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♦ **The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse**

The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse is a collection of documents and information about civil rights cases in selected case categories across the United States. Currently, the categories include: Child Welfare, Disability Rights, Election/Voting Rights, Immigration, Jail Conditions, Juvenile Institution, Mental Health Facility, Mental Retardation Facility, Nursing Home Conditions, Police Non-Profiling, Police Profiling, Prison Conditions, Public Housing, and School Desegregation.

♦ **In the First Person**

In the First Person is an index to English language personal narratives, including letters, diaries, autobiographies, and oral histories. Working with archives, repositories, publishers, and individuals, first person narratives from hundreds of published volumes—those that are publicly available on the Web and those that are held by repositories and archives around the world.

♦ **The Chronicle of Higher Education**

The Chronicle online is published every weekday and provides news, advice, and job information for people in academe. The Chronicle's Web site features the complete contents of the latest issue; daily news and advice columns; current job listings; articles published since September 1989; discussion forums; and career-building tools, salary databases, and more.

♦ **IEEE Xplore (IEEE/IEE Electronic Library)**

Provides full-text access to journals, transactions, magazines, letters, conference proceedings, and standards from 1988 with select content back to 1952.
The idea of information commons is a new concept in library service delivery. In August 2006, Dr. D. Russell Bailey, Library Director of Providence College, in Providence, Rhode Island, gave a lecture at Coleman Library entitled “Information Commons Services and Spaces for the NET Generation. According to Dr. Bailey’s lecture, an information commons provides “user centered, one stop shopping for library users. The library has work spaces, supportive of student learning, warm, welcoming, and comfortable”.

The library commons concept involves combining traditional library services into a central area so that users can access the services in one place with ease. The commons area may be located on one or more floor of a library, providing student access to technology, software, and traditional library services in one place. The information commons idea was implemented at Coleman Library on November 15, 2006. The Coleman Library information commons or ‘Super desk’ concept combines a number of library services at a central location. The Coleman Library Information Commons is located on the second floor, in the location of the former circulation desk of Coleman Library. The services offered at the Super desk are: circulation, research assistance, interlibrary loan, systems support, and a Satellite Writing Center, offering assistance with writing term papers. Computer terminals are being added to the former reference room location on the second floor of Coleman Library.

The Coleman Library Commons Super desk is open the same hours as Coleman Library. A brand new concept of library service at the same old stand! Come by for a visit!

Monday — Thursday
7:45 A.M.-2:00 A.M.
Friday 7:45 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Sunday 1:00 P.M.-2:00 A.M.
Florida A&M University Libraries geared up for a successful year in Information Literacy. Instruction librarians have been busily planning workshops, preparing handouts, online subject guides, tutorials, and scheduling classes, all in an effort to continue producing information literate patrons. “To be information literate, a person must be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information,” according to the American Library Association’s Presidential Committee on Information Literacy: Final Report. These are the skills that are being taught in the Information Literacy classes offered by the university Libraries.

At the beginning of the spring semester, Mrs. Carolyn Graham, Reference and Information Literacy Librarian, conducted a focus group interview with students, for the purpose of obtaining information on the needs of the users and to “gain feedback on previous literacy instruction.” According to the results of the focus group report, FAMU Libraries are meeting the goals of Information Literacy. Mrs. Graham concluded her report by stating, “In all, the data was very informative and helpful in understanding the information needs of our patrons.”

The literacy sessions conducted by the instruction librarians provide the patrons with an overview of the library through orientation, individual or group instruction on using the online catalog, locating and using the library’s resources, conducting online searches, and using the electronic databases. Classes are held in the state-of-the-art Information Literacy Classroom in Coleman Library Annex, room 410. However, branch librarians for Architecture, Journalism & Graphic Communication, and Science Research are also teaching literacy instruction in their perspective facilities. Scheduling is made with the faculty to provide instruction to students during their scheduled class hours. Faculty and students may also schedule individualized instruction for in-depth research assistance. For a complete schedule of individual literacy sessions offered, visit the library home page at www.famu.edu/library; click Library Services then on Information Literacy.

Contact Mrs. Carolyn Graham by telephone at 850-599-8675, or carolyn.graham@famu.edu to schedule a literacy session for a class or group. Branch Librarians should be contacted for scheduling in perspective academic units – jlwsmith@mail.com; gloria.woody@famu.edu; and pauline.hicks@famu.edu.

In 2005-06, FAMU Libraries taught 196 literacy sessions with 3,337 attendees
August 2006 – present: taught 98 sessions with 2,390 attendees

Librarian Gloria Woody teaches literacy session to journalism class in a School of Journalism & Graphic Communication state-of-the-art “smart classroom”
Library Staff News

Librarian Retires After 39 Years

Ms. Jacquelyn Yvonne Shuler, Reference Librarian, retired from Samuel H. Coleman Library on October 31, 2006. She worked in the Library for 39 years, wearing many different hats. Not many librarians can say they have worked in all departments of the Library. This distinction belongs to Ms. Shuler whose first position was in the Acquisitions Department followed by positions in the Cataloging and Audiovisual Departments. She was then promoted to head of the Circulation Department followed by a stint as head of the Reference Department. During the last fourteen years, she has served as the Reference Librarian in charge of newspapers, microfilm and microfiche.

She became a “mighty Rattler” and graduated from FAMU with a B.S. in Library Science in 1962. She continued her education at Atlanta University where she received a Master of Science in Library Science in 1967. Ms. Shuler’s 42-year career as a librarian began at J. R. Lee High School in Wildwood, Florida. She also worked at Kittrell College in Kittrell, North Carolina and Booker T. Washington High School in Inverness, Florida. She returned to Florida A&M University in 1967 when she was hired by J. Luther Thomas, library director.

She said her happiest moments at Coleman Library were when students who graduated returned to tell her that she had been an inspiration to them and very helpful in many ways. Shuler said, “Service has always been my first priority. The students always came first. I was always focused on the job and had a very positive attitude about every thing.”

Ms. Shuler states that during her retirement, she plans to relax. “I am going to spend more time with my family, learn how to fish, and do more traveling.” Some of her hobbies are reading, collecting dolls, and photography.

She holds memberships in the North Florida Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, Friends of the FAMU Libraries and is a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, holding local membership in Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She is a longtime member of Fountain Chapel AME Church in Tallahassee.

Florida A&M University Libraries appreciate her many years of dedicated service to the University. Congratulations and well wishes are extended in all her retirement endeavors.

Congratulations...

Priscilla Henry, associate university librarian and head of Access Services, Coleman Library, and Gloria T. Woody, associate university librarian and Branch Head, School of Journalism & Graphic Communication Resources Center, received promotions to university librarians effective August 2006.

DaVinci Metcalf, assistant university librarian, Coleman Library, published an opinion article in the February issue of American Libraries.


Pauline Hicks, university librarian and manager, Science Research Center Library, along with co-authors will be published in the peer reviewed April issue of ABNF (Association of Black Nursing Faculty) Journal. Preprint citation:


Alys Jordan, reference and instructor librarian, Coleman Library, is recognized as an emerging leader by the American Library Association. She is one of only 110 librarians across the United States selected for competitive training opportunities in the ALA “Emerging Leaders Program.” As an emerging leader in the Emerging Leader Institute, she will participate in a six month group project, serve on an ALA committee, task force, or project team. This initiative will place future library leaders on a fast track in ALA and professional leadership.
### Library Hours

#### Samuel H. Coleman Memorial Library
**Regular Hours:**
- Monday through Thursday: 7:45AM -2:00AM
- Friday: 7:45AM-10:00PM
- Saturday: 9:00AM -10:00PM
- Sunday: 1:00PM - 2:00AM

Extended hours for final exam week will be posted.

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