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Findings

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Read Around Florida

School's out and summer fun begins!

Where can you stay in one cool place—and travel all around Florida? Of course, it's the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. The Alvin Sherman Library presents a summerlong reading and activities program for children, teens, and parents with the theme

"Read Around Florida." Six days every week, you can find cool things to do at the library—and it's free for everyone.

"Read Around Florida" is an annual statewide Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) presented for the past 35 years throughout the state's public libraries. The library has been a proud participant in the statewide program since its opening in 2001.

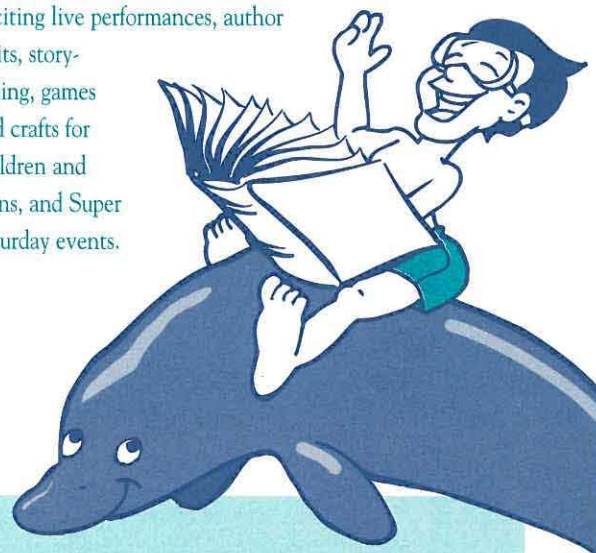
"This summer's theme, 'Read Around Florida,' encourages children to read books and attend programs that are

specially designed for pleasure reading," said Molly Kinney, head of Alvin Sherman Public Library Services. "The Florida Library Youth Program is designed to inspire children to become lifelong readers and library users."

Library programs provide language and literature experiences that expand children's knowledge about the world and also offer a fun-filled learning environment. Each summer, hundreds of children enjoy and are enriched by the library's daily youth activities. Free public events include exciting live performances, author visits, storytelling, games and crafts for children and teens, and Super Saturday events.



(L-R) Librarians Amy Stultz and Keiko Yano with last summer's young authors Kyle Pond, Kathy Pond, Erica Meerow, and Aiden Kenney.



Highlights of the summer include:

- storyteller Donna Washington performing folktales from Asia
- underwater photography with a presentation by Michael O'Neil
- writing the young adult novel with author Edward Bloor
- a writer's institute with author Alison Jackson
- storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar in a bilingual performance
- Joanne Hyppolite presenting fiction writing and the middle grade novel
- comic circus acrobat and juggler Jiggleman
- African vibrations with JoMo
- Tía Ría and Dawn in a bilingual music program
- Salty Sue the Pirate
- author Laurie Friedman on how to create a book series
- graphic novels with Will Eisner (ages 12–18)
- African storyteller Baba Adekemi Lyons
- author Gloria Rothstein on writing for children
- Duck in a Truck Puppets
- Jewish folktales and tunes with Judy Gail
- The Jane Stratten Puppets
- *Sun-Sentinel* columnist and author Sherri Winston on journalism and young adult fiction
- martial arts master Hapkido on self-defense (ages 12–18)
- songwriter Shamela Jenkins tells how to put words to music
- John Storms' World of Reptiles
- the "Alligator Conjure Man Show" says farewell to summer

Series For Young Adults (ages 12–18)

- Web Designing @ Your Library: A Teen Tech Series
- Express Yourself through Art Series @ Your Library
- "Book Bytes" Summer Reading Program (win prizes for reading and book reviews)
- and much, much more...

Join the fun! *South Florida Parenting* magazine and the Alvin Sherman Library kick off "Read Around Florida" on Saturday, June 12, with daylong festivities for children and families. Pick up your free summer schedule so you can "Read Around Florida" and discover a state of pure pleasure.

Spring Book Fair and Sale

Every teacher, parent, and child in the United States is certainly familiar with the books, magazines, and other educational materials offered by the publishing giant Scholastic Books. But South Floridian families might not be aware that Scholastic



Library Archives assistant Bettie Jacobs (left) browses while library assistants Carol Chirinos, Rebekah Benison-Cohen, and Sandra Ramdial add embellishments to the Scholastic Book Fair.

Books maintains a warehouse of materials in Pompano Beach. Periodically, Scholastic Books opens its warehouse to the public to host a book sale without peer. This year, the Scholastic inventory was featured by special arrangement with NSU. The weeklong Book Fair and Sale was held in the Alvin Sherman Library atrium and was met with a hearty response from families, children, teens, and teachers.



Kudos to administrative assistant Rebekah Benison-Cohen, who provided leadership and direction in the planning, organization, and display of the Scholastic book fair.

Read Right, Read Bright: Award Winning Children's Books

The 2004 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott medals, considered the Academy Awards of children's book publishing, are:

- **Newbery Medal:** *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread.* Kate DiCamillo, author; Timothy Basil Ering, illustrator; Candlewick Press, publisher.
- **Caldecott Medal:** *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers.* Mordicai Gerstein, author/illustrator; Roaring Brook Press, publisher.

Other honorees included:

- *Olive's Ocean.* Kevin Henkes, author; Greenwillow Books, publisher.
- *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793.* Jim Murphy, author; Clarion Books, publisher.
- *Ella Sarah Gets Dressed.* Margaret Chodos-Irvine, author/illustrator; Harcourt, Inc., publisher.
- *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, author/illustrators; Houghton Mifflin Company, publisher.
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus.* Mo Willems, author/illustrator; Hyperion, publisher.
- *I Face the Wind.* Vicki Cobb, author; Julia Gorton, illustrator; HarperCollins, publisher.

| Library Hours | Monday–Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Main entrance | 7:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m. | 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m. |
| Reference desk | 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. |
| Children's "red" desk | 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. |
| Connections Cafe | 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | 3:00–9:00 p.m. |

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is a joint-use facility between Nova Southeastern University and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Move Over, Oprah!

If you think book group discussions started with Oprah Winfrey, think again. In 1944, a group of 15 women organized a voluntary association called the Bookfellows of Fort Lauderdale. The group invited “anyone in Fort Lauderdale who is interested in books” to attend their first meeting, held December 19, 1944.

Today, celebrating 60 continuous years of book discussions, the group continues to meet, with some of the original members still active as well as their daughters and granddaughters. At their recent anniversary celebration at the Riverside Hotel, where the group has been meeting since 1995, the Bookfellows showed their appreciation of the Alvin Sherman Library with a gift of \$5,000 for the library’s role in expanding opportunities for South Florida booklovers of all ages.

Harriett MacDougall, director of the Alvin Sherman Library, accepted the gift at the luncheon and acknowledged the Bookfellows’ ardent love of book reading and discussion of ideas. “The gift from the Bookfellows has a particular meaning for all of us. It links this 60-year-old organization with one of the youngest libraries in the state, tying the past to the present. With this generous gift come opportunities for the future. The Alvin Sherman Library will purchase outstanding book selections that we believe the public—and the Bookfellows themselves—will most enjoy reading.”

Bookfellows has a tradition of helping local libraries. Since 1948 and nearly every year since, the group has made generous gifts to the city’s public libraries. In April 1998, the Bookfellows gave

the Broward Public Library Foundation a gift of \$2,500 for the African American Research Library and Cultural Center then being built on Sistrunk Boulevard.

With 150 members, the Bookfellows is still a vital operation, and is ably served by its officers and governing committee: Edith Coan, president; La Juan Burgett, vice president; Gloria Neer, secretary; Edna Salg, treasurer; and governing committee members Virginia Alexander, Gail MacLain, Katherine Maurer, June Valassis, Kallie Xenakis, Helen Chadwick, Mary Brooks, and Dorothy Weber.

Looking for a book discussion group?

The Alvin Sherman Library features the following:

“Books over Biscotti” adult book discussions. For a schedule of meeting times and dates and information on book selections, please call (954) 262-4579.

“Jewish Book Review Series” adult book discussions. For a schedule of meeting times and dates and information on book selections, please call (954) 262-5477.

Poetry readings, author lectures, and other activities are planned throughout the year. For more information, call (954) 262-5477 or visit the Web site: www.nova.edu/library.

Library Services Guide

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| Reference Desk (refdesk@nsu.nova.edu) | (954) 262-4613 |
| Public Library Services | (954) 262-5477 or 5478 |
| Circulation..... | (954) 262-4601 |
| Collections | (954) 262-4633 |
| Development..... | (954) 262-4627 |
| Distance and Instructional Library Services..... | (954) 262-4608 |
| Document Delivery/ Interlibrary Loans | (954) 262-4602 |
| Administration | (954) 262-4620 |
| Archives | (954) 262-4642 |
| Facilities Coordinator | (954) 262-4612 |

Current Exhibit

“The Oenology Expedition to Chile,” a photographic exhibit. Through July 8. NSU Professor Barry Barker, Ph.D., Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, leads an annual expedition with a group of NSU students and travel photographers to document the natural habitat, environment, and ecosystems of a developing country.



This exhibit features a photographic record of their expedition to the spectacular vineyards of Chile during the winter months.

LIBRARY LUMINATIONS

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center

- Douglas Black, reference librarian, won an award for his outstanding reference skills for a complex inquiry on the "Ask a Librarian" Internet chat service and the great customer-oriented service for which the Alvin Sherman Library is known.
- Nora Quinlan, head of reference services, was nominated as a member-at-large to the board of the Florida Association of College and Research Libraries (FACRL). The organization provides opportunities for professional growth and communication among academic and research librarians in the state. Within this field, FACRL fosters research, promotes the development of appropriate standards, disseminates information, and provides a forum for the discussion of common problems.
- Lia Hemphill, Molly Kinney, Nora Quinlan, Laura Ramirez, Donald Riggs, Susi Seiler, and Johanna Tuñón attended the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference in San Diego.
- Lisa Massengale, Donald Riggs, and Michael Shires attended the Florida Library Association (FLA) meeting in Daytona Beach. Dante Tang and Anne Leon made a preconference FLA presentation, "Teen Volunteers in a Nontraditional Library Setting." Michael Shires was a panelist on "Ask a Librarian."
- Pam Beegle, Robin Kear, Nora Quinlan, Donald Riggs, and Michael Shires attended a Florida Association of College and Research Libraries (FACRL) conference in Orlando.
- Dinos Constantinos, Jim Hutchens, and Susi Seiler attended an Innovative Users Group (IUG) conference in Boston.
- Molly Kinney and Donald Riggs attended the Public Library Association conference in Seattle and Kinney led a table talk discussion on "Family Literacy on a Shoestring."
- Laura Ramirez and Johanna Tuñón attended the Guadalajara International Book Fair.
- Lori Albrizio and LeThesha Harris are participants in the SEFLIN Sun Seekers leadership program for emerging library leaders.
- Nora Quinlan presented a workshop on "On Display: An Overview of Presentation Planning for Exhibits" in conjunction with the "Centuries of Commerce" exhibit and programs.



Kristen Nibbe, assistant to the library director, was captain of the library team fund-raisers for the American Heart Association Heart Walk. Team members included: Dina Azpiri, Rebecca Benison-Cohen, Jennifer Briceno, Anne Doten, Daniel Esquivel, Yvette Gilkes, Doug Gordon, Suzanne Gordon, Sheryll Kaighn, Jeromy Lockhart, Cheryl Lopez, Tanya Lopez, Jennifer Lukaszuk, Asma Qureshi, and Juliane Sardina. The library team walked 2.5 miles around NSU's campus, and raised a total of \$1,462. Piya Chayanuwat, library tech specialist, and Eddie Jitraphai, NSU graphic designer, donated a percentage of profits from their Thai everblooming clay flower business to the library team. The team also organized a Valentine's Day flower sale and raffled off the administration's reserved parking spaces for a week to employees. Out of 29 NSU teams, the library placed fifth. NSU's overall goal of \$15,000 was surpassed, reaching \$18,677. NSU was third in the county for the AHA fund-raising walk, outranked by Broward County employees at number two, and Holy Cross Hospital in first place.

Health Professions Division Library

- Todd Puccio, technical services librarian, recently attended a load profile training workshop at the Innovative Interfaces Headquarters in Emeryville, California. The training enables him to create and load new profiles into NovaCat, NSU's online library catalog. Jim Hutchens, systems director, and Susi Seiler, technical services director, of the Alvin Sherman Library also have this special training.
- Mary Lawrence, circulation/reference librarian, represented the HPD Library at the 2004 Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting in Boston.

University School Media Centers

- Diane Valovich, Lower School library media specialist, and Lynn McCormick, Upper School library media specialist, recently became founding members of SEFLIN Independent School Libraries (SEFISL), a new professional association tailored to the needs and concerns of school library media specialists and to facilitate resource sharing and further information literacy skills in the K-12 environment.

Shepard Broad Law Center Law Library and Technology Center

- Roy Balleste was appointed associate Law Library director and Sahsha Andrade was appointed circulation manager. Carol Yecies, head of information services, received her master's degree in management information systems from the NSU Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences.
- Stephan Sobchak attended the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C. Mary Paige Smith and Rhonda Gold visited the Spanish Cultural Center in Coral Gables. Carol Yecies, Mary Paige Smith, and Donna Struthers attended the April Innovative Users Conference in Boston.
- Melanie Putnam created a "Current Awareness" resource on the Law Library Web site. The link provides access to the Paper Chase headline legal news feed supplied by Jurist at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Melanie Putnam and Jason Rosenberg conducted several "Updating Faculty Web Pages" faculty training sessions. Donna Struthers authored the March issue of the *Law Library Book Docket*. Lisa Smith-Butler, director of the Law Library, gave presentations to several LSV classes on Internet law, Intranet, and Internet legal research. Smith-Butler was elected secretary of COSELL, the consortia for the South Eastern American Association of Law Librarians. She recently attended the GPO Conference in St. Louis.
- The Law Library hosted the March luncheon meeting of the South Florida Association of Law Libraries and provided a tour of Barcelona's "Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas" exhibit shown exclusively in the United States at NSU. Roy Balleste and Mary Paige Smith translated from Spanish to English several articles on the "Centuries of Commerce" materials. Several staff members gave tours of the "Centuries of Commerce" exhibit.

A Happy Camper

Subject: Electronic Library

Catherine Knight, employee and student at NSU's Jacksonville Student Educational Center, recently sent this letter to the Alvin Sherman Library:

Hello,

I wanted to tell you that I love the Electronic Library. I never thought just how useful it was going to be for me in my program. I can go to the library in the middle of the night or early in the morning. It is so convenient for me. I want to thank the people at the NSU library who make the trip up here to show us how to use it. All students should learn how to use it because of its great information and convenience. The online library is much better than the public library because it constantly is updated with information. So far, just about every class asks for some kind of paper and so I am always in the library. I just wanted to tell you that here I am, right before work, and I am going through the library again. Thanks so much, you do such a great job.

*Catherine Knight, Administrative Assistant
NSU Jacksonville Student Educational Center*

**Broward County Residents:
Sign up for your free library card
at the Alvin Sherman Library
today and enjoy public library
collections as well as access to
exclusive NSU academic
resources and databases.**

Read-a-thon

The Read-a-thon, presented by the University School's Lower School Media Center, is an annual fund-raiser that strives to motivate students to read while helping their school and promoting pride and school spirit. This year, students pledged to read at least 10 books between January 26 and April 16, 2004. They asked family and friends to help them honor their reading pledge by donating a small amount of money for each book they read. The money is used to purchase technology for

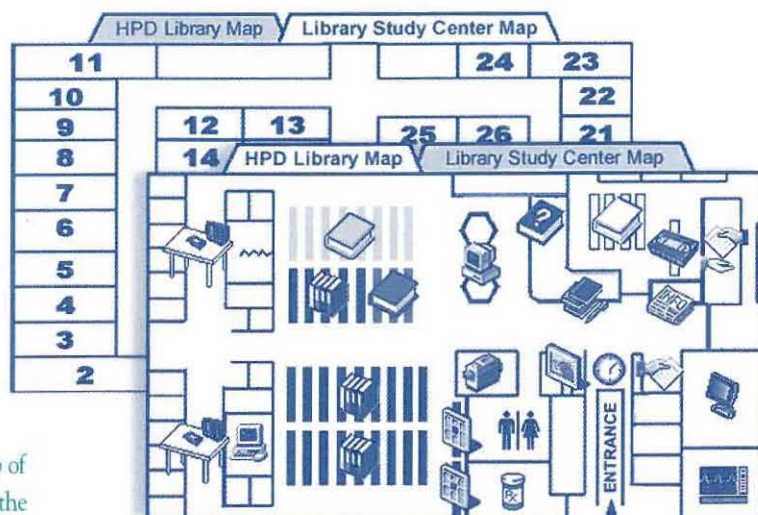
the University School classrooms and closed circuit television studio, WUTV. Students who met or surpassed their goals were rewarded with certificates, pins, new books, and other prizes.

This year 150 students participated, raising more than \$10,000 for technology. The participants received awards on Friday, May 28, at an all-school assembly. Laserjet printers, digital video and still cameras, audio mixers, SmartBoards, and video projectors are some of the items purchased through this program.

Take a Virtual Tour

The Health Professions Division Library has recently launched an online virtual tour. Using a color-coded map, the viewer can follow a step-by-step tour through all the offices and areas of the library, or select a single location from the menu on the left. Included in the tour are brief descriptions of the area as well as links to pertinent pages, such as library policies that pertain to that area. Access the tour at www.nova.edu/cwis/hpdlibrary/vtmap.html.

Also included on the page is a black and white map of the layout of the Study Center, which is located in the Assembly II Building. The 26 study rooms here are also under the auspices of the HPD Library staff.



www.nova.edu/cwis/hpdlibrary/vtmap.html

Conference on Raising Healthy Children

For 40 years, NSU has been promoting the goal of lifelong learning—an objective designed to ensure a healthy, successful, and fulfilling life. To that end, NSU continues to offer educational and service-oriented programs to the community, benefiting individuals from the “cradle to the rocking chair.”

On Friday, March 26, and Sunday, March 28, 2004, NSU's Health Professions Division hosted the 2004 “Raising Healthy Children” conference at the Alvin Sherman Library. Friday was planned as “A Day for Teachers.” Teachers from throughout Broward County attended educational sessions and a trade show, where they could meet with various resource providers and collect materials at the numerous booths set up in the library

atrium. Sunday, March 28, was planned as “A Day for Children,” and hundreds of children and their parents visited the library display booths.

Alvin Sherman librarian Mou Chakraborty headed a team of three other reference librarians: Robin Kear, Lisa Massengale, and Douglas Black. Under the guidance of Nora Quinlan, head of reference services, they developed and staffed a library display booth designed to increase understanding of library resources. They also prepared handouts, designed posters, and created appealing health-related materials for children.

“Many people were first-time visitors to our library, and unaware of the resources we can provide,” Chakraborty said. “We were able to acquaint them with library reference services and academic resources that could quench their thirst for specific health information.”

Chakraborty's initiative was recognized by the event coordination team, and she was invited to present two instructional workshops for teachers, “Consumer Health Information” and “Educational Resources: An Elusive Quest?”

Chakraborty and the library team demonstrated the health-related Web sites MedlinePlus and PubMed, and answered dozens of questions on consumer health as well as general questions about the library and library services.



(L-R) Reference librarians Lisa Massengale, Robin Kear, and Mou Chakraborty guide families through health-related resources at the NSU libraries.

CIRCLE of FRIENDS

President's Message

It has been a remarkable year for the Alvin Sherman Library and our *Circle of Friends* group. The best news of all is that our library is experiencing phenomenal use. More than 23,000 library cards have been issued, more than 900,000 searches have been made on NovaCat, the library's online catalog, and 15 million connects have been made by users to the library's electronic databases.

Interest and involvement in *Circle of Friends* continues to build as well. Thanks to great outreach efforts by board member and membership chair Glenda Abbate, our membership base is nearing the 200 mark, with many new individual and corporate members joining in the first quarter of 2004.

A highlight for the year was our partnership with the Shepard Broad Law Center and the "Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas" exhibit of rare books and documents from the Barcelona Bar Association that came to our library in March through April 4. The *Circle of Friends* sponsored a gala opening reception on March 12. Special thanks to the leadership of Silvia Flores, M.D.; Arlene Pecora; and Albert Miniaci in chairing this event, and to Anita Paoli Kotler for heading up the host committee. Presenting sponsors were Bank of America and the *Sun-Sentinel*, with support from Comcast, Holy Cross Hospital, Signature Grand, and a number of other individuals and companies (see page 9). The opening reception and events throughout the month introduced our library to many in the business, legal, and diplomatic communities here in South Florida. This collaboration is important, also, in setting future direction where *Circle of Friends* can support the library and work with other centers of excellence within Nova Southeastern University.

In addition to making these important community connections, *Circle of Friends* undertakes a special project each year for the library. With a lead gift from Michael and Gail Kaplan (board member and inaugural *Friends* chair), we are gathering support for a major art installation in the Alvin Sherman Library by renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly. Joanna Sikes from the Chihuly Studio was the featured speaker at the *Friends* annual meeting on May 26.

We continue to open the doors of our magnificent Alvin Sherman Library to the community and to the world. We invite you to step in and learn with us.



Mary Riedel
President, NSU Circle of Friends

Mission Statement:

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 Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center and to generate public interest and support for it.

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*A special welcome to
new Life Members
Alvin and Ruth Sherman.
Sherman's \$7 million gift to
NSU was recently recognized
with the naming of the
Alvin Sherman Library,
Research, and Information
Technology Center.*

The Ripple Effect

The *Circle of Friends* offers special invitations to members for many exclusive NSU social and cultural opportunities. In recent months, members were invited to enjoy the following events:

February 25 NSU Forums Series presented Jeffrey Wigand and Lowell Bergman with NSU Professor Ben Mulvey (the latter discussing the 40th anniversary of the U.S. surgeon general's announcement that cigarette smoking caused cancer and other serious diseases). Ten years ago, Wigand met *60 Minutes* producer Lowell Bergman, and their meeting eventually led to the exposure of the tobacco industry's corporate deceit and wrongdoing in promoting nicotine addiction. Their story was told in the Academy Award-nominated film *The Insider*.

February–March *Circle of Friends* members received special admission considerations for an extraordinary "Chamber Series in Three Movements" featured at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, presented by NSU in association with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Chamber groups included musicians from Ravinia's Steans Institute, I Musici de Montreal Chamber Orchestra, and Guarneri String Quartet.

March 16 William Safire, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for *The New York Times* and in syndication, was presented by Dean Norma M. Goonen of the NSU Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences in the Miniaci Center. Safire is the author of numerous books and has served as a member of the Pulitzer Board since 1995.

April 8 Grand opening reception for "The Oenology Expedition to Chile," a photographic exhibit, and a presentation on the wines and vineyards of Chile by Chilean wine expert Juan Carlos Izquierdo

April 13 Luncheon and lecture with Gary Birken, chief of pediatric surgery at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood and author of *Plague: A Novel of Bioterrorism and Final Diagnosis*. Hosted by Broward Public Library Foundation at NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship

April 21 Groundbreaking ceremony for the new University Center at the Rosenthal Student Center, NSU main campus

April 28 "Writing the Script for Scripps" presented by the Alvin Sherman Library and Donors Forum of South Florida. The Scripps Research Institute's Will Ray, director of external affairs, discussed the organization's plans for its South Florida expansion. A reception sponsored by the *Circle of Friends* and *Sun-Sentinel* followed the program. Marilyn Johansen, *Circle of Friends* board member, was the event chair.

May 12 Gold Circle pre-festival dinner for the 2004 Fete de Fleur Flower Festival at the Fort Lauderdale Marina Marriott

May 26 *Friends* annual meeting with guest speaker Joanna Sikes from the Dale Chihuly Studio

Barcelona Exhibit Attracts International Guests

More than 300 guests attended the recent gala opening ceremony and reception for the international exhibit, "Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas."

The exhibit, a collection of rare and rarely seen books and original materials from Spain, dating back to 1092, was shown exclusively in the United States at the Alvin Sherman Library, Shepard Broad Law Center. Dean Joseph Harbaugh was instrumental in securing the unique exhibit of materials from the library of the Barcelona Bar Association.

The opening event was hosted by the *Circle of Friends* of the Alvin Sherman Library. Major Scholar-level sponsors of the event included Bank of America and the *Sun-Sentinel*, two of

South Florida's major community business leaders. Maritime-level sponsors included Albert and Beatriz Miniaci and Holy Cross Hospital; Charter-level sponsors included Signature Grand, Comcast, and ANF Group, Inc. Voyager-level sponsors included Samuel F. Morrison; Law Offices of August C. Paoli, P.A.; Garrison Elrod/Smith Barney; Gill Hotels; Silvia M. Flores, M.D.; Cartaya & Associates Architects, P.A.; Southern Wine & Spirits and Lapham Importers; and Café Seville.

"We greatly appreciate the work of the *Circle of Friends* program committee who worked tirelessly to make this event an outstanding success," said Mary Riedel, *Circle of Friends* president. Silvia Flores, M.D., chaired the committee, with Arlene Pecora and Albert Miniaci serving as co-chairs. All are members of the board of directors. Diplomatic representatives from the Americas and elsewhere, academics, attorneys, government officials, community leaders, and corporate chief executives were among the guests.



(L-R) Jim Cassidy, Bank of America Broward County president, and event sponsor; Silvia Flores, M.D., Circle of Friends board member and chair of event committee; and Mary Riedel, president of Circle of Friends, Sun-Sentinel community relations manager, and publisher of Society



(L-R) Mario Rubert, president of tourism, Barcelona; NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.; Roser Rafols, president of Barcelona Bar Association; Jordi Portabella, second deputy mayor of Barcelona; and Shepard Broad Law Center Dean Joseph Harbaugh



(L-R) Donald Riggs, NSU vice president for information services and university librarian, and Anthony Knill, general consul of Canada



(L-R) Guests Josie Bacallao, Francois Leconte, Jack Latona, and Michelle Tuggle.



Visitors to the exhibit used state-of-the-art equipment for the audio tour.

A Man Who Makes a Difference

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of *Circle of Friends* member profiles to be published from time to time.

Board member Albert Miniaci is a South Florida business and family man whose leadership has helped map the future of Fort Lauderdale Beach and has touched the lives of thousands of children and families in need.

Born in the Bronx, New York, he grew up in a three-story house with his

working as a Realtor converting apartment units to condominiums, and opened and managed a fast food restaurant. In 1974, he started Paramount Vending, Inc., a vending operation of pinball machines and jukeboxes. Learning from his father's business acumen and financial wisdom, Miniaci's business practices led to the company's rise as the state's largest vending operation. At age 35, he sold his business and retired. Only a year later, after months of

traveling, Miniaci was ready to start up business again.

He established a communications company, a series of upscale restaurants that were a catalyst in the redevelopment of Fort Lauderdale Beach, and a nationwide ATM network.

Throughout these years, Miniaci worked behind the scenes to help children. He was an active supporter

of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Kids in Distress. These days, his focus is on the Ann Storck Center Home, which empowers children and adults with physical and mental challenges and emphasizes the growth and healing power of the arts. He is also an active supporter of the Children's Home Society and Boys & Girls Club. He not only gives his money but his valuable time and business expertise to help these charities maximize the use of the donations they receive.

Miniaci's restless spirit and curiosity about the world propelled him into fascinating territories. When he and his family visited Dino Camp in 1993, Miniaci became interested in excavating dinosaurs. He traveled the world to pursue his new interest in paleontology. In 1999, in a remote area of the Gobi Desert in Mongolia, he discovered a juvenile *Tarbosaurus*, one of only three known specimens in existence. He has also gone trekking through the Himalayas in Bhutan, Nepal, and Tibet. In 2003, he conditioned himself for a successful climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, at 19,340 feet, without oxygen or medications.

Back home, Miniaci has been a coach in Little League baseball and flag football for years, and has actively supported many organizations, including the Fort Lauderdale Beach Council, Fort Lauderdale Beach Redevelopment Committee, Fort Lauderdale Jaycees, Humana Hospital, Kids in Crisis, North Broward Preparatory School and Lighthouse Point Academy, SOS Children's Village, Special Olympics of Broward County, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Nova Southeastern University, Children's Home Society, Family Central, and the Marti Huizenga Unit of the Boys & Girls Club.

Along with his brother and his mother, Miniaci serves on the advisory board of the Alfred & Rose Miniaci Foundation, directing its endowment resources principally toward organizations that serve the arts and/or children.

The Alvin Sherman Library and *Circle of Friends* have indeed found a valued and hard-working friend in Albert Miniaci, and we salute him for his many good works and his very good heart.



(L-R) Albert Miniaci; his daughter, Maria; and wife, Beatriz; (seated) Rose Miniaci, Miniaci's mother and benefactor of the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center at the Alvin Sherman Library.

parents, Rose and Alfred Miniaci; his brother Dominick; and grandparents Albert and Carolina Broccoli. The brothers were raised with the notion that hard work and dedication to family values would bring fulfillment of their dreams. From the age of nine, Albert Miniaci spent his summers working in his father's vending machine business.

In 1966, Miniaci attended Miami-Dade Junior College, then went on to earn his bachelor of business administration degree at the University of Georgia. After graduation, he returned to Florida,

Author Sena Jeter Naslund Breakfasts with *Friends*

For the third year, the Alvin Sherman Library was proud to host the Day of Literary Lectures, organized by the Broward Public Library Foundation and sponsored by BYBLOS, NSU, and the *Sun-Sentinel*. The day was marked with the presentations of panelists and celebrated authors on genres that ranged from the entertainment industries and mysteries to tales of courage and adventure (see programs below).

A truly special adventure was arranged for *Circle of Friends* members at a private breakfast with popular critically acclaimed author Sena Jeter Naslund (*Ahab's Wife* and *Four Spirits*). Naslund juggles her vocation as writer and editor of the national literary journal, *The Louisville Review*, with her career as an



(L-R) NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.; Author Sena Jeter Naslund; and Circle of Friends President Mary Riedel

English professor at both the University of Louisville and with Vermont College's M.F.A. in writing program. Naslund talked about her latest historical novel, *Four Spirits*, a semi-autobiographical book set in her hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, during the height of the civil rights era.



Author Wil Haygood autographs his book for a book lover.



Author Ed Dee



Guests filled the presentation areas for the panel discussions and author readings.

The Day of Literary Lectures included:

- "That's Entertainment" Moderator Michael Ellis; panelists Reeve Chace (*The Complete Book of Oscar Fashion*), Ted Chapin (*Everything Was Possible: The Birth of the Musical Follies*), Anthony Chase (*Movies on Trial*), and Wil Haygood (*In Black and White*)
- "Yes, You Can Succeed" Moderator J. Preston Jones, D.B.A.; presenter Charles Garcia (*A Message from Garcia*)
- "Against the Elements" Moderator Susan Boyd; presenters John Pollack (*Cork Boat*) and R.A. Scotti, (*Sudden Sea*)
- "Mystery Loves Company" Moderator Oline Cogdill; panelists Ed Dee (*The Con Man's Daughter*), Robert Greer (*Heat Shock*), Jonathan King (*Shadow Men*), Kelly Lange (*Dead File*)
- "Shelf Life" Moderator Jean Fitzgerald; presenter Nicholas Basbanes (*A Splendor of Letters*)
- "Tumultuous Times" Moderator Chauncey Mabe; panelists Ann Louise Bardach (*Cuba Confidential*), Khaled Hosseini (*Kite Runner*); Sena Jeter Naslund (*Four Spirits*)
- "Life Lessons" Moderator Joyce Sweeney; presenters Joni Cole (*This Day: Diaries from American Women*) and Patricia Gaffney (*Flight Lessons*)
- "Cons, Scams and Grifs" Moderator Jean Trebbi; presenter James Swain (*Sucker Bet*)

Beyond the Book: Nonprint Materials in Libraries



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From its beginning to the present, the content of libraries remains primarily the printed word. The printed word will remain paramount in the Information Age. The Internet is, in a sense, the printing press of the technology era. Just as the printing press significantly increased the amount of information that was available at the beginning of the Industrial Age, the Internet is becoming a major vehicle of transmission in the Information Age.

Regardless of its appearance in paper or electronic format, the printed word will continue to be prominent in the collections and services provided by libraries.

In addition to the printed word, libraries are including more nonprint materials. These materials include DVDs, books on tape, media kits, photographs, exhibits, sculptures, artwork, musical recordings, artifacts, and many

other formats. Nonprint material, like the printed word, conveys important messages that may be intellectual or otherwise. Centuries ago someone said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Nonprint materials can be digitized and transmitted throughout the world; these digital works become part of the "virtual library." Digital nonprint items allow an opportunity to narrow the gap between the "haves" and "have nots." In the digital environment, space and time are no longer major barriers in the global dissemination of information.

The NSU libraries contain many nonprint items that enhance their intellectual capital. Furthermore, the Alvin Sherman Library's nonprint collection is depended on by Broward County residents and NSU students and faculty and staff members for recreational purposes. Nonprint should not be perceived as a competitor of the printed word. Both are designed to co-exist and complement each other in the evolving Information Age.

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