



Thomas G. Carpenter Library Celebration, October 5, 2006





Thomas G. Carpenter
Library

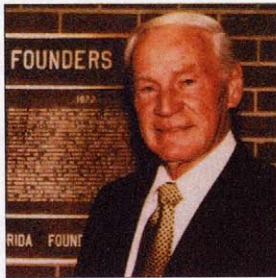
Fact Sheet

Original Building	Opened October 1, 1980 Helman Hurley Charvat Peacock/Architects
Addition/Renovation	May 2004 - December 2005 Rink Design Partnership, Inc./Architects Turner Construction, General Contractor
Size	199,000 square feet
Seating Capacity	2,000
Graduate Carrels	37
Group Study Rooms	12
Computer Workstations	300 public workstations
Special Features	Three glass-enclosed reading rooms Wireless capability throughout the building Eighty seat library instruction lab Five art glass panels by Canadian artist Olynk Markian
Shelving	Reflector Hardware; Montell
Furniture	Total Office Products; Agati
Moving Operations	Beltmann North American Co., Inc.; Florida Library Designs
Integrated Library System	ExLibris ALEPH
Library Staff	Library Faculty: 21 Library Support Staff: 24
Holdings as of June 2006	798,321 volumes 19,365 audio (CD/LP) units 78,359 videos (cassettes, discs) 3,101 serial subscriptions (journals = 2,408) 13,000 electronic journals 45,995 electronic books 133,985 government documents 8,103 maps 1.47 million microform units

Thomas G. Carpenter served as the founding president of the University of North Florida from 1969 through 1980. Prior to being named president of UNF, Carpenter served as assistant director of housing at the University of Florida where he earned his Ph.D. in economics. He moved on to Florida Atlantic University as director of auxiliary services and then to the University of West Florida as business manager and ultimately vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Carpenter's contributions to the state universities of Florida spanned a quarter of a century. He concluded his career in higher education with his presidency at Memphis State University.

As UNF's first president, Dr. Carpenter faced the challenge of building a university from the ground up. While gathering together a team of seasoned educators and administrators, he also personally directed the physical development of the campus on 1,000 acres of virgin timberland.

These efforts resulted in completion of the initial campus, the assembly of a first-rate faculty and staff, and, in October 1972, the enrollment of the University's charter class of 2000 students.



Under Dr. Carpenter's leadership, the University gained accreditation in record time from both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

A firm believer in the necessity of a strong university library as a cornerstone of the educational process, Dr. Carpenter was an advocate for the UNF Library and saw it develop during his tenure into one of the finest libraries in the region.

When a new library building was completed in 1980, members of the Student Government Association proposed that the library be named in Dr. Carpenter's honor. SGA President Jamie Pearthree appeared before the Board of Regents on June 20, 1980 (three months before the library opened on October 1, 1980), to seek the Board's endorsement of a proposed legislative bill later introduced before the 1981 Florida Legislature (Senate Bill 2, sponsored by Jacksonville Senator Joe Carlucci and Representative William Bankhead). This legislation passed and was signed into law by Governor Bob Graham on June 5, 1981.

The Thomas G. Carpenter Library was so named and dedicated on August 15, 1981 in a ceremony as part of summer commencement activities.