## Fact Sheet

### Original Building
- Opened October 1, 1980
- Helman Hurley Harvot 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 Harware; 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 Peartree 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.