



## UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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GOALS -- The factors fundamental to the successful operation of the Florida International University Library include (1) the provision of resources for instruction, research, and extension; (2) organization of these materials by a competent staff; (3) adequate space, equipment, and financial support; and (4) the integration of these factors with the educational goals of the institution and the community it serves. It is in connection with the last named factor that the Florida International University Library hopes to develop fresh approaches to the education of students, service to the community, and promotion of greater international understanding--all of which are basic goals of the University.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS -- The FIU Library will provide a wide range of resources which are commonly preserved in academic libraries to meet the teaching and research requirements of the University. Books, periodicals, newspapers, and other serials; maps; archival materials; manuscripts; pamphlets; study scores for music; graphic materials such as broadsides, charts, brochures, photographs, pictures, prints, paintings, and art reproductions; curriculum materials, including multi-media packages or kits; audiovisual resources such as films, filmstrips, slides, tapes, and phonorecords will comprise the library's collections. Classification and cataloging will be according to the Library of Congress system. Supplementing the opening day collection of over 100,000 volumes will be a comprehensive collection of federal and state government documents. Florida International has been selected as an official depository for U.S. and Florida publications.

Many journal backfiles and other materials will be on microfilm or microfiche, and a variety of reader-printer facilities will be available to obtain print-outs from the various microtexts.

STAFF ORGANIZATION -- By opening date in September 1972 the staff will include up to 16 professional librarians and 35 career service support personnel. Organization will be accomplished on a functional basis in which all library activities are considered as either public services or technical services. Staff members responsible for public service functions will be involved with reference service, special collections, and circulation matters. Those in the technical services area will have responsibilities for acquisitions of resources, serials, records, and cataloging. The entire professional staff, however, will be dedicated to the provision of service and instruction to the student body and entire university community.

SERVICES AND PHYSICAL LAYOUT -- The library will occupy the first floor and a small area of the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Building. Reference and circulation activities will occur in the central portion of the first level, flanked on one side by a double-tier bookstack and technical services, and on the other by the main reading room. Curriculum materials, maps, archives, and specialized collections to support



the University's strong commitment to international affairs and environmental and urban affairs will be housed on the second floor. The University's Educational Media Center is to be adjacent to the second floor library area for easy access to audiovisual resources.

GETTING IT TOGETHER -- In achieving the University's goal of education of students, the FIU Library will attempt to create a vital physical and intellectual environment which will provide students with easy access to staff and library resources, and clear signals to the use and location of all materials. Open stacks, predominantly individualized study facilities, and effective control records--the catalogs, serials records and circulation records--will enable students and faculty to do the creative and independent work essential to research. At Florida International University these central records will be produced in part by means of electronic data processing. The University Computer Center is prepared to devote a substantial proportion of its time to computer applications in many aspects of library service. Borrowers, for example, will be able to check out materials with speed and accuracy using a modern automated data collection system especially geared to book circulation. The documents retrievable from the circulation system will be available to patrons, and will reflect very clearly the current status of books charged out. With the growth of the total library collections--and particularly of resources in the areas of environmental and urban affairs and international affairs--the FIU Library will be able to make a major contribution to the scholarly research needs of the community and to the broadening of understanding and productive relationships in the international arena.