Florida Library History Project

Brevard Community College Libraries

- The first Brevard Community College Library was born humbly in 1960, in the old Cocoa High School Building located on U.S. 1. The first student body consisted of 217 full-time and 517 part-time students, taught by 31 faculty members. The college was then a part of the Brevard County School System. From its birth in 1960, until 1971, the college was named Brevard Junior College.

- The original Library collection contained 2,500 books, 165 periodical subscriptions, and in excess of 1,200 microfilm reels. 4,200 items were circulated the first year of operation.

- In 1963 the college moved to its permanent Cocoa campus location on Clearlake Road. With the completion in1967-68 of the final phase III of the building program, the Cocoa campus had a total of ten ultra-modern buildings including the library.

- In 1965, Brevard Community College and the Learning Resource Center were fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

- In 1968, Brevard Community College began opening site campuses. The first opened in Melbourne at the Henegar School with more than 1000 students enrolled.

- In 1972, the first building of the permanent Melbourne Campus was completed and located at the corner of Post and Wickham Roads.

- In 1975, the library moved to its permanent 2nd floor location in the L building.

- In 1973, the Titusville Campus opened at the Gibson Center with an enrollment of less than 500 students. In 1977, it moved to a larger but still

temporary site at the former Whispering Hills Elementary School.

- In 1979, the permanent campus was opened on US1. After eleven years of being a single building campus, Titusville was expanded to its present four buildings in 1990. It currently serves 1,500 students and local community.

- In 1986, a television station was established within the Learning resources Center. Brevard Community College began broadcasting credit courses via television from the Melbourne Campus, through a local cable company. In a "channel swap" the college acquired channel 18 (WRES-TV). In 1987, the station was moved to the Cocoa Campus.

- In 1990, Palm Bay opened its first building. The campus called the Florida Advanced Technology Center accommodated 2,000 students. The Center is currently planning for the addition of a new 71,568 square foot building that will also house the 17,054 square foot library. The library is currently serving 2,598 patrons.

- In 1992-93 all Brevard Community College Libraries were automated and LINCC (Library Information Network for Community Colleges) replaced the old fashioned wooden card catalog.

- In 1995, The Cocoa Library moved to its current three-story building. This is a joint-use facility with the University of Central Florida called the BCC/UCF Joint Use Library. (Photo of this facility is above).

- The collection today, 1997-98, of the Brevard Community College libraries contains over 172,610 books, 1,750 periodical subscriptions, 180,694 microforms, 1,474 units of graphic materials, 3,243 sound recordings, 2,056 films and videos and a rapidly growing number of electronic resources.