

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed SCC/UCF/Seminole County/School Board Joint Use Library

**DEPARTMENT:** Library & Leisure Services **DIVISION:** Library Services

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<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>6/27/06</u> <b>Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Session</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Briefing</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will present an overview of the concept of the proposed SCC/UCF/Seminole County/School Board joint use library.

**BACKGROUND:**

In late December 2005, Seminole Community College was notified by the State Department of Education that \$28 million would be available over the next two fiscal years to fund a Joint Use Facility with the University of Central Florida. A major upgrade of library facilities is planned as part of the project. Seminole Community College has through the State's Community College Facilities Matching Program the opportunity to obtain matching funds on a \$1 for \$1 basis for additional capital funding. The College has requested a \$10.5 million contribution from the County to allow public access to the library, as well as to offer services targeted to public library patrons.

On February 28, 2006 the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to schedule a work session with the University of Central Florida and Seminole Community College to explore a joint partnership for a shared use library. To date, UCF, SCC, County and School Board staff have met on several occasions to discuss the concept. Discussions have involved services to be offered to all constituents and coordination processes including governance and administrative structure. There are no specialized revenues available for the funding of this project. Funding options include use of general revenue, debt proceeds backed by non-advallorem revenues, or some combination of the two.

County staff will present an overview of the concept and potential services of the proposed joint use academic/public library.

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Seminole County  
Seminole County School Board

Proposed Joint Use Library



# Opportunity

- State funding \$28 million for joint use facility on Sanford campus
- New library planned for building
- Community College Facilities Matching Program - \$1 for \$1

# Public Library Survey

- Support for educational role of public library
- 69% support SCC and County investigating mixed-use library concept
- 75% agree that a high quality system of public libraries is a vital part of the quality of life

# Public Library Survey

- 54% agree libraries should be larger and have more services and collections
- 61% support the addition of educational CDs, DVDs, videos
- 61% support the addition of more computers for public use

# Joint Use Library

- Full access to all SCC campus libraries and SCC and UCF collections
- Dedicated public parking
- Full service for distance learning students regardless of institution
- Option for adults and high school students who prefer quiet traditional library

# Joint Use Library

- 70,000 square foot library
- Services
  - Reference
  - Public computers for research and wireless access
  - Computer instruction and computer lab access
  - Exam proctoring
  - Quiet study areas
  - Group study rooms

# Joint Use Library

- Public library services
  - Bestseller collection
  - Adult popular reading collection

# SCC Request

- \$10.5 million contribution from the County
- Fund construction of facility
- Funding options
  - General Revenue
  - Debt proceeds, backed by non-advalorem revenues
  - Combination