

Request For Commission Action
on
Library Historic Furniture and Artifacts

**By: The Library Advisory Board
April 10, 2018**



Mrs. George E. Merrick

By Eunice Isabella Peacock

Via City of Coral Gables, Merrick House Brochure.

*3926 Segovia Street
Coral Gables, FL
March 18, 1969*

Mr. L.W. Robinson City Manager of Coral Gables FL

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Thank you for your letter of January 20th and forgive the delay in replying.

I am most happy to give to the City of Coral Gables the Library Table and tapestry also the carved mahogany dining room set, consisting of one round table (with five extra leaves) Seven Chairs, (six straight chairs and one arm chair) and china cabinet.

I trust they will be both useful and beautiful in the new library, where I understand they are being placed.

The history of the furniture maybe of interest as it goes back to the early days before the area became a city and when there were only five or six homes here.

The dining room set belonged to my father & mother (Mr.& Mrs. Alfred Peacock) and was given to George and me as a wedding gift. It was used in our first home built in 1915-16 on what is now Coral Way and Granada Blvd and where the first working plans of the City of Coral Gables began. The library table and tapestry were in our second home- built in 1925 in the triangle at South Greenway Dr. Toledo and Castile Streets.

*With best regards,
Eunice Merrick*

P.S. I note you listed 6 chairs ...(?).. should be 7

Historic Furniture at the Coral Gables Library

Merrick Rectangular Table



Merrick Round Table



Historic Furniture

Three Side Chairs



*Engraved Label
On the back of the chairs*



Historic Furniture

Merrick Arm Chair



Throne Chair
1 of 4 chairs



Historic Furniture

*China Cabinet with
Coral Gables and Miami Streetcars*

Book Cases



Historic Artifacts
Dedication by David Fairchild

I am delighted to find
this book is considered
interesting enough for
the Coral Gables Library

Sincerely

David Fairchild

Conrad Frow
Feb. 11. 1937.

Historic Artifacts

Gifted by Mr. George Merrick



Coral Gables Public Library
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Gift of
Mr. George Merrick.

* Geo Merrick
from

o John Gifford

* Designer & builder of Coral
Gables - Fla. and
Postmaster of Miami at time
of his death.

o Professor of Forestry
Univ of Miami

Historic Artifacts

Gifted by Marjory Stoneman Douglas

*Three cheers for the Coral Gables
Library, Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

TO THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER,
WHO GAVE ME FLORIDA

Historic Artifacts

Gifted by Marjory Stoneman Douglas

In grateful memory of
Cornelia Leffler
and her great work for
our libraries.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas
November, 1978.

For the Coral Gables Library
from the Daughters of Colonial Wars



Coral Gables Public Library
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Gift of MRS. ELDEN LORING HOWE
In memory of:
CORNELIA LEFFLER

The Everglades: RIVER OF GRASS

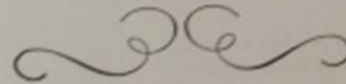


BY

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

ILLUSTRATED BY

Robert Fink



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Miami, Florida

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CORAL GABLES

The Miami Herald

From 300 Books to a New Library

by Peggy Blanchard

March 22, 1969

The Coral Gables Municipal Library has come a long way to get where it is today.

From a 300 book library to a \$1 million facility in 40 years is quite a jump. But the library has made the transition.

The new library, located at Segovia and University Dr. will be dedicated in 2 p.m. Sunday ceremonies.

The OLD library was started with donations recruited by members of the Coral Gables Women's Club. In the mid-1920's, the women wrote to 300 of the nation's leading authors. Their request: a donation of the writer's favorite book.

By 1937, the library had outgrown the reading room that it had housed in what is now Douglas Village. It was moved with city and federal funds to the Women's Club and Library, 1029 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd. There it remained until last week.

It took several years and a lot of hard work to plan and execute the new facility, says Mrs. John E Junkin III, Library Advisory Board Chair. The new library, designed by Associated Architects Edward T. Rempe, AIA, and Wray G. Succop, AIA, stresses the Spanish influence.



Mrs. Robert Searle, President
Coral Gables Junior Women's Club

AND, SAYS Mrs. Junkin, it will recall the old days. Several pieces of furniture from the library's past and Coral Gables' will be prominently featured.

Says librarian Janyne Van Gundy, the new library houses 50,000 books. Capacity is 80,000. The library is a member of the County Library System.

Although they started the library, the Coral Gables Women's Club has not been an active participant in its day-to-day operations since 1961, says Mrs. Robert I. Searle, club president.

Since that time, the only thing the club provided was space in its building. But that space proved to be too small and in 1956 a reference room was built on.

AS THE library vacated the building, the women's club paid a nominal fee for the extra space it was receiving.

The Coral Gables Junior Women's Club will fall heir to the vacated library space. They will use it as their club house. And the club's dental clinic will be housed in the former reference room.