

Susan K. Nutter **Biographical Sketch**

Susan Nutter is Vice Provost and Director of Libraries at North Carolina State University and a member of its Council of Deans. Under Susan's leadership, the NCSU Libraries' ranking in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Index made a dramatic improvement that is unprecedented in ARL history. Her career in librarianship includes positions as Associate Director of Libraries for Collection Management and Technical Services at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Council on Library Resources Academic Library Management Intern at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a founding staff member of Project INTREX at M.I.T. She was elected and served as President of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) in 1993.

Susan K. Nutter is a nationally recognized librarian. In 1999, she was awarded the **Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award**, which recognizes leaders in the profession who have contributed significantly to improvements in the area of library automation, management, and library development and research. Nutter was cited for "strong leadership locally and nationally, for promoting diversity in the workplace, for leadership in distance learning and for vision in knowledge management and library information technology." In 2005 she was named **Librarian of the Year** by *Library Journal*, the preeminent publication in the field.

Susan was selected "Tar Heel of the Week" in 2000 by *The News and Observer*. She was honored as one of six foundation members, selected by NCSU faculty, of the Zeta of North Carolina Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa when the chapter was installed on April 17, 1995 at North Carolina State University. NCSU Student Government also honored Susan with the 2008 **Jenny Chang Outstanding Student Service Award** for "her passion for knowing and then implementing student and staff ideas and her vision, not only for the long term but her insistence on results in the short term; and for her tireless dedication to voices of the Student Body and their efforts to ensure each individual student has a meaningful library experience."

Under Susan's leadership, the NCSU Libraries has risen considerably in the rankings of university research libraries and has gained an international reputation as a technology incubator and leader in the digital library age. The library is also known for the extraordinary caliber of its staff and the quality and innovation of the services it offers. Its award-winning NCSU Libraries Fellows Program is recognized for its originality, leadership, and exceptionally successful impact on the library. The NCSU Libraries was the first winner (in 2000) of the "Excellence in Academic Libraries Award" in the university library category. This award, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, recognizes academic libraries and staff who work together as a team to develop academic libraries that are outstanding in furthering the educational missions of their institutions.

Scheduled to open in 2013, a new library on Centennial Campus, The James B. Hunt Jr. Library, was envisioned by and advocated for by Susan as an inspiring "signature" building, embodying both the essence of Centennial Campus as a community built around knowledge and the 21st century North Carolina State University. Located on the academic oval, this iconic building will be a vibrant intellectual and social nexus for the campus community, showcasing the latest technologies and research achievements of the university. The timeless aspects of the library's mission as a gateway to the world's knowledge will be reflected in the building's design by the noted, international architecture firm, Snohetta -- forming a dynamic environment that brings diverse people and disciplines together and enables interaction, innovation, and the creation of

new, nontraditional partnerships. In the design of this landmark building, NC State seeks nothing less than to create the best learning and collaborative space in the country.

Nutter has a long history of contributions to professional associations; publications on many topics; presentations on a wide-range of issues, notably scholarly communication, library leadership, and the need for transformational change in libraries; and a strong association with library technology from her first days at M.I.T.'s Project INTREX. She is a founder and member of the Governance Council, and chair of the Librarians Council, of NC LIVE -- North Carolina Libraries for Virtual Education, a public-private venture that places a virtual library in the reach of every one of North Carolina's more than 8 million residents. She serves on the Governing Board of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN).

In addition, Susan is Past Chairman and current member of the University of North Carolina System's University Library Advisory Council to the President; a Past Chairman of the SOLINET Board of Directors; and a former member both of the Center for Research Libraries' Board of Directors and of the Executive Board of the United States Agricultural Information Network. Susan served as a member of the Digital Library Federation's Board of Directors. She is former chair of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) Section T: Information, Computing, and Communication. She also served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia.

As a member of the NRENAISSANCE Committee of the National Research Council's Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, Susan contributed to the study of issues relating to the challenge of building a National Information Infrastructure with lasting value and utility culminating in the 1994 publication, *Realizing the Information Future: The Internet and Beyond* (Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press).

Nutter is a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and received the M.S. in Library Science from Simmons College. She did additional graduate work in management at Babson College. She is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.