

## TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2009: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### The Ford Library at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University

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#### The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

In August 2008, the Ford Library re-opened in a new 21,000 sq. ft. facility in the newly constructed Breedon Hall. The **new library** expands the available space by 80% and contains 225 reader spaces, a database instruction facility, and the J.B. Fuqua collection, an archive of materials about School's primary benefactor. Since opening, the library has been above 90% occupancy during the academic terms.

The new facility is organized in a **library-within-library design**, with a series of alcoves that focus on the areas of strength at the Fuqua School of Business -- Economics; Leadership & Management; Marketing; Finance & Accounting; Health Sector Management & Operations. Each alcove in the library contains a mini-library that includes circulating books, reference sources and journals within a subject discipline.

The library is **designed to be reconfigured** as the Fuqua School changes. Equipment, furniture and stacks are free standing. The floor of the library is raised several inches to provide space for cabling, supporting upgrades to technology over time. Display space throughout the facility highlights new purchases of materials.

**Furniture is custom designed** to respond to MBA student needs, which includes 5 linear feet of space per person, as determined by actual measurements of Fuqua MBA students while studying. A mixture of open tables, library carrels and lounge chairs provide a number of study options. Library carrels use a translucent material that enables natural light to penetrate. All seating provides excellent back and arm support.

The new Ford Library was **featured on the cover of Choice**, December 2008.

#### The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

In response to the current economic climate, all departments at the Fuqua School were required to reduce their operating **budgets** by 5% for the upcoming FY 09-10.

Simultaneously, the Fuqua School of Business is **expanding their programs**. A network of facilities are being constructed around the world to conduct research and deliver programs. This network will embed and connect Duke's research and teaching activities in key economic and cultural centers including New Delhi, India; St. Petersburg, Russia; Dubai, UAE; London, UK; and Shanghai, China.

In addition, the Fuqua School is **initiating a one-year graduate program**, Master of Management Science, MMS. First students are matriculating in August 2009.