United States International University (USIU) is preparing to launch its new Library and Information Center on September 24, 2007 at 10 am. This new ultra-modern library will serve national, regional and international development goals by providing information for enhancing and building human capacity. As a dynamic partner in the teaching, learning and research activities of the university, the library is dedicated to providing high quality, innovative information services that contribute to the mission of the university:

"to promote the discovery and application of knowledge, the acquisition of skills, and the development of intellect and character in a manner that prepares students to contribute effectively and ethically as citizens of a changing and increasingly technological world."

This new Library and Information Center replaces the concept of a traditional university library. It is not just a repository but will serve as a catalyst to support the education of students and information needs.
of faculty and researchers in this new millennium and beyond. Here students and lecturers will gain information, understanding and skills necessary for an ever-changing world. It is the intellectual hub of the university.

A few highlights:

- The Library and Information Center lies in a serene and quiet part of the campus, surrounded by well-tended green lawns and flower beds. It is visually appealing, modern, well-lit and has various sizes of cheerful study spaces to suit everyone's needs.
- The Library and Information Center has a seating capacity of 1,200 and will house up to 300,000 volumes.
- The Library and Information Center offers wired and wireless access points for high-speed network connections.
- The Library and Information Center subscribes to both electronic and print journals.
- The Library and Information Center will be a repository for the *Archives, Africana, American Studies* and *United Nations Collections.*
I should like to extend a special word of thanks to the members of the USIU Alumni Fraternity and the Alumni Book Fund Sub-Committee for helping to raise funds for the special *Africana Collection*.

I am sure students, faculty and other researchers will enjoy using USIU’s new Library and Information Center and view it as an outstanding resource.

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