When I was a girl, books were my teachers, my friends. They gave me hope, dreams, direction, and eventually power - power to become who I wanted to be. ~Mary Pipher (Author of Reviving Ophelia)

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Frances S. Summersell - The Library in the Women's Resource Center was named in honor of (the late) Mrs. Frances S. Summersell in May of 1997. Mrs. Summersell provided generous support for the enhancement of the Library. For many years, Mrs. Summersell was an active supporter of the University of Alabama and its programs, including establishment of the Charles Grayson Summersell Memorial Endowed History Award, support for The Other Club, XXXI, and other University programs. We are deeply appreciative of Mrs. Summersell's generous gift to the Women's Resource Center.

About the Library - The Library serves as a valuable resource for the University of Alabama and the community. The Library has a growing collection of books, videos, audio-tapes, magazines, journals and resource files on a wide variety of topics. Examples of subject areas include:

- Women's History
- Women's Studies
- Gender Studies
- Psychology
- Fiction
- Biography
- Reference
- Women's Health
- Race/Class/Culture
- Career/Leadership
- Relationship Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Self Help
- Youth

1993 Opening of the library with Frances S. Summersell (Second from the right)
Library Usage - Books and videos are available for check-out. Materials in the Resource files may be copied for a small fee. A large selection of brochures are available free in limited quantities.

Books on Tape - The Library has a small collection of books on tape for loan. Check one out to listen to on your next trip!

Faculty Resources - The Library has a very large selection of documentaries and educational videos that are useful to supplement class lectures/presentations on gender issues as well as race, class, and culture issues. Periodically, we are also able to add relevant documentaries to our collection at faculty request. Check out our collection. If you don’t find what you are looking for, ask us to add it to our Library Wish List.

Sit and Relax...Come by the Library and check out some of our books on women’s poetry or a biography of a famous woman! Get all the information you need for that class presentation or paper. There are comfortable seating areas if you want to just sit and read or browse through the resources.

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