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Plastics Pioneers Reading Room to open in Bird Library

On Friday, September 27, from 2:30–4:00 p.m., the Plastics Pioneers Reading Room, a gift of donors Glenn and Patsy Beall, will officially be dedicated and opened on the 6th floor of the Syracuse University’s Bird Library. Please join us in cutting the ribbon to open this new quiet study and exhibit space.

The opening celebration and ceremony will honor Glenn and Patsy Beall, whose generous gift made possible the creation and construction of this new reading room dedicated to the SU Plastics Collection. While the collection, maintained by the Special Collections Research Center, holds more than 8,000 items, including artifacts, books, journals, and memorabilia, it had only been available for viewing on the “plastics.syr.edu” website or by checking out one of the more than 2,000 books from the collection.

With the creation of the Plastics Pioneers Reading Room, many of the artifacts and resources are on display from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The room was designed as a quiet reading room and a permanent exhibit space for the SU Plastics Collection, including a computer station to access the collection online.

Glenn and Patsy Beall have dedicated the name of the room to the Plastics Pioneers, William H. Willert, and the Antique Comb Collectors Club. Plastics Pioneers is a professional association of leaders in the plastics industry, all of whom have at least 30 years’ experience in the industry. Its History & Artifacts Committee, led by Glenn Beall, was a key player in forming the Plastics Collection at SU, along with founding support from Harry Greenwald and the Greenwald-Haupt Foundation.

The SU Libraries honor Glenn and Patsy Beall for their gift of \$150,000, an incredibly generous first-ever philanthropic gift that has provided a permanent home for the Plastics Collection in the SU Libraries.

For more information about the Plastics Pioneers Reading Room or on supporting the SU Libraries or the SU Plastics Collection, please contact Ron Thiele at rlthiele@syr.edu.