Recorded Sound Archives at FAU to Host Third Annual Giveaway of Vinyl Records

BOCA RATON, Fla. (December 16, 2013) — Florida Atlantic University’s Recorded Sound Archives, which preserves and digitizes rare and historic recordings, will host its third annual giveaway of excess vinyl records from Monday, Jan. 6 through Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, and again from Monday, Jan. 27 through Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus.

The giveaway, which is free and open to the FAU community as well as the general public, features thousands of LPs and 45 rpm vinyl discs that span from the 1940s to the 1990s and features every genre, including pop, Latin, jazz, classical, opera and orchestra music. Cassette tapes and CDs also are available.

Created in 2010 to collect, organize and protect access to digitized copies of vintage audio recordings, the RSA houses more than 150,000 jazz, Judaic and vintage recordings, making FAU Libraries one of the top 20 libraries in the nation for sound recordings.

“The RSA receives 10,000 records every year from people all over the county who want to be part of our preservation effort,” said Maxine Schackman, the RSA’s director. “Many of these recordings are either duplicates or outside the range of our collection criteria. These excess recordings pile up over time, so each year we give the community a chance to browse through them and take what they want.”

Guidelines for donating recordings and printing a mailing label for shipping can be found at fausra.fau.edu/jsa/send_records2.php. For more information, contact Schackman at 561-297-0080 or SoundArchives@fau.edu.

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Vinyl1.jpg: Thousands of LPs and 45 rpm vinyl discs will be given away in January during the Recorded Sound Archives’ annual vinyl records giveaway on the fifth floor of Florida Atlantic University’s Wimberly Library.
About Florida Atlantic University:
Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of $6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.