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## New bookstore makes debut

June 01, 2009 | Dominique McKay





The new Liberty University Barnes & Noble bookstore opened April 18, with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and LU Praise concert. Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. welcomed students, faculty, staff and many members of the community as the doors of Liberty's newest academic addition to campus were opened to the public for the first time.

"Barnes & Noble has been our partner since 1998, they've been on campus since that time," Falwell said. "We try to use people who are experts in the different areas rather than trying to reinvent the wheel ourselves and book selling is their expertise."

Falwell also thanked and praised the construction team for their work on the design of the new bookstore.

"The architecture is something I think we need to try to make our new standard as far as academic buildings," he said.

With the goal of meeting the academic needs of students, Liberty began construction for the new 40,000-square-foot building in May 2008.

The two-story bookstore now holds 13,000 new general reading and reference titles as well as a full service café that seats up to 65 people, with additional seating on an outdoor patio on the upstairs level. Downstairs, there is a special entrance facing the southside of campus where students will be able to order and pick up their textbooks. Liberty alumni will receive discounts in the new store, which will also accept the Readers Advantage Barnes & Noble discount cards.

In addition to Falwell and his wife Becki, special guests at the opening included the Rev. Jonathan Falwell, who said a prayer of dedication, as well as Tim and Beverly LaHaye (above) and Macel Falwell (right), who later signed books at the grand opening.

See [more photos](#) from the bookstore's grand opening.