



The Stacks

Summer 2016

Doy Leale McCall Library Relocation

Dean's Corner

What most of our readers call "University Archives" will have moved into the Marx Library by June. If you have not seen the third floor of the Library since the bound periodicals were removed in 2014 to make room for the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, you will be rewarded by seeing an impressive, exquisitely renovated space featuring African mahogany paneling in the hallway and reading room.

Rare book rooms in university libraries are traditionally showcases, and the McCall Library will not disappoint. USA carpenters, electricians, and other workers toiled fervently during the spring semester to complete the renovation. During May, Carol Ellis (McCall Library Director) and her staff worked with a moving company and USA facilities employees to move the collections, one truck at a time, from the Springhill Avenue location to the Marx Library.

The archives is named after Doy Leale McCall, who had collected over a million civil war diaries, presidential land grants, letters, books and other historical records during his lifetime. The McCall family donated the collection to the University of South Alabama in 2012. Michael Parrish, a Baylor University history professor who has appraised the collection, called it "one of the finest archives of Southern history ever discovered" and said it was comparable to the Natchez Trace Collection of the University of Texas. The assessed value of the collection is over \$3,100,000, and it deserves to be housed in a well-appointed, climate-controlled space suitable for such a valuable collection of Southern history.

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Richard Wood
Dean of University Libraries

Librarians Teach New Stand-Alone Information Literacy Courses

Beginning in Fall 2016, librarians will teach two new information literacy courses. Taken for one credit, these courses are designed to be an efficient pairing with students' research-oriented classes, providing guided, hands-on assistance with research projects. Because of this, classes will be held in the library, in a computer-lab environment.

IST 290, Foundational Information Literacy, will be sponsored by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. In this course, students will learn the core research concepts and skills which every University of South Alabama graduate should know, regardless of major. Starting with the principles of academic integrity, as defined by the university and broader culture, students will learn how to participate ethically in scholarly conversations. They will learn how to search strategically for needed information – both on the open web and with multi-disciplinary resources like OneSearch. Finally, students will learn how to determine whether a source is reliable for a particular purpose. Intended as an introduction to conducting research at USA, IST 290 is an ideal course for new students – whether they are first-time freshmen, transfers, or returning students.

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Cataloging and RDA



On November 17, 2015, the Cataloging department conducted a workshop for its librarians and staff. Although the workshop was inspired by the need for a better understanding of RDA(Resource Description and Access), the new cataloging rules and standards, it included a complete overview of how the department uses OCLC Connexion Client, the cataloging module of Voyager, and a section on cataloging reference tools.

The workshop was held from 8:30am to 3:30pm, and, besides the cataloging staff, it was attended by the Head of Government Documents, the Head of Collection Development, and staff from Acquisitions.

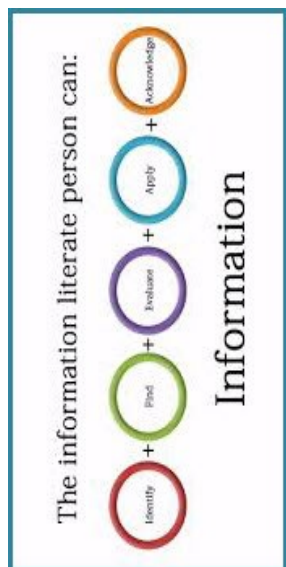
Jia He, Cataloging/Electronic Resources Librarian, presented the review of OCLC Connexion Client as well as useful cataloging reference tools to aid copy and original cataloging. Muriel Nero, Head of Cataloging, presented the RDA session

and demonstrated some of the cataloging functions in Voyager as well as reviewed current practices for the cataloging and physical processing of certain materials.

*Muriel Nero
Head of Cataloging*

Librarians Teach Stand-Alone IL Courses

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CAS 190 is designed to introduce students to the unique aspects of research associated with specific disciplines and majors. Therefore, different sections may focus on different disciplines. Students will explore questions like the following: Where does one turn for an overview of the basics of the subject? What kinds of information are necessary to conduct research in the discipline? Where does an expert typically find this information? How is the information

collected or analyzed? In what form is new knowledge usually communicated to others in the field? How are sources of information typically cited?

In Fall 2016, CAS 190 will focus on historical research. The course is recommended for new history majors or minors, secondary education majors intending to teach history, students taking their first general education history course, or students curious about a history major. In

this, as in any CAS 190 information literacy class, a subject specialist librarian will guide students through the process of doing research assignments in certain departments' classes.

If you have questions about either course, please contact either Jason Ezell (jezell@southalabama.edu) or Beth Shepard (erugan@southalabama.edu).

*Jason Ezell
Instruction Librarian*

Librarian Departures

The Marx Library is saying goodbye this summer to two of our library faculty. Connie Stovall, former Head of Collection Development, has resigned effective May 18th and has accepted a position with the Virginia Tech library that will allow her to remain on the Gulf Coast and work remotely. Gillian Coté, Digital Initiatives Librarian,

has resigned effective June 22nd to return to her home state of South Carolina.

Connie and Gillian have both done excellent work for USA, and we will miss them and wish them well in their new endeavors.

For many decades, researchers have relied on academic libraries to provide access to rare books, special collections, photographic collections, manuscript materials, and institutional repositories. As a “library within the library,” the McCall Library will provide access to rich, historic collections including over 1,200,000 negatives, slides and prints whose dates range from about 1880 to today. One of the notable collections is the Julius E. Marx collection containing approximately 10,000 black and white negatives and prints of Mobile homes and businesses made between 1927 and 1985 by the city’s oldest real estate business. The Eric Overbey photo collection chronicles life and people in Mobile from the 1890’s, and the photographs have been

reproduced for display throughout the library and beyond. There are, of course, many other collections ranging from the Cochrane and Crampton papers to the minutes, bylaws, ledgers, yearbooks, correspondence, and booklets of the Congregation Ahavas Chesed.

All of these collections were obtained through donations rather than purchase. The hope is that more donations of primary research materials will be forthcoming now that the McCall Library is available to researchers on campus. In an age when huge publishers like Elsevier, Wiley, EBSCO, ProQuest, and Sage dominate the industry, a university that shifts its focus, budget, and staffing to making unique, non-commercial, primary source materials available

to everyone will be recognized for its leadership. Because the McCall and other collections housed here are expected to attract scholars from outside the university, two scholar rooms were built into the reading room so that visiting researchers can use the materials comfortably and without distraction. All materials housed in the McCall Library are, of course, brought to researchers because the collections are closed to the public, that is, they are non-browsing collections.

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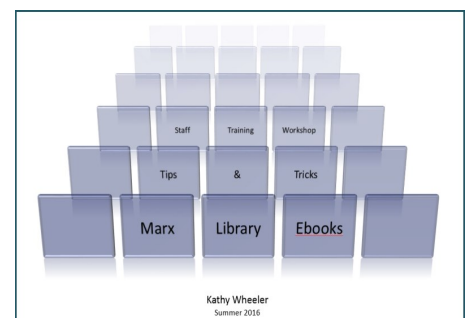
Using Ebooks Workshop

On June 9 and June 13, 2016, Kathy Wheeler conducted a workshop, *Marx Library Ebooks: Tips & Tricks*, for librarians and staff. The workshop was inspired by the need for a better understanding of all of the Marx Library’s different ebook collections and interfaces. It included an overview of the terminology, formats, and purchasing models involved in the selection and use of ebooks.

The workshop was attended by librarians and staff from all departments in the Marx Library. Besides terminology, formats, and purchasing models, the workshop presented some differences between vendor platforms and included a small group exercise to give attendees some exposure to the platforms not specifically discussed. Since the Marx Library currently has 13 different ebook platforms in use, it was impossible to cover them all. Kathy’s presentation focused on downloading and reading ebooks in

ACLS Humanities E-books, EBL, EBSCOhost, ScienceDirect, and Springer. Many of the ebooks purchased by the library have digital rights management attached to them, so the workshop included a discussion of Adobe Digital Editions and Adobe IDs.

Kathy Wheeler
Head of Reference & Instruction



Librarian Professional Activities

Ezell, Samuel. Appalachian Studies Conference. "Mountain Changelings: Radical Faerie Cultural Formation in Appalachia." Presentation. Shepherdstown, WV: Shepherd University. (March 2016).

Jason Ezell was the recipient of the Mary Lily Research Grant. Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History & Culture. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Durham, NC: Duke University. (March 2016).

He, Jia. The 6th Annual South Alabama Conference on Teaching and Learning, "Promoting Library Services to the International Students at the University of South Alabama", Presentation. University of South Alabama: Mobile, AL, May 9, 2016.

Muriel Nero is the Moderator-Elect (2016/2017) of the Multicultural Round Table of the Alabama Library Association

Nero, Muriel. Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel's Conspiracy. Review of *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel's Conspiracy*. *Southern Studies* 23, no. 1 (2016): 95-97.

Angela Rand and her dissertation advisor will be presenting the findings from a study conducted by their research group at the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education's international conference on educational media, EdMedia 2016, and will be also be attending the conference on June 27-30.

Rand, A. M., Wheeler, K. P., and Prendergast, A. C. Conference on Teaching and Learning, "Academic Library Services for the Digital Age: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats," Presentation. University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL. (May 9, 2016).

Tate, Vicki, Federal Documents Selector, GODORT Notable Documents Panel, "Notable Government Documents 2015: Prototype of Open Access." *Library Journal* v. 141, no. 9 (May 15, 2016) pg. 22-28.

Vicki Tate attended the Alabama State Data Center (ASDC) Annual Data Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, May 26, 2016.

Paula Webb is the Documents to the People (DttP) Book Review Editor for 2016.

Paula Webb will continue as Chair, Southeastern Library Association, GODORT, 2015 – 2016.

Paula Webb was appointed Moderator, Alabama Library Association, GODORT, 2016 – 2017.

Webb, P.L. Southern Studies Conference, "An Unlikely Journey: My Discovery of Mobile, AL and the Hidden Stories of

her Shores." Presentation. Montgomery, AL. (Feb 2016).

Webb, P.L. Alabama Library Association Conference, "Discovering Alabama History in Government Documents: Tips, Tools and Methods." Presentation. Gadsden, AL. (April 2016).

Webb, Paula L. *The Mobile Mayor's Court Reports: 1865*. Mobile, Alabama: Mobile Genealogical Society, 2016.

Webb, Paula L. *Shipwrecks. Miracles: An Encyclopedia of People, Places, and Supernatural Events from Antiquity*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016.

Webb, Paula L. The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid. Review of *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*. *Southern Studies*, 23, no. 1 (2016).

Webb, Paula L. Madame Lalaurie: Mistress of the Haunted House. Review of *Madame Lalaurie: Mistress of the Haunted House*. *Southern Studies*, 23, no. 1 (2016).

Kathy Wheeler is the new chair of the CUS Publications committee and continues as the chair of ALLA's CUS Research Award Committee.

Ellen Wilson took the Electronic Resources & Libraries' EZProxy Administration and Assessment pre-conference workshop on April 3 and attended the conference in Austin, TX, April 4-6.

Ellen Wilson is a member of the CUS projects committee which is conducting a survey of Alabama libraries' collection development policies.

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