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As the year closes, I want to let you all know that it’s been an honor and privilege serving you as Southern Chapter Chair. Our chapter has a rich history, and I’m glad to be a small part of it. Thank you all for your work this year and for keeping the Southern Chapter strong and connected. Our members have a variety of expertise from which we can all learn, as well as a passion for educating and helping others. To learn from others, please consider attending our annual meeting in October or if you’d like to keep the chapter growing and thriving, consider joining one of our amazing committees (or do both!). You can also contribute by providing an oral history of your time with the chapter or becoming a mentor to other members through the Research Committee.

I want to extend a thank you to our current officers, committee chairs, and committee members. You have done great work this year, and I know we will continue to see wonderful things from the committees for years to come. I want to give a special thank you to the Program Chair, Emily Brennan, and her committee, as well as the Local Arrangements Co-chairs, Margaret Alexander and Inga Moten. This team has done a fantastic job planning our first in-person meeting since 2019. I am excited for all of us to learn from other members and keynote speakers, take a CE class or two, and hang out with one another. I can’t wait to see y’all at the meeting!

Skye Bickett
The SC/MLA Program Committee invites you to attend the 72nd SC/MLA Annual Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama from October 19-22, 2022.

Please visit the annual meeting website to view the meeting schedule and make hotel reservations. Meeting registration, CE courses, and other details are forthcoming. We are so excited to connect with our colleagues and learn what you’ve been up to this past year!
Building Connections and Wellness
The R.A. Williams Library at AdventHealth University
Submitted by: Jessica Daly

This summer’s focus for the library was outreach and promotion of our services and resources! The first project was E-book department posters. Our Head of Collections and Electronic Resources, Jessica Daly, collaborated with department chairs to promote the E-book collection through interactive posters using QR codes. For each, Jessica would share new E-book titles unique to each department. The E-book photos located on the posters would also include a QR code. This way, if a student were interested in one of the titles shared on the poster, they could immediately access the book. The interactive posters have also been shared digitally by departments for their online and remote classes, too! This will continue through the end of 2022 and possibly beyond. So far, feedback has been very positive.
At the end of July, the library hosted a Rock Painting event for students, staff, and faculty as a means to connect with others, use art to relax, (with exams right around the corner) and promote the library’s staff and resources. While painting rocks, students were able to meet library staff who were painting rocks alongside them. Mary Rickelman, Reference and Instruction Librarian, participated in the event and used this time to not only meet students but reinforce she is here to help and very approachable. Research continues to show college students are intimidated by academic librarians and are afraid to ask for help. Mary and her fellow librarians are trying to combat this way of thinking and show students they are here to help. We thank Keeli Young, Administrative Assistant, for executing this event and helping to make it a success!
In the beginning of August, the week before exams, Sylvia Dominguez, Library Office Manager, along with Keeli Young, Administrative Assistant, planned and hosted a Pet Therapy Dog event for the Orlando campus. These amazing animals and their owners not only serve our hospitals but also our university. The dogs visited in the library and then moved across campus giving unconditional love to many. This is such a special event hosted by our library and takes place each semester.

AdventHealth University has a student population made up of students attending classes on the Orlando campus, students attending classes on the Denver, Colorado campus, as well as online students. One of the areas we felt needed more of our attention were our Denver students. We want these remote learners to understand they are equal in importance and can access the services and resources they have available to them through the library virtually. To better do this, we connected with the leadership of our Denver campus and expressed an interest and desire to assist and support their student body in more effective ways. We collaborated to design an introduction to the library virtual session beginning this Fall called “Library 101”. The virtual sessions will be live and hosted by a faculty librarian. They will take place in the evenings because most Denver students are in class during the day, and we also had to keep the two-hour time difference in mind when selecting a time. The virtual sessions will be optional and promoted by the leadership and faculty of the Denver campus. Sessions will take place multiple times each month during the Fall 2022 semester.
Rachel Fenske Presents at National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment

Rachel Fenske, Outreach Librarian, co-presented with Debbie Cestaro-Seifer, at the National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment which was held virtually August 23-26, 2022. The poster session entitled, “Peer Educators at Two Universities Leverage Technology to Cultivate Conversations About HIV Testing and Prevention” described student health centers at the University of South Alabama and the University of the Virgin Islands collaborating with community partners, including the Northeast/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center, to equip peer educators with information and skills to interview expert HIV providers. The live interviews in the format of vodcasts and podcasts expanded student knowledge of HIV in a relatable way. The project outcomes demonstrated increased HIV testing and ongoing viewing of podcasts. The podcasts can be accessed on all major podcast platforms under the name Real Issues, Real Talk: For Students, By Students.
The university of south Alabama’s biomedical library, in collaboration with the network of the National Library of Medicine (NnlM), has been selected as a pilot host site for the NnlM All of Us Precision Medicine traveling exhibit. the exhibit is on display in the biomedical library from August 22 to September 23, 2022.

USA health’s All of Us research program is partnering with the biomedical library in hosting the exhibit. the Precision Medicine traveling exhibit features information about precision medicine, National Library of Medicine health information resources, and an introduction to the All of Us research program. the exhibit highlights how genetics, lifestyle, and environment affect one’s health. It also demonstrates how participation in the All of Us program can shape the future of one’s health, and the health of generations to come.

On August 23, the library hosted a presentation about precision medicine featuring Dr. Errol Crook (director of USA’s Center for healthy Communities), Dr. Pranitha Prodduturvar (USA Health/Mitchell cancer Institute), and Ms. Constance Little, a cancer patient whose care was shaped by precision medicine. In conjunction with the exhibit, the University of South Alabama’s own All of Us research program is hosting activities at the biomedical library September 6 – 9.

To hear more about the USA Biomedical Library’s Precision Medicine exhibit, please come to our paper presentation at the annual Southern Chapter meeting.
Past Chair of SCMLA, Trey Lemley, Accepts New Position

Trey Lemley, Senior Librarian, accepted a position at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (Rochester Hills, MI) as Director of the Medical Library and Associate Professor of Foundational Medical Studies. He retired from University of South Alabama effective September 1, 2022.

In 2006, Trey began his career at the Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library as a Library Technical Assistant I. Over the years, he worked in several roles as a librarian including Information Services Librarian and Evening Supervisor, Information Services Librarian and Supervisor of Interlibrary Loan, Information Services and Scholarly Communications Librarian, and in his latest role as Head of Reference and Collection Development. Trey formerly worked at Austin Community College where he served first as a research assistant to the Dean of Learning Resource Services and then as a Reference Librarian. Trey also has a Doctor of Jurisprudence and has worked as a law clerk as an intern in a variety of law-related settings. He was also an Adjunct Instructor for the Political Science/Criminal Justice department at USA. Trey has been active in the Medical Library Association, the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, and the Alabama Health Libraries Association. We all wish him success in his new role.

Publications:
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
WIMBERLY LIBRARY

Showing Our Red & Blue Weeks Spirit
Submitted by Tiffany Follin & Michelle Keba Knecht

The FAU libraries hosted an Open House for the FAU community on September 1st in conjunction with the university’s Red and Blue Weeks. The Open House was planned as a six-hour event to maximize student engagement throughout the day and was organized by the library’s External Relations department who also provided “swag” giveaways for each department. During the Open House, library faculty and staff hosted tours of the SE Wimberly Library’s spaces and provided explanations of the library’s resources. Participants were invited to explore each department’s table on their own or to join a scavenger hunt hosted on https://goosechase.com/ to be entered into prize drawings. Attendees who completed all the scavenger hunt missions were also entered into a grand prize drawing. By the end of the event, the scavenger hunt included 130 participants with over 1,200 submissions.

Michelle Keba Knecht and Tiffany Follin tabled for the Medical and Health Sciences Collections & User Services department, highlighting medical resources that included Embase, the AMA Manual of Style, Read by QxMD, and many others. The librarians also highlighted the student tech fee funded database, Mango Languages, which features a medical Spanish module and displayed anatomical models of a human heart and brain which are available to be checked out from the library for study. As part of the scavenger hunt, participants were asked to identify how many parts were in the model heart (answer: 8). The Goosechase app utilized for the scavenger hunt was rolled out by the libraries’ External Relations department and capitalizes on the engaging aspect of a game-based challenge that the medical department has utilized in the past with its usage of Kahoot and FlipQuiz.
Showing Our Red & Blue Weeks Spirit (con’t)
Submitted by Tiffany Follin & Michelle Keba Knecht

The Open House offered a chance to connect with students in a fun and informal setting. The event drew students from a selection of majors: from accounting to criminal justice and mechanical engineering to social work. These brief student connections were personalized by engaging the biology, neuroscience, nursing, and psychology students as potential future FAU Schmidt College of Medicine students and collaborators, and the librarians shared resources with the non-health sciences students that would help them become better informed consumer health researchers. The “swag” giveaways provided at the medical table were encourage-“mints.” These “punny” mints encouraged lots of smiles and laughter. By the end of the event, the librarians connected with approximately 84 students. Two memorable exchanges were students interested in applying to medical school; the students were excited to learn about a new student tech fee funded resource that rolled out in July, PrepSTEP for Colleges and Universities, featuring a module for prepping for the MCAT exam.

Presentations
Publications

Susan Epstein, Head of Library Access Systems, and Robyn Rosasco, Head of Research Services, presented virtually in a themed session at the 29th International Conference on Learning at the University of Valencia in Spain this past July. Their presentation, Google Scholar Search Tips Instructional Module: User Testing and Design Modification, described both the Google Scholar project and their study, which was the second formative evaluation for the project. Conducted with biomedical graduate students in May and June 2022, the study confirmed that most students both needed to learn the concepts covered in the module and that their experience completing the module was positive.
Accomplishments
The Director of the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Martin Wood, was selected as a 2022 recipient of the Fred L. Standley Award for the Academic Librarian of the Year at Florida State University. The award recognizes a librarian who has demonstrated exceptional service and accomplishments, and is named for the late Dr. Fred Standley, a longtime member of the English faculty at Florida State University and an exemplary supporter and advocate of academic libraries at FSU. Criteria for the award include planning and implementing library programs and services of exemplary quality, superior service to students and faculty on and off campus, service to local, state, national, and international library organizations, research and publications, and mentoring of students, faculty, and colleagues in libraries. This award also recognizes the innovation, teaching, and advocacy work by Martin, as well as his contributions to the health sciences library community at FSU, across the state of Florida, nationally, and abroad.
Library Updates

- **Shalu Gillum**, Head of Public Services, was recently promoted to Associate Medical Librarian.

- Librarians **Natasha Williams** and **Shalu Gillum** participated in the College of Medicine’s Health Leaders Summer Academy (HLSA), a pipeline program designed to give high school students from underserved communities who are interested in health careers, hands-on educational experiences. Natasha and Shalu led a session on medical informatics simulating first-year medical students’ “Clinical Question and Resources Activity,” where librarians provide feedback on students’ use of evidence-based medicine resources to answer clinical questions. UCF COM librarians have been participating in HLSA since 2014.

- Library Llama became our official library mascot. See our announcement here: [https://www.instagram.com/reel/CghTQ_pvW7k/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CghTQ_pvW7k/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

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**Library Llama became our official mascot and earned his very own name tag.**

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Publications

Welcome!
The Health Science Center Libraries recently welcomed Natya Hans as the new Informatics Librarian. Natya received her Ph.D. in Computational Biology from the University of Florida, her Master of Technology in Computational and Systems Biology from Jawaharlal Nehru University, and her Bachelor of Technology in Biotechnology from Kurukshetra University.

Natya previously worked as a Graduate Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant in the Biology Department at the University of Florida. She was also the Summer Fellow at the UF Biodiversity Institute and has served as a student board member of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)-UF chapter.

Accomplishments
Ariel Pomputius earned tenure and was promoted to Associate University Librarian.

Events
Borland Library in Jacksonville welcomed students back with a visit from a special friend this month!
**Publications**


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**Employee News**

We are delighted to announce that **Kim Loper** is the new Director of the Louis Calder Memorial Library! Below is part of the announcement sent to University of Miami Libraries faculty and staff by Charles Eckman, Dean and University Librarian, University Libraries, and Dr. Laurence B. Gardner, Senior Advisor to the Dean of the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine:

“Kimberly (Kim) Loper has been appointed Executive Director of the Calder Memorial Library and Associate Dean for Health Information Services effective June 13, 2022.
Employee News (con’t)
Kim has been serving in the role of Interim Executive Director of the Calder Memorial Library and Associate Dean for Health Information Services since June 1, 2020. She led the Calder Library through the difficult pandemic experience, recruited and filled two key positions within the Learning, Research and Clinical Information Services (LRCIS) department, completed important facilities projects, and concluded an MOU regarding library services with the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. During this period, she contributed to the University Libraries leadership team in countless ways, ensuring coordination of library health-related services during the pandemic.

Kim’s library career has been with the Calder Library at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. In 2001, Kim was hired as a staff assistant within the Interlibrary Loan Department. In 2009, she completed her Library & Information Science degree from Florida State University. In addition to Interlibrary Loan, she has served in several key Calder Library functional areas including Biomedical Communications, Reference and Education, Collection Management, and Administration. In 2014, she accepted the position of Deputy Director. As Deputy Director, Kim worked with Executive Director JoAnn Van Schaik, to develop strategic direction, overall program development, library evaluation, policy formulation, space planning, and the coordination and delivery of library activities.”

Join us in congratulating Kim on this advancement in her career. We look forward to working with her as she continues to lead the Calder Library forward in academic medical librarianship.

New Hire
Professor Jorge E. Perez, EdS, MLIS, joined the Louis Calder Memorial Library in February 2022 as Instructional and Information Services Librarian for the Department of Learning, Research, and Clinical Information Services (LRCIS). Jorge previously worked at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University (FIU) as the Digital Learning and Information Technology Librarian for over seven years.
New Hire (con’t)
Jorge earned an educational specialty degree in Teaching and Learning from the FIU School of Education and Human Development. Jorge also holds a Master’s in Counseling and Psychology from TROY University, Master in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from FIU.

Jorge recently achieved the Distinguished level in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP).

Conferences
Professor Kelsa Bartley represented Calder Library at the Medical Library Association’s (MLA) conference held in New Orleans. Kelsa was a panelist in the Immersion session “Mentor-Mentee Relationships: Building Collaborative Partnerships for Career Success.” She also participated in the MLA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s Living Library event as a “book,” Black Immigrant, American Librarian, in which she shared details of her coming to America story and her journey to librarianship.
Conferences (con’t)
Kelsa also presented a poster at the Southeastern Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) 2022 conference on July 28, 2022. She presented with fellow librarians Dr. Roxane Pickens and Professor Ava Brillat, who are faculty at the Otto Richter Library on UM’s Coral Gables campus. The poster, “Dismantling the Machine: A Case Study of Cross-Campus, Multi-Institutional Efforts to Address Systemic Racism,” is based on a book chapter of the same name, due to be published in 2022.
UM Libraries PLOS Agreement

In 2022, the Calder Medical Library began participating in a three-year agreement between the University of Miami Libraries and the Public Library of Science (PLOS) that eliminates author-paid article processing charges (APCs) for articles with a UM corresponding author. These charges are being replaced with annual fees paid by the UM Libraries. Deans of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric & Earth Science; and Libraries provided funding in support of this alternative agreement to promote open access.

As members of UM Libraries’ Big Deal Analysis Group, Calder librarians David Goolabsingh, Kimberly Loper, and JoAnn Van Schaik contributed to the planning, research, and eventual achievement of this agreement along with their colleagues at UM’s Richter Library and the Rosenstiel School.

2022 Publications and Presentations

Articles:


2022 Publications and Presentations (con't)

Articles:

Book Chapters:

Presentations:
- Bell M, Nolfi D, Reynolds JM. (2022, March) One at a time: Databases in systematic reviews and expert searching series - #4 CINAHL, MLA Technology in Education Caucus webinar, https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_6pgzma18
- Sorondo BM, Jimenez CM, Hammill SJ. (2022, June). Zoomed out? How burnout was associated with affect, personality, and job satisfaction among library employees during the pandemic. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of University Libraries, Miami, FL.
- Reynolds JM, Sorondo BM. (2022, July). Introduction to systematic reviews and establishing a library service. Lecture presented at the South Florida Health Sciences Library Consortium.
Welcome Back!
As part of USF's Week of Welcome (WOW), several of our USF Health student organizations and departments came together to host **Dog Days Market**, a new monthly outdoor market event. It was a fantastic opportunity for new and returning Health students to meet some of our USFHL librarians and staff in a casual atmosphere and learn about the services and resources available to them.

We had the best support team in the courtyard with Library Ambassador Kip and his pet therapy friends from Pet Partners greeting everyone along the path to the Shimberg Health Sciences Library. And we got to test our newest addition to the library, our lightweight portable event tent, which provided much needed shade on a hot day and promoted our two USFHL locations, the Shimberg Health Sciences Library and the Florida Blue Health Knowledge Exchange.

Allison Howard, MLIS, AHIP received a renewal of Distinguished AHIP status.
**Mindy Berg, MLIS**, had her poster proposal accepted for the new ALA Core Division’s inaugural conference, Core Forum. Her poster will be about using biophilic design principles in library work spaces to improve employee health and wellbeing and positively impact employee performance. Mindy will also be co-chairing the Core New Member’s Interest Group this year.
Welcome New Staff Members

Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to the M. Delmar Edwards, MD Library, Lynne Simpson, PhD, and Nyria Johnson. Dr. Simpson is the new Manager for Information Services, and Nyria Johnson is the new Administrative Assistant.

Prior to starting the new position, Dr. Lynne Simpson, was a tenured Associate Professor and served as the Dean of University Libraries for Langston University. Previously, she served as head of the Veterinary Health Sciences Library at Oklahoma State University. She continues to work as an adjunct professor for Langston University School of Education and the University of North Texas College of Information, Library Science, and Technology. She has worked at the Atlanta University Center’s Robert W. Woodruff Library and in information centers at Georgia-Pacific Corp and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of NASA.

Dr. Simpson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Langston University and a Master’s in Library and Information Studies from Clark Atlanta University. In 2009, she received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Information Science with an emphasis in Computer Education and Cognitive Systems from the University of North Texas. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., American Mensa, the Medical Library Association, and the Links, Inc.

Nyria Johnson recently moved to the Atlanta Metropolitan area from New Jersey with her three 3-year-old son. She is a native New Jersian with two degrees, an Associate in Business Administration and a bachelor’s in business management from Berkeley College. She states that moving to Georgia has been an experience she has grown to appreciate. She feels that she can show her son something different and new and explore places that continue to grow and evolve. Johnson’s goal is to buy a home in Georgia and create a life for herself while excelling in her new career.
Renovations Continue on 2nd floor

NEW CARPET LEADS YOU TOWARD THE REMODELLED ENTRANCE TO THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES.

A CLOSER VIEW OF THE NEW ENTRANCE OF THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES.

A PEEK AT THE INTERIOR.

STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS ON THE REST OF THE SECOND FLOOR, BUT THE NEW LIGHTING IS IN!
Publications
Shafer Tharrington, Research Associate at Greenblatt, has been published for the first time—congratulations Shafer!


New Exhibits on Display
The libraries' display committee recently created exhibits across the four campus libraries on Folk Remedies of Southern Appalachia: A look inside Appalachia’s Living Apothecary. The pamphlet accompanying each display provides a list of local places to explore such as UGA's Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center's Ethnobotanic Gardens and Woodland Medicine Trail, a short bibliography of books available in the libraries, and online resources such as a plant list from NLM’s official herb garden that users might use to create their own medicinal garden.
Medical Student Researchers Learn to Conduct Effective Literature Reviews by Participating in SOARinG

During the summer, students may elect to participate in SOARinG, the Student Opportunities for Academic Achievement through Research program in Greenville. This centralized program gives medical student researchers and faculty mentors across Prisma Health, Clemson, Furman, and UofSC opportunities to collaborate on a wide variety of research projects. SOARinG runs through the summer between their M1 and M2 years and lasts approximately 8 weeks. Students are required to submit an abstract for a poster presentation or deliver an oral presentation at a Student Research Symposium at the end of the program. For several years, the library has supported this summer research program.

As part of the program, librarians help students by guiding them on how to conduct an efficient and effective literature review of their topic. This year, 80 students participated in the program and each student was assigned a librarian mentor. It was the student’s responsibility to schedule a time to meet virtually or in person. The time spent with the student varied depending on the complexity of the topic, and students were encouraged to make another appointment if they needed additional assistance. In most cases, PubMed was the database of choice, and they learned various search techniques including MeSH and filters. Once the search was completed, we helped them select pertinent articles and let them know about our document delivery services.

Advantages to this program are many. Students become more knowledgeable in the research process and have an opportunity to gain the valuable experience of sharing their findings with their peers, mentors, and the medical community. Having a research topic that requires them to find supporting references provides an incentive to hone searching skills. Along the way, students become more familiar with the library staff, library services, and the educational support librarians provide. They also learn how to navigate their way through the literature review process using techniques they may not have known existed. This newfound knowledge will help them throughout their remaining medical education training and promotes life-long learning.
UofSC School of Medicine Library Launches Tabletop Board Games and Puzzles Collection

To entice gamers and puzzle lovers, the UofSC School of Medicine Library recently launched its collection of board games and puzzles for use by students, faculty, and staff. Featuring strategy and collaborative games (such as CODENAMES, AZUL, and PANDEMIC), and detailed Anatomy puzzles, the collection promises hours of respite and relaxation for the weary!

Board games and puzzles can be used freely in the library or may be checked out for a one-week loan period. Students are encouraged to play the games and put together puzzles in the Information Commons area of the library's first floor (where the collection is shelved). There are two tables dedicated to in-process puzzles (one on each floor of the library). The current in-process puzzle is a 1,000 pieces Heart Anatomy puzzle. Students are enjoying taking breaks from their studies to fit a few pieces into the puzzle. Library faculty are working closely with the gross anatomy instructors to procure puzzles that fit within the curriculum topics.

An online “Tabletop Game and Jigsaw Puzzle Collection Resource Guide” contains detailed descriptions of each game, including the number of players and duration of play. The guide also offers “How to Play” videos for each game as well as other online resources.
Meharry Library organizes its first History Bus Tour for College’s First-year Medical Students  
By Sandra Parham, Executive Director of the Library

The first totally filled bus of first-year medical students set out on the Meharry Medical College Library & Archives' history tour at noon on June 1, 2022. Students already had boarded the bus when library staff arrived at the Cal Turner Center for Student Learning. Students had arrived for the tour so early that Dr. Pinnock had not yet supplied their boxed lunches. The tour of Nashville sites relevant to Meharry's history lasted just under two hours.

The first group disembarked and went to Cal Turner’s 3rd floor and picked up lunches, and the second group ate beforehand and boarded the bus at 2:45 pm for the next tour. The smaller group had the advantage of being able to ask direct questions. However, heavy traffic lengthened the tour somewhat, which followed the exact same route. Lucius Patenaude, a photographer from Meharry's Office of Communications and Marketing, was aboard the charter bus for the first tour to photograph the event. Sandra Parham took photographs during the second tour.

Ms. Parham also provided a short description of the history of Jefferson Street, from its first name to its name change in honor of one of the United States’ founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson. Also mentioned was a history of the construction of Interstate 40, whose inception changed not only the landscape of Nashville but also the economic and social well-being of its Black community.

A quick drive-by of Tennessee State University, situated at the other end of Jefferson Street, ended the library’s inaugural bus tour. In total, some 75 first-year medical students participated. It is our desire in the library and archives to arrange such a tour for the other first-year students who enroll in Meharry's various colleges and programs.
Meharry Library organizes its first History Bus Tour for College’s First-year Medical Students (con’t)

Library Executive Director Sandra Parham shares about the lives of Meharrians who are interred at Nashville’s Greenwood Cemetery during the Library’s inaugural bus tour.

During the School of Medicine’s orientation week in early July 2022, students visit the former Meharry Medical College campus in South Nashville and are pictured in front of the home of Meharry’s first president, George W. Hubbard, whose home was adjacent to the campus.

New Historical Marker of 20th Century Black Doctor, a Woman of Many Firsts

Dr. Josie E. Wells was honored for her lifetime achievements and significant contributions to the Nashville community on May 20 with a new historical marker. The marker pays tribute to Wells’ lifelong accomplishments and contributions to the Nashville community.

As a recognized humanitarian and woman of many firsts, Dr. Josie E. Wells was one of the first three women to graduate from Meharry Medical College with a medical degree in 1904. She was the college’s first female faculty member. In addition, after years having worked alongside its first president and hospital superintendent, George W. Hubbard, became Hubbard Hospital’s first female superintendent in 1912.
New Historical Marker of 20th Century Black Doctor, a Woman of Many Firsts (con't)

“More than one-half of the educated black physicians in the Southern states were graduates of Meharry Medical College, but of the many graduates of the era, few were women,” Sandra Parham, Executive Director of Meharry Medical College Library & Archives, said. “How family, money, academic or societal pressures may have impacted the women medical students, one can only imagine, but the opportunities for them were few and the constraints against their success, powerful.”

In collaboration with Dr. James E.K. Hildreth, President and CEO of Meharry Medical College, Parham submitted the application for the marker in Wells’ honor to the Metropolitan Historical Commission of Nashville and Davidson County in October 2021 after learning of Wells’ accomplishments. Parham sees the addition of the historical marker on Meharry’s campus as an opportunity to not only officially memorialize Wells’ significant contributions, but also to share with the city the rich history and legacy Meharrians such as Wells have contributed to the Nashville community.

“Gender barriers that proscribed women’s life and professional possibilities were institutionalized nationwide, and more so for Black women. Wells’ accomplishment of becoming a doctor in 1904, and later a hospital administrator, is all the more noteworthy,” Parham said.

Wells’ marker will join those of noteworthy Meharrians, Hulda Margaret Lyttle and Donley Harold Turpin. Lyttle was a member of the first graduating class of Meharry’s Nursing School and Turpin was the Dean of Meharry’s Dental School in 1938 who gave his personal finances to the School to keep it afloat during the Great Depression.
At right, Library Executive Director Sandra Parham discusses plans for a 'history wall' exhibit to be installed in the lobby of S.S. Kresge Learning Resource Center, the campus building that houses the library on three of its six floors. Valerie King, left, museum account executive at 1220 Exhibits, Inc., in Nashville, joins Nancy Heathman, middle, and Michelle Force to discuss with Parham final plans for the upcoming exhibit featuring Meharry Medical College history, which is Parham's latest archival project. Heathman is art director and designer at Cage Free Visual in Nashville, a creative arts company, and Force is project manager at 1220 Exhibits, Inc., which specializes in exhibit fabrication.
Hilary Jasmin’s Back At It!
Every quarter we’re announcing more accomplishments from our College of Pharmacy Library Liaison, Hilary Jasmin. This quarter, Jasmin was elected as the SC/MLA Secretary, and was also selected to join the Evidence Summaries Team for the Journal of Evidence-Based Library and Information Practice. She will serve on this team for a two-year period.

New to the UTHSC Library, Sarah Newell
The UTHSC Health Sciences Library’s new position of Assessment and Data Services Librarian was created in recognition of the increasing importance of, and role for, librarians in research data management support. Sarah Newell’s initial focus will be assisting the Research Data and Scholarly Communications Lead in assessing areas of research data support at UTHSC and within the library ahead of the 2023 NIH Data Management & Sharing Policy. In this position, Newell will also be creating data management plans and providing research data lifecycle support to faculty, students, and staff.

Newell graduated with a MLIS, with Digital Curation Specialization, from Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in May 2021. Before moving to Memphis, Newell was a Metadata Analyst at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where she digitized and described items in the school’s Digital Media Repository. She also spent some time processing collections for the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis. Even though she entered libraries through archival work, she is interested and excited to dig into assessment and data services. Sarah is enjoying getting to know Memphis on walks with her dog, Luna, and by hitting the nearby trails on her mountain bike.
Jess Newman Completes RTI
Jess Newman recently completed the MLA Research Training Institute, culminating in a poster presentation at the annual meeting. Newman’s research looked at the relationship between publishing model (e.g. open versus closed access) and altmetric indicators. About RTI, she says: "What I am most grateful to the RTI for is keeping me on track! It's so easy for personal research to fall to the bottom of your queue when you've got other responsibilities. My RTI mentor and cohort helped me carve out time to intentionally focus on my research and provided invaluable feedback along the way." She is currently working on her manuscript.

UTHSC Library Starts Journal Club
UTHSC Librarians held their first journal club meeting on August 4th with College of Pharmacy Liaison, Hilary Jasmin, spearheading the project and serving as its first presenter. UTHSC staff intends to make this a monthly meeting with rotating presenters.

Back to School
This semester six UTHSC staff members started school again just like our patrons. The following staff members are perusing the following degrees:

- **Sarah Thompson** is working on a MSIS degree from UTk
- **Kaitlyn Ritacca** is working on a MSIS degree from UTk
- **Hilary Jasmin** is getting a second master’s in public health with an epidemiology concentration from the University of Memphis
- **Jenessa McElfresh** is pursuing a Doctorate in Education in Higher and Adult Education, Concentration in Higher Education from the University of Memphis
- **Jacqueline Smith** is working on a Bachelor’s in Psychology from Southwest Community College
Tamara Nelson Makes an Appearance in BMJ
UTHSC’s Tamara Nelson could be found in the British Medical Journal Insider’s Newsletter. You can read the article that was released on August 29th here.

Participants will enjoy a Mentor/Mentee Mingle on Thursday from 12:30-1:30 pm, and mentors will be recognized and awarded a certificate during the business meeting on Saturday morning. Mentors will also have their names included in an edition of the Southern Expressions newsletter.

To participate, please complete the following by Monday, October 10:

- Pay $10 per mentor: https://southernchaptermla.wildapricot.org/Donate
- Submit the Honor a Mentor form: https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Mt38GUWHjsdnT0
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