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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Christine Willis

**SC/MLA Chair
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**

Dear Southern Chapter,

Happy New Year! I am honored beyond words to serve as Chair for SC/MLA this year. Since becoming a member 15 years ago I still look back fondly on attending my first meeting and meeting colleagues who are now friends. The encouragement and kindness that was shown to me then, and still today, is something that I aspire to share with others every day. I hope that each of you find an extension of Southern hospitality and warmth when you interact with other SC/MLA members.

Our meeting in New Orleans with SCC/MLA was a success on all accounts: the speakers were interesting, posters and papers were informative, CEs were well attended, and despite the delays caused by COVID-19, neither Chapter lost money. Kudos to the meeting planners, some of whom were part of the original planning committee in 2019. For me, working with Emily Brennan was inspiring. She is a consummate professional, and I admired how she overcame obstacles during the planning process with grace and poise throughout. Additionally, David Petersen deserves recognition for keeping our finances in order these past few years. He has contributed hours of work to verify activity in the accounts and has implemented an accountability plan. We should all be grateful for his efforts, and his handoff to Tariq Rahaman has been nearly seamless.

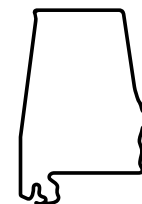
As we embark on a new year and prepare for our Joint Meeting with MAC/MLA this fall, we will use the feedback from the last meeting to make improvements in the best way possible. Mark your calendars for Oct. 27-30 in Charleston, SC. The planning committee is already hard at work, and we hope that you will be able to join us in person for the meeting. I hope that you see SC/MLA as your professional home and that you value membership in our Association. Renewals have been sent, and I encourage you to think of a new librarian or someone you have recently met and invite them to consider membership as you renew yours. Cheers to a successful 2024!

AROUND THE STATES

Alabama

Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library – University of South Alabama (USA)

Submitted by: Gail Kouame, MLIS



Welcome Leesha Coleman and Sarah De Loach

The Baugh Biomedical Library is pleased to welcome Leesha Coleman and **Sarah De Loach**!

Leesha Coleman joined the Biomedical Library team on October 1, 2023, as Assistant Librarian for Assessment and Collections. Ms. Coleman comes to us after serving as a Library Assistant at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Georgia campus in metro Atlanta. She previously served in positions with the Gwinnett County (Georgia) Public Library and the West Florida Public Libraries, based in Pensacola. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State University and a BA in English, with a concentration in Creative Writing and a minor in Psychology, from the University of South Alabama. On a personal note, Leesha enjoys baking, going to anime conventions, and cosplaying. She is also a semi-retired K-pop fan. Her favorite genre of book is YA fairytale retellings.



Sarah De Loach joined the team as Library Technical Assistant I in the Circulation department on November 27, 2023. Ms. De Loach is a recent graduate from Auburn University and received her BA in English: Creative Writing with a minor in History. She obtained her AS in General Studies with a concentration in English at Bishop State Community College. She has plans to continue her education and obtain her MA in Library Sciences once she has settled into her new role with us. Prior to this position, she worked within our own USA Health system in the Neurology department. She has also worked with college students at her alma mater, Auburn University, in the bookstore's textbooks department. Personally speaking, Sarah loves to write, read, go to Renaissance festivals, and go out with friends. Her forever favorite book series is Percy Jackson & The Olympians (sequels, included) - no matter how old she gets.



Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library continued

NLM Traveling Exhibit and Related Events

The Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library hosted the National Library of Medicine's traveling exhibit, "Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War" from September 25 to November 4, 2023. The exhibit was on display in the lobby of the library with artifacts from the Mobile Medical Museum.



NLM Traveling Exhibit: Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War

Panel Presentation and the Pickens Family Papers

Several events took place in association with the NLM exhibit, including a panel presentation by Dr. Henry McKiven, Associate Professor of History and Dr. Jess Mullens, Residency Program Director for Orthopedic Surgery at USA Health. Dr. McKiven's talk was based on information gleaned from the Pickens Family Papers curated by the Doyle Leale McCall Rare Books and Manuscripts Library at USA. Dr. Mullens' presentation covered amputation procedures and how they have evolved over time from the Civil War era to the present.

Online Book Discussion - *Empty Sleeves: Amputation in the Civil War South*

Another event was an online book discussion with Dr. Brian Miller, author of *Empty Sleeves: Amputation in the Civil War South*. In his highly original and deeply researched work, Miller explored the ramifications of amputation on the Confederacy, both during and after the Civil War. He explored how the issues of dependency and disability reshaped Southern society.

Blood Drive

Lastly, the Biomedical Library hosted a blood drive in partnership with LifeSouth Blood Centers in Mobile. Twenty donors registered for the successful event.

Veterans' Expressions Art Exhibit

For the second year in a row, the ArtSpace@BioMed gallery space hosted the Veterans' Expressions art exhibition, featuring artwork by Veterans and artists who are Veteran-affiliated. This year's exhibition included artwork created by family members of library staff members, all of whom were Veterans and were artists or graphic artists, as well as pieces from private collections. The Office of Veteran Affairs partnered with the Biomedical Library to promote the exhibition and to host a reception where visitors could learn about the artists. USA mascots SouthPaw and Pawla were also in attendance.



Presentations and Publications

Webinar: Doing More While Avoiding Burn-Out

Gail Kouame, Director of the Biomedical Library, was invited to be a panelist for a webinar titled, "Doing More While Avoiding Burn-Out: Helping Medical Librarians Balance Emerging Demands." The webinar took place on Wednesday, October 4, and was co-sponsored by the Medical Library Association and Wolters Kluwer. The session was moderated by Michelle Kraft, Director of Library Services at the Cleveland Clinic. Fellow panelists were Bridget Jivanelli, Medical Librarian at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, and Beverly Murphy Assistant Director, Communications and Web Content Management at the Duke University Medical Center Library & Archives. A recording of the webinar is available: : <https://ce-vid.wolterskluwer.com/watch/1VARED23mHfeLSWekxbVGv>

Publications

- **Clanton, C.** Implementing REDCap at the University of South Alabama. *J Hosp Librar.* 2023; 23(1): 211-214. doi: [10.1080/15323269.2023.2223122](https://doi.org/10.1080/15323269.2023.2223122)

Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library Publications continued

- **Basu N, Barinas J, Williams K, Clanton C, Smith PN.** Understanding nurse suicide using an ideation-to-action framework: An integrative review. *J Adv Nurs.* 2023;79(12):4472-4488. doi:[10.1111/jan.15681](https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.15681)
- **Butler D, Mellick LB, Clanton C.** A systematic review of anesthetic, saline and dry needling injections for headache patients. *Emerg Med Open J.* 2023; 9(1): 28-32. doi: [10.17140/EMOJ-9-170](https://doi.org/10.17140/EMOJ-9-170)
- **Britt-Thomas JY, Kridel M, Velez J, Kouame G, Tharrington S, Barrett T, Casanova T.** A scoping review of institutional policies and recommendations for trans inpatient mental health care. *J Psychiatr Ment Health Nurs.* 2023 Dec;30(6):1043-1053. doi: [10.1111/jpm.12933](https://doi.org/10.1111/jpm.12933).

Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Submitted by: Melanie Watts, MLS and Jill Deaver, MA, MLIS

Staff Updates - New Employees and Promotions:

Becca Billings, MLIS, AHIP, was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in October 2023. She is now established in her new role as Systematic Reviews Coordinator in the Clinical, Academic, & Research Engagement Department (CARE) at Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. She is currently working on launching the new webpage and finalizing formal policies for the Systematic Review team and their users. A new tracking form and procedure has been established to track systematic reviews and the team's progress. Becca was formerly the Nursing Liaison and is enjoying her new role as she continues to look for ways to improve systematic reviews at UAB.

Christy Hogan, MLIS, Assistant Professor, Collection Development Librarian for the Health Sciences earned her MLIS from Florida State University. Before taking this newly created position on October 1, 2023, Christy was a member of the Technology and Technical Services department at UAB for 16 years.

Lauren Wheeler, MLIS, Systematic Review Associate, earned her MLIS from Wayne State University in 2016. Before starting at Lister Hill Library in April 2023, Lauren worked at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland Baltimore. At LHL she assists with systematic reviews and other evidence synthesis projects and enjoys every part of the search process! Lauren lives in Maryland, making her our very first fully remote worker.

Melanie Watts, MLS, joined the team in April 2023 as Research Library Associate. Melanie earned her MLS at the University of Alabama and worked for many years at EBSCO Information Services. She is happy to join the team working on chat and LibGuides.



Becca Billings



Christy Hogan



Lauren Wheeler



Melanie Watts

Publications

- **Vance DE, Collette C, Frank JS, Billings R, Deaver J, Del Bene VA, Fazeli PL, Bail JR, Li W, Triebel K, Von Ah D, Wang HL.** Cognitive intra-individual variability in breast cancer survivors: A systematic review. *Appl Neuropsychol Adult*. 2023 Oct 25:1-15. doi: [10.1080/23279095.2023.2270097](https://doi.org/10.1080/23279095.2023.2270097). Epub ahead of print.
- Wilson AB, Brooks WS, Edwards DN, Deaver J, Surd JA, Pirlo OJ, Byrd WA, Meyer ER, Beresheim A, Cuskey SL, Tsintolas JG, Norrell ES, Fisher HC, Skaggs CW, Mysak D, Levin SR, Escutia Rosas CE, Cale AS, Karim MN, Pollock J, Kakos NJ, O'Brien MS, Lufler RS. Survey response rates in health sciences education research: A 10-year meta-analysis. *Anat Sci Educ*. 2023 Oct 18. doi: [10.1002/ase.2345](https://doi.org/10.1002/ase.2345). Epub ahead of print.

Alabama Health Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 9-10, 2023

Sylvia McAphee, MLIS, AHLA 2023 President, coordinated the AHLA meeting which was attended by librarians from across the state of Alabama. Attendees participated in the association's business meeting and heard from three invited speakers who spoke about expressive writing, nature journaling, and music therapy.

From the Nature Journaling workshop:

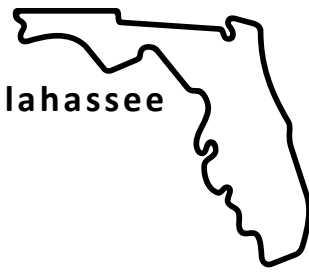


Michael Fitts and Andrea Wright

Florida

Charlotte E. Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee

Submitted by: Melodie Gardner, MLIS, AHIP



FSU Open Scholars Project Symposium

In celebration of NASA's declaration of 2023 as the Year of Open Science, FSU hosted a special symposium September 28 - 29, 2023, the FSU Open Scholars Project Symposium. Organized by librarians in the Medical Library and across the university, this symposium was a participant-driven event featuring a range of topics, projects, and resources related to open science including open access publishing, open data, and more.

The symposium was hosted by the FSU Open Scholars Project (OSP). OSP is a community of practice for researchers and practitioners who are curious about open access publishing, open science, and FAIR data at Florida State University and in the Tallahassee area. The goal of this community is to connect researchers and scholars from all disciplines and provide a supportive space to learn from each other, engage in candid discussions, and apply open principles to research practices.



**Roxann Mouratidis, Camille Thomas, Kassidy Hof-Mahoney,
Gizem Solmaz-Ratzlaff, and Jonathan DaSo.**

Florida Atlantic University Medical Library, Boca Raton FL

Submitted by: Tiffany Follin, MLIS and Michelle Keba Knecht, MS, AHIP

Red & Blue Days

The FAU Libraries organized a weeklong “Amazing Race” scavenger hunt from August 26 –Sept 2, during which it also hosted its second Open House for the FAU community on August 31, 2023. Both events were held in conjunction with the University’s Red and Blue Weeks. External Relations promoted the event using “swag” giveaways to encourage involvement of participants in the Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt as well as those passing by individual tables. The event utilized the same Goosechase platform as last year. FAU Libraries had 182 participants with over 1,515 submissions at the conclusion of the Amazing Race, with 58 submissions for the Medical Library mission during the Open House.

Medical librarians Michelle Keba Knecht and Tiffany Follin connected with approximately 65 students and FAU staff during the event. The fun and informal setting continued to be a wonderful way to switch up the daily routine and interact with students beyond the College of Medicine. The librarians changed certain elements from last year’s event based on qualitative feedback and department analysis. The scavenger hunt utilized the same question (How many parts are in the model heart? Answer: 8), and the new “swag” matched the event’s theme with a stress ball in the shape of a stylized heart featuring the FAU Libraries logo. The model heart was a bit more fragile this year, which played into the lively interactions with students who were promptly given a de-stress heart to utilize during their upcoming semester. Students widely varied in majors, but pre-med students were identified and received a brief explanation on how to access the MCAT prep model available via *PrepSTEP for Colleges and Universities*.



Michelle Keba Knecht and Tiffany Follin

Interprofessional Healthcare Book Club

FAU Libraries hosted the inaugural meeting of the Interprofessional Healthcare Book Club on November 29, 2023, coordinated by Michelle Keba Knecht. The book club will meet each semester to discuss a graphic novel focused on a healthcare topic from the patients' perspective. "Graphic Medicine is a field that explores and supports the interaction between the medium of comics and the discourse of healthcare" (<https://www.graphicmedicine.org/about>). The FAU Interprofessional Book Club brings together voices from the College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, and the School of Social Work, along with any student, staff, or faculty with an interest in healthcare topics. Participation in the book club also fosters critical communication skills that reflect the Core Competencies of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC): Values and Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities, Communications, and Teams and Teamwork.

Allie Brosh's *Hyperbole and a Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things* was well received by attendees, who read Depression Part 1 and Depression Part 2 for the discussion. The next meeting will be held in February and will highlight a graphic novel for National Cancer Prevention Month.



Social Media

The FAU medical librarians are “triple threats”: Healthcare Resource Specialists, Medical Library Content Experts, and... Instagram Stars? Yes, Instagram Stars!

Starting with an untraditional “unboxing” video featuring seven newly arrived graphic medicine novels, which turned into a poster collaboration accepted at 3 conferences, the medical librarians have broken onto the social media scene to connect with and engage audiences in a lighthearted manner intended to humanize librarians using humor and relatability.



Starring the Medical Librarians:

Wimberly Library, @faulibraries. “POV: librarians posing with their books like men pose with fish 🐟” Instagram, October 27, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cy6AGrNAC4I/>

Wimberly Library, @faulibraries. “Joining Forces with Gary Forbes.” Instagram, October 25, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cy1c6qPvhCd/>

Wimberly Library, @faulibraries. “Medical Librarians Month.” Instagram, October 6, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CyEWEvWASyP/>

Wimberly Library, @faulibraries. “Level Up.” Instagram, Sept 25, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CxnoF3ygsER/>

Wimberly Library, @faulibraries. “Wow Kapow!” Instagram, July 13, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CupUk6tgbXE/>

Presentations and Publications

Librarian Spotlight:

Michelle Keba Knecht: <https://library.fau.edu/external-relations/librarian-spotlight-michelle-keba-knecht-senior-medical-librarian>



- **Knecht, M. & Follin, T.** (December 2023) Creating a Graphic Medicine Book Club to Promote Interprofessional Education and Community. Presented at the South Florida Health Science Library Consortium (SFHSLC) Annual Winter Meeting, Online
- **Frood, D., Follin, T., & Fadel, A.** (December 2023) Unboxing the Potential of Instagram: A Graphic Medicine Collection Development Collaboration. Presented at the South Florida Health Science Library Consortium (SFHSLC) Annual Winter Meeting. Online
- **Follin, T.** (November 2023) Express Yourself: Utilizing the PUMP Act in Medical Libraries. Research/Quality Improvement/Program presentation at the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association (PNCMLA) Annual Meeting, Online
- **Frood, D., Follin, T., & Fadel, A.** (November 2023) Unboxing the Potential of Instagram: A Graphic Medicine Collection Development Collaboration. Poster Presented at the Charleston Hub Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
- **Follin, T., Frood, D., & Fadel, A.** (November 2023) Unboxing the Potential of Instagram: A Graphic Medicine Collection Development Collaboration. Poster presentation at the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association (PNCMLA) Annual Meeting. Online.
- **Knecht, M. & Follin, T.** (October 2023) Creating a Graphic Medicine Book Club to Promote Interprofessional Education and Community. Lightning talk presentation at the Tennessee Health Science Library Association (TheSLA). Online.
- **Arshad, S.*, Faliv, M.*, Forbes, J.*, Gerges, M.*, Hooks, O.*, Jones, J.*, Shrontz, A.*, Sibson, K.*, Casey, B., Knecht, M., Perumareddi, P., & Wyatt, A.** (November 2023). Improving pediatric vaccination rates: A scoping review. Poster presentation at Learn Serve Lead 2023: The AMMC Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- **Knecht, MK** (July 2023). AccessPediatrics Review. J Electron Resour Med Libr, 20(2-3), 84-93. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15424065.2023.2237402>

Staff Updates:

Meet our new library intern!

This fall we welcomed another library science student as our latest intern. **Emily Hannum** joined the team as a Library Technical Assistant and is responsible for assisting patrons and managing the library’s technology. She also supports reference, scholarly communication, public services, and collection development projects.

Emily has a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland University College, a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, and she anticipates graduating with her master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida in the spring of 2024. Her academic interests include special populations and intersectionality within criminal justice systems, including health topics such as mental disorders and addiction management.




Emily Hannum

Publications:

Gotschall T, Spencer A, Hoogland MA, Cortez E, Irish E. Journals accepting case reports. J Med Libr Assoc. 2023 Oct 2;111(4):819-822. doi:10.5195/jmla.2023.1747.

Gotschall T. Resource Review: EndNote 21 desktop version. J Med Libr Assoc. 2023 Oct 2;111(4):852-853. doi: 10.5195/jmla.2023.1803.

A large, stylized yellow ribbon award. The award consists of a central circular medallion with a white border, surrounded by a wide, multi-layered yellow ribbon that forms a large, circular, sunburst-like shape. The ribbon has a slight 3D effect with darker yellow shading on the outer edges. Two long, pointed ribbons extend downwards from the bottom of the circular shape.

**Shalu Gillum received the
University of Central Florida
College of Medicine 2023
Outstanding Peer Mentorship
Award.**



USF Health Libraries, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Submitted by: Tsu Yin Lue

New Staff Members

Our newest members of staff, **Damion J. Beckett** and **Bryan Reeder**, joined us this year and have seamlessly integrated into life at the USF Health Libraries.

Damion J. Beckett joined us this August as our new Library Operations Supervisor. He manages our Access Services group, a team composed of staff and student employees, at two physical locations. Prior to the USF Health Libraries, Damion was a Library Service Specialist at Lincoln University in Oxford, PA. Damion has a Master of Science in Management with a focus on Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Liberty University. He brings a wealth of project management expertise, effective communication, and leadership experience from his work and volunteer experience. Additionally, he currently serves as the Social Actions Project Manager for the Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Bryan Reeder joined us this September. He is a recent graduate from the University of Florida and the newest addition to the library staff as our Fiscal and Business Specialist. He is thrilled to join the USF Health Libraries as his first professional job. He enjoys playing tennis in his spare time and is passionate about learning how to utilize AI to benefit the world around us.



Damion J Beckett

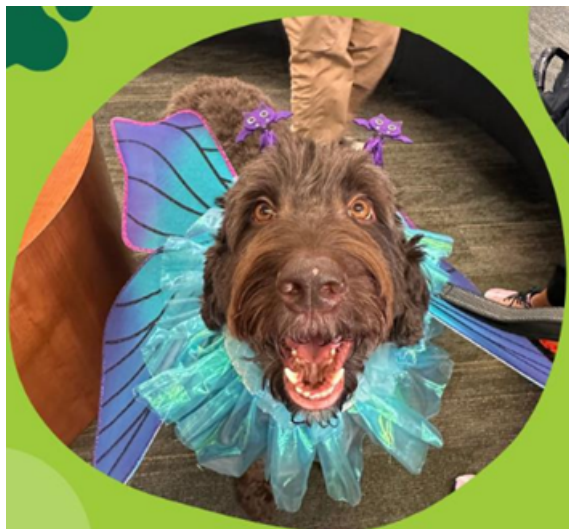


Bryan Reeder

USF Health Libraries Continued

Fall Events

Our therapy events continue to be popular. Who doesn't enjoy dogs, treats, and crafts?

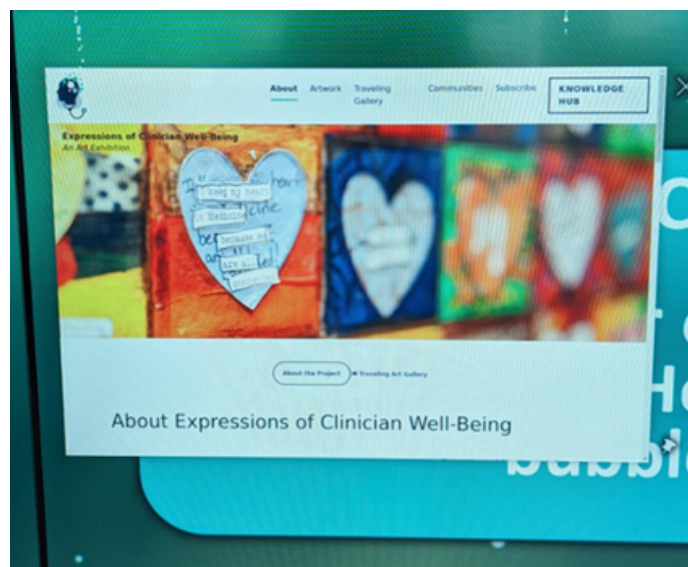


We were joined at a few of our dog therapy events by the Activist Lab from USF's College of Public Health. Let's Chat! is their current project, based on the Surgeon General's 2023 report, *Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation*. The Activist Lab aims to help combat the epidemic of loneliness and social isolation in our country by providing materials on strategies to prevent loneliness and to build social connections. To engage people, it uses a fun spinning wheel of questions that people get to answer and then receive swag. The Activist Lab is also working with the Florida Public Health Association to advance efforts to reduce loneliness and isolation throughout Florida. It is developing a statewide resource guide that will help people connect with one another and groups and agencies.

Halloween dog therapy, one of our biggest annual events, looked different at our two locations. Snacks, drinks, therapy dogs, and a mystery box of swag were available at each location.

Exhibits are back!

We kickstarted hosting exhibits at the USF Health Libraries again with the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) traveling art exhibit, "Expressions of Clinician Well-Being." The exhibit addressed clinician burnout and was hosted at Shimberg Health Sciences Library for a 2-month run. The physical exhibit included a small portion of the artwork from the original exhibition, which can be viewed online. Some of the artwork in this exhibit can be emotionally challenging topic matter.

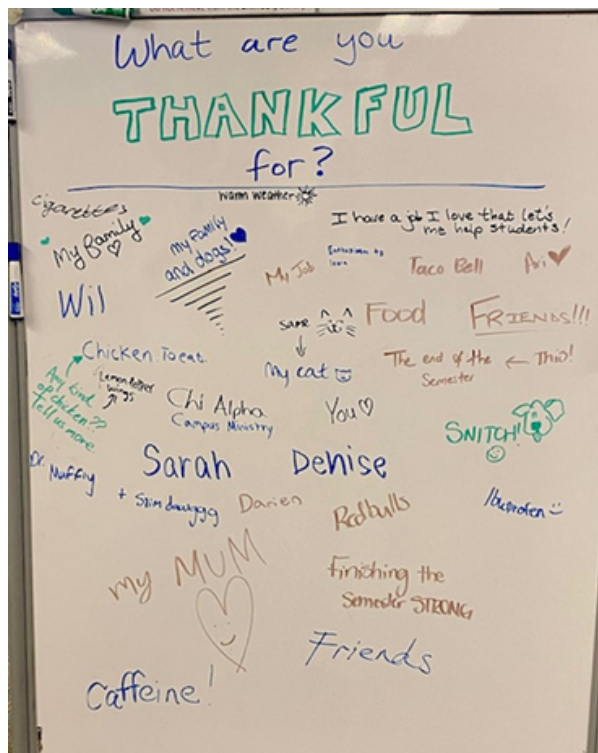


USF Health Libraries Continued

Passive Engagement

We have continued our passive programming (puzzles, coloring sheets, etc.) through the semester to help students de-stress and relax. We also brought back our Exam Week Snack Break at Shimberg. We are currently trialing it at our downtown location, Florida Blue Health Knowledge Exchange.

Additionally, we also decided to try something new this semester – white board prompts. As we started bringing exhibits back to Shimberg post-pandemic, we believed the potential increase of foot traffic would give us another opportunity to engage patrons.



Conferences and Publications

Several of our librarians attended the 2023 Southern Chapter - South Central Joint MLA Chapter Meeting in New Orleans this September.

Stephanie Tomlinson, MLIS, AHIP, served as the Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee, and also presented a paper with **Janet Chan, MLIS, AHIP**, on behalf of the USFHL Research & Education Unit:

- **Tomlinson S, Bullers K, Howard AM, Hanson A, Chan J, Murray Conner LA, Lue T.** "Usability Testing for a Health Sciences Library Website Design," Paper presented at SC- SCC 2023 Joint MLA Chapter Meeting; September 21-26, 2023; New Orleans, LA.

USF Health Libraries Continued

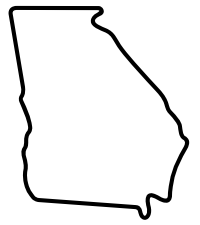
Also in attendance at the joint conference were **Rose Bland, Dr. Julie Evener, and Mindy Berg**. Mindy and Julie returned to New Orleans shortly after the joint conference to attend ALA's Core Forum conference.

Later in the semester, **Rose Bland, MA, MPA, AHIP**, ventured out to Seattle for AAHSL and AAMC conferences. **Ardis Hanson, PhD** joined her for the AAMC meeting.

Dr. Ardis Hanson virtually attended ACURIL's Executive Council meeting as Parliamentarian and Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.



**From all of us at the USF Health Libraries,
Happy Holidays!!!**



Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library, Augusta University, Augusta GA

Submitted by: Darra Ballance, MLIS

Library Anniversary Celebration

The Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library concluded its year-long 60th Anniversary celebrations with two major events. The library was established in 1834, but it wasn't until 1963 when a building was constructed specifically for it. Prior to 1963 the library shared limited space with classrooms, laboratories, and offices in other campus buildings. On October 18, 2023, Dr. Robert Nesbit gave an informative lecture on Dr. Robert Greenblatt, the library's namesake since 1988. Renée Sharrock gave a presentation on the history of the library featuring Sadie Rainsford and Dr. Tom Basler. Many retirees and former employees of the library attended. For the final event, the Greenblatt Library hosted a Student Food & Fun Fair featuring lawn games, therapy dogs, and Augusta University's mascot, Augustus. Some of the university's student services such as the Health Professionals Outreach and Center for Writing Excellence, also had information tables. The free boxed lunches for the students were given out within 30 minutes, and the celebration cake was cut and distributed within 15 minutes. The Student Fair was an outstanding event to close out the 60th Anniversary celebrations.



**Dean of Libraries Brad Warren cuts the celebration cake.
The therapy dogs can be see in the background.**

Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library continued



Library staff attending the 60th Anniversary Celebration included Kathy Davies, Lisa Workman, Brad Warren, Lynn Dennison, Brenda Seago, and Frank Dennison.

NLM Traveling Exhibit

Greenblatt will be hosting a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine from December 18 to January 27. “Care and Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health” looks at the history of how the United States has addressed and treated mental health issues. More information is available here: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/traveling-careandcustody.html>

Publications and Publications

- **Britt-Thomas JY, Kridel M, Velez J, Kouame G, Tharrington S, Barrett T, Casanova T.** A scoping review of institutional policies and recommendations for trans inpatient mental health care. *J Psychiatr Ment Health Nurs.* 2023 Dec;30(6):1043-1053. doi: [10.1111/jpm.12933](https://doi.org/10.1111/jpm.12933). Epub 2023 May 18.
- **Aspasia Luster, Bettina Askew, Lexy Katic.** “Wowzers: Creating a Library Hangout Spot from Scratch.” Georgia Libraries Conference.

The Wow Space was located on the first floor during the library’s renovation in 2022. The purpose of the Wow Space was to allow a relaxing space for students to de-stress. The library had been without a leisure reading collection or a book budget for the last ten years, so this was an exciting project anticipated by all the library employees. The presentation discussed their brainstorming of ideas, the designing of the relaxation elements of the space, how they researched which games, artwork, and books to purchase, the ordering process, the assigned budget, and the project timeline. Although this was the “fun” and last part of the renovation process, there was a lot of work and time involved to make the Wow Space a welcoming environment that would pique students’ interest and entice them to visit the library for relaxation.

Staff Updates

On September 1 the Augusta University Libraries welcomed **Elizabeth Lightfoot** as the inaugural Director of Collections and Resource Strategies. As part of the Dean's Senior Leadership team, Elizabeth will provide leadership for collections, acquisitions, cataloging, e-resources, scholarly communications, data services, special collections, and government documents for the Augusta University Libraries. The complete story is available here:

<https://aulibraries.com/2023/08/07/elizabeth-lightfoot-to-join-au-libraries-as-inaugural-director-of-collections-and-resource-strategies/>.

Erin Prentiss is the new Access Services Librarian at the Augusta University Libraries. She is a former ALA Spectrum Scholar and graduated with an MSLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Ms. Prentiss started her library career at Augusta University as a Reference and User Engagement Librarian. Most recently, she served as the Outreach Services Manager at the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System. Ms. Prentiss is excited to return to Augusta University and looks forward to helping the Access Services department meet user needs.

Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Submitted by: Kimberly R Powell, MIS

2023 SCC/SCMLA Joint Meeting Presentations by Emory Librarians

The Emory Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library supported two librarians attending the recent SCMLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Research Impact Informationist, **Kim Powell**, presented a paper entitled "The Five Library Directors: Visions for Medical Librarianship from the Last 100 Years," as well as a poster highlighting the library's efforts in celebrating our 100-year Anniversary. Kim also participated in the [SCCMLA Writing Retreat](#) co-sponsored at the annual meeting by the South Central Academic Medical Libraries (SCAMEL) Consortium. **Hannah Rogers**, Head of Information Services, presented a lightning talk, "Adapting to the Future: Strategies for Successfully Managing Informationists in a Hybrid Environment."



Emory WHSC Library Continued

WHSC Library Celebrates its 100-year Anniversary

The WHSC Library continues to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Emory University Medical Library. Founded as the Abner Wellborn Calhoun Medical Library in 1923 to support the Emory University School of Medicine, the library first opened its doors in January 1924. The WHSC Library now supports the university's schools of medicine, nursing, and public health, in addition to the graduate school division of biological and biomedical sciences. WHSC Library also supports the Emory Healthcare System and numerous Atlanta-based research centers, such as the Emory National Primate Research Center and the Georgia Clinical and Translational Sciences Alliance.

Two recent events highlighted the anniversary theme *Building on a Legacy: Soaring to New Heights*. On September 14 Dr. Patty Brennan spoke in her last public appearance as Director of the National Library of Medicine. Her talk, "Real Libraries for a Future Powered by Artificial Intelligence," highlighted the important role of libraries in the future and the impact of AI. Following her keynote address, a panel discussion on "Impactful Collaborations," showcased librarian impacts on university programs, missions, and outcomes. Recordings of the two-hour celebration event can be viewed on the library's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/6vl18mDy2Gw>.

On October 24 the library highlighted its past as part of the 20th Annual J. Willis Hurst History of Medicine Symposium. **Matt Miller**, WHSC Library Collections Specialist, showcased the landmark works in the history of anatomy available through our historical print collections, in addition to a first edition copy of Andreas Vesalius *De Humani Corporis Fabrica Libri Septem* (1543). WHSC Library Archivist **Ashley Stevens** presented highlights from the J. Willis Hurst Papers, including correspondence with then-President Lyndon B. Johnson and First Lady Lady Bird Johnson, to whom he served as personal physician. WHSC Library Research Informationist **Kim Powell** presented on the legacies of the library's five directors since 1923. Each of the directors were strong female leaders who not only directed the library but left a lasting impact on the profession of medical librarianship. Library-based content at the symposium was then closed by invited speaker and former WHSC Library director (service years 1984-2000), **Carol Burns, AHIP, FMLA**. Burns spoke on the library collaboration with the Atlanta-Tbilisi Health Partnership Program to establish a national medical library in the country of Georgia.

Throughout the year, the Rigor and Reproducibility Seminar Series has added to the anniversary celebration events by hosting several timely talks on current events. On October 5 WHSC Library Research Informationist **Jeremy Kupsco**, hosted Dr. Judy Gichoya on a talk, "Hidden in Plain Sight: Harnessing AI's Ability for Population Health from Medical Images." Recordings of this one-hour presentation are available on the library's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wsitea0PBjs>

Emory WHSC Library Recent Publications

Congratulations to the six Emory librarians who received authorship credits on ten recent systematic review publications.

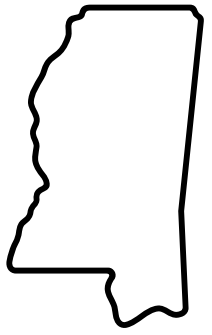
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MISSISSIPPI

Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center,
Jackson, MS

Submitted by: Misti Thornton, MLIS

Law in the Library



Officer Shoemaker and K9 Law brought smiles to many faces during a recent visit to the library. Law is the newest addition the UMMC Police and Public Safety Department. He is a 1-year-old German Shepherd with special training to detect explosives. They have been making rounds around the campus to introduce him to the community. On this visit, they greeted library faculty and staff members and students while waiting for his special guest appearance at the Council of Deans meeting in the library classroom.

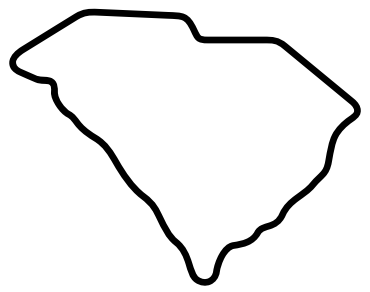
Happy Retirement



The faculty and staff of the Rowland Medical Library would like to wish **Susan Clark** the best in her retirement. Susan joined the faculty at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2004. She served in various roles during her tenure at the library, including Head of Reference, and later Director of the library. **Congratulations, Susan! We wish you a happy retirement.**

SOUTH CAROLINA

Health Sciences Library, Prisma Health Upstate, Greenville, SC



Submitted by: Loretta Westcott, ML

Medical Library Outreach

On October 27, the Prisma Health Education & Research Institute sponsored the Education and Research Showcase to celebrate and highlight research and quality improvement projects conducted by Prisma Health team members and academic partners including Clemson University, Furman University, and the University of South Carolina. The event was held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center and offered poster presentations, speakers, networking, and an awards ceremony. The Prisma Health Upstate Library was invited to participate and sponsored an Outreach and Research Table to educate and inform attendees about library services and resources. The library's display featured a theme previously used in an MLA poster, "Take the Right Path - Partner with Your Medical Library," The display featured many of the ways that the library supports during the research and process improvement journey. Bookmarks, brochures, and candy were distributed to those who stopped by. The event was well attended and provided a great marketing and educational opportunity to illustrate the library's value.

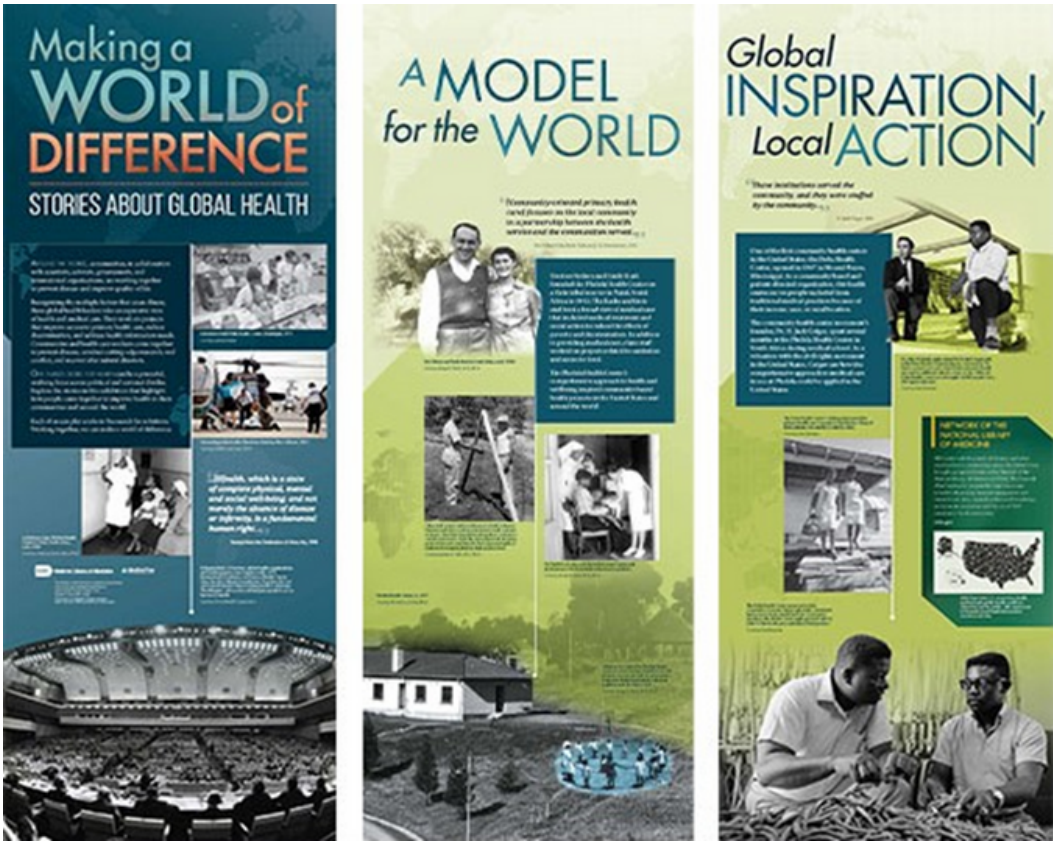


Library Staff members Teresa Head and Loretta Westcott greet attendees at the Education and Research Showcase.

Submitted by: Felicia Yeh, MLIS

NLM Traveling Exhibit – Global Health

The USC School of Medicine - Columbia Library is excited to host one of the National Library of Medicine’s Traveling Exhibits, “Making a World of Difference: Stories about Global Health,” between October 17, 2023 and January 27, 2024, in the library’s first floor space. The exhibit is comprised of six graphic banners, and the exhibit’s goal is: “Around the world, communities, in collaboration with scientists, activists, governments, and international organizations, are taking up the challenge to prevent disease and improve quality of life. “Making a World of Difference: Stories about Global Health” examines stories of the people who are working on a wide range of issues—from community health to conflict and disease to discrimination—to improve health in their areas and beyond.”

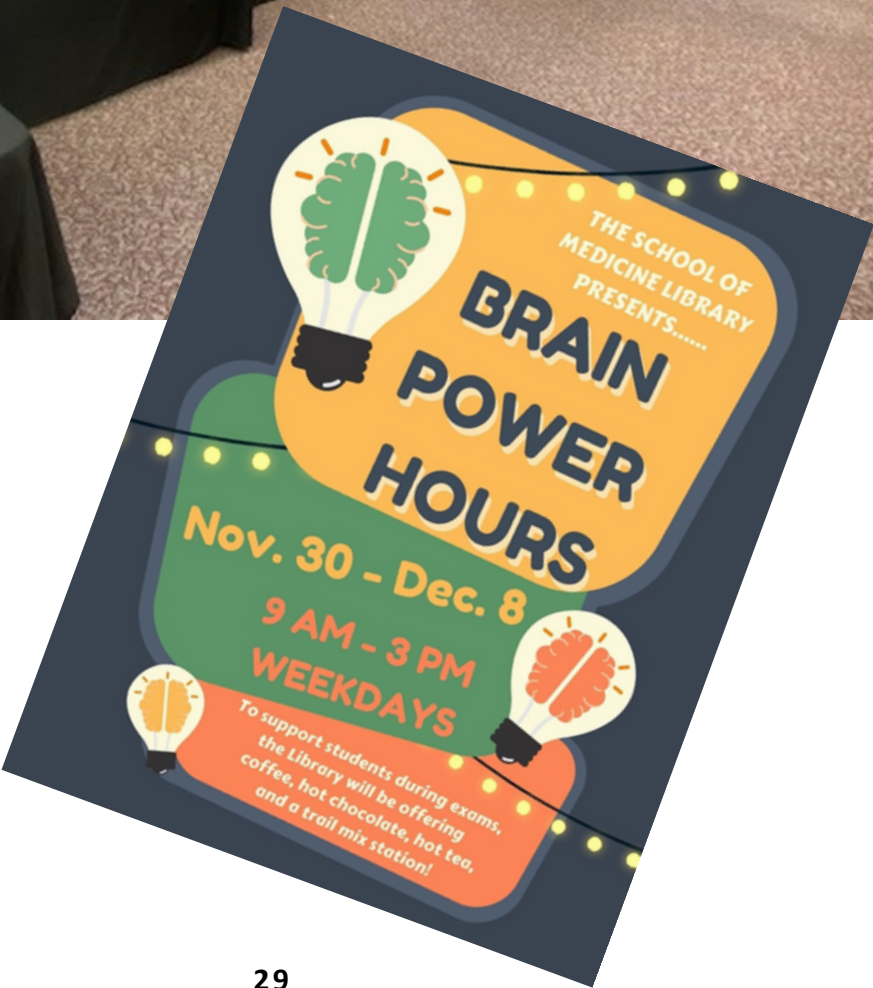


Library Video

To celebrate National Medical Librarians Month in October, the library was featured on the School of Medicine web site featuring a brief video produced by the School of Medicine Marketing and Communications team.

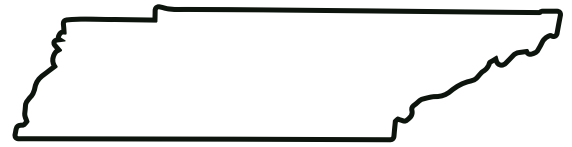
Exam Week Program - Brain Power Hours

During the exam period the library hosted “Brain Power Hours” November 30 through December 8 to help students re-charge and de-stress. The event provided a trail mix station, coffee, hot chocolate, and hot tea for all students.



Tennessee

University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center,
Memphis, TN



Submitted by: Sarah Thompson

Harry Potter Comes to UTHSC

“Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine,” a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine, visited the UTHSC Health Science Library recently.

The Health Sciences Archives packed those six weeks with magical events to highlight the exhibit. We started out with Accio Answers: Harry Potter Trivia and Costume Contest on October 26. On November 8 we explored the Magical World of Medicinal Plants with our students, offering them health information about herbs and plants and a Lithops to take with them! The restricted section (the Archives Reading Room) was opened on November 15 for patrons to see some of the unique items from medicine’s past. To wrap up this season of wizards and warlocks we had two Care of Magical Creatures events where students could care for some of the most magical creatures in existence – dogs!



**Jenessa McElfresh, Lin Wu, Hilary Jasmin, Kaitlyn Ritacca, and Jess Newman
of the UTHSC Health Sciences Library.**

UTHSC Library Continued

Presentations - Southern and South Central Chapter Joint Meeting in New Orleans

UTHSC faculty and staff headed down to New Orleans to present five presentations and papers. **Sarah Newell, MLIS**, and **Hilary Jasmin, MSIS**, received the 2nd place Research Award for their poster presentation on information literacy and AI.

UTHSC faculty also presented the following:

- “Information Literacy as an Avenue for AI-Generated Healthcare Simulation Case Appraisal,” by **Hilary Jasmin, Sarah Newell, Tara Lemoine, Xavier Agee, and Carmen Kelley**
- “Conceptualizing and Operationalizing Empathy as a Cornerstone of Systematic Review Services,” by **Jenessa McElfresh and Hilary Jasmin**
- “Kindred Spirits Rallying Together in Pursuit of Radical Self-Care in Tumultuous Times,” by **Tamara Nelson and Shannon D. Jones**
- “Assessing and Enhancing Library Workshops: Results of a Multi-Institution Environmental Scan,” by **Jenessa McElfresh and Kaitlyn Ritacca**
- “Thorns and Roses: The Benefits and Challenges of Early Career Librarians in Complex Reviews,” by **Lindsey Baird, Sally Smith, Amanda McCleod, Annabelle Lee, Karen Burton, and Shelby Carroll**



UTHSC Library presenters at the Joint SC-SCC MLA meeting:
Top Row: Sarah Newell, Annabelle Lee, and Hilary Jasmin
Bottom Row: Jenessa McElfresh, Kaitlyn Ritacca, and Tamara Nelson

SOUTH CENTRAL & SOUTHERN CHAPTERS

2023 JOINT CHAPTER MEETING

Dede Rios, SCC Program Conference Co-Chair and Christine Willis, Southern Program Conference Co-Chair

Hosted in New Orleans, LA the South Central & Southern Chapter Joint Meeting was held September 21-26. Despite the long road to actually get to holding this meeting, it was a success. Combining our chapters required many zoom meetings as well as in person meetings to coordinate the best outcomes. We agreed to have some traditions from both chapters represented, and we were so pleased to have 283 members in attendance, 59 of whom were new members! Even our vendor exhibitors and sponsors wanted to help us put on a wonderful meeting and came out in strong support. They donated so many prizes for our exhibit hall raffle, including a one year MLA membership. Amalia de la Vega, from Southern Chapter, won that grand prize!

Highlights included keynote speakers: Heather Veneziano, Architectural Historian (Tulane University) – who spoke to us about the unique burial practices in New Orleans and Elizabeth Shexnyder, local curator of the National Hansen’s Disease Museum in Carville, Louisiana - who shared her experience and history of the museum. In addition, Dr. Thomas LaVeist, Dean of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (Tulane University) premiered his first episode of a soon-to-air limited series, *The Skin You’re In* and spoke to us about the impact of social policy and the quality of life of African Americans in the United States.



Amalia de la Vega (left)

We had great content from both chapters: 40 papers, 13 lightning talks, 10 continuing education classes, six round tables and 24 posters. Fun dine-arounds allowed us all to get better acquainted.

We had been building up to this meeting by hosting Chapter Chats via Zoom each month and inviting members, LIS students, and other librarian non-members to come and ask questions about our chapters, discuss what to expect from our chapter meeting, and to get familiar with each other.

SOUTH CENTRAL & SOUTHERN CHAPTERS
2023 JOINT CHAPTER MEETING
RESEARCH PAPER AND POSTER AWARDS

Awards were given to the best presentations at the meeting, regardless of chapter affiliation. Each presentation was rated based on the recordings that were submitted before the meeting. They were independently scored by four Research Committee members, two from each chapter.

Papers

1st place: Emily W. Blevins, Nakia J. Woodward, Kelly Loyd, Aaron S. Castle, Rachel R. Walden, Rick L. Wallace. (Southern Chapter)

“An Examination of Indexing: The Case of Appalachia.”

https://www.youtube.com/embed/HSfknIrvdOQ?si=vw8O5CR91I_0QEVe

2nd place: Amy Corder, Laura Haygood, Laura Wright, Samantha O'Connell, Keith Pickett.

(South Central Chapter) “Knowledge of Systematic Review Methodology Among Health Sciences Faculty: A Cross-sectional Survey.”

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3rd place: Julia M. Esparza, Montie’ Dobbins, Elliott Freeman, Leah Bryant, Madison Coleman, Ava Pollard, Prerana Ramesh, Justin Smith. (South Central Chapter) “Is everything free on the Internet? An Analysis of LSUHS Grant Associated Publication Citations.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQQfl6Jr7Co>

Posters

1st place: Toni Hoberecht, Dora Mensah. (South Central Chapter) “Needs Assessment for a Makerspace for a Campus Community.”

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/9OhaODrF37I?si=Yyy9udT55C20GcT8>

2nd place: Hilary Jasmin, Sarah Newell, Tara Lemoine, Xavier Agee, Carmen Kelley. (Southern Chapter) “Information Literacy as an Avenue for AI-Generated Healthcare Simulation Case Appraisal.”

https://www.youtube.com/embed/EGt0PBSDIzs?si=rbqWh2UNmN3O_MfQ

3rd place: Lance Day and Karen Flynn. (Southern Chapter) “Teaching CSD Students EBP Access and Utilization Skills.” <https://www.youtube.com/embed/QhUYg7ay6uo>



Many thanks to the planning committees from both chapters who made the joint meeting possible.

Position/Role	SC/MLA	SCC/MLA
Chapter Chair/President	Emily Brennan	Dede Rios
Past Chapter Chair/President	Skye Bickett	David Duggar
Program/Conference Chair	Christine Willis	Dede Rios
Program/Conference Chair-Elect	Lisa Ennis	-----
Communications	Misty Thorton	Amy Faltinek
Professional Development/CE	Stephanie Tomlinson	Julia Esparza, Deidra Woodson
Hospital Libraries	Christine Willis	Sonja Settle
Local Arrangements	Sarah Adcock, Elizabeth Hinton	Jennifer Lloyd, Keith Pickett
Papers and Posters	Megan Bell	Laura Wright
Website and Registration	Pamela Herring	Montie' Dobbins
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2023 HONORS AND AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Honors and Awards Committee Report

Submitted by Rachel Whitney, MLIS, AHIP

AHIP Scholarship: Michelle Knecht, Jane Morgan-Daniel, Courtney Pyche

First-Time Meeting Attendee: Christopher Eaton

Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship: Sally Smith

Academic Librarian of the Year Award: Emily Weyant Blevins

Emily W. Blevins, MSLIS, AHIP, is the Senior Clinical Reference Librarian and an Assistant Professor at East Tennessee State University's Quillen College of Medicine located in Johnson City, TN. She is a former ORISE fellow from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Library and Information Center's Atlanta campus. She has worked in medical and public health libraries and assisted with consumer health outreach for over a decade in the areas of instruction, grants, and research. Emily's professional interests include active participation in state, regional, and national library associations as well as serving as a column editor and librarian selector/reviewer. Her favorite research topic is anything that has a direct impact on or facilitates a discussion about librarian practice or wellbeing. Her personal hobbies include gardening and landscaping (native plants and food forests), cooking, baking, and chicken-keeping.



A decorative header image featuring frosted pine branches in shades of blue and white, creating a winter or holiday theme.

KINDRED SPIRITS CONTEST WINNERS

Annabelle Lee, MSLS and Kay Strahan, MSLIS, AHIP

Kindred Spirits was the theme of the Joint South Central and Southern Chapters of the Medical Library Association 2023 meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. A promotional contest paired members from each chapter who agreed to meet at least once virtually prior to the meeting and then in person at the New Orleans meeting. They would compose an entry explaining what they learned from both the Kindred Spirits project and participating in the meeting. The winning entry was from **Annabelle Lee** (University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center) and **Kay Strahan** (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences). They each received a one-year Medical Library Association membership.

Kay and Annabelle Lee

It was not too long ago,
In this city by the sea
That a librarian there visited whom you may know
By the name of Annabelle Lee;
And this librarian she visited with no other thought
Than to be Kindred Spirits with me.
Kay was a librarian, and she was a librarian
In this city by the Mississippi,
But we competed in this competition to win a prize
Kay and one Annabelle Lee –
What we learned was no surprise
In this city by the sea,
Kay loves to read, write, talk, and walk with all sorts of friends
As does Annabelle Lee.
We are building community of which there is no compare
Our chapters may be separate, but our friendship will go on –
Fueled by a love of our jobs, our people,
And our shared city by the Mississippi
Kay and one Annabelle Lee.

Kindred Spirits Continued



Meeting in person at the SC-SCCMLA Joint Meeting were Annabelle Lee and Kay Strahan, winners of the Kindred Spirits contest.

Annabelle's Summary

During the Kindred Spirits contest, I was able to learn more about Kay Strahan and the South Central Chapter of MLA. Kay Strahan is the solo on-site librarian for the Northwest Campus of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). I was impressed to learn how Kay tackles her role as a solo librarian by serving many different populations and colleges. On top of that, I learned more about the South Central Chapter of MLA. I enjoyed learning about the armadillo mascot, and it was exciting to see how many SCC attendees represented the mascot and their chapter through their apparel during the 2023 Joint Meeting in New Orleans.

Kay's Summary

It was so fun meeting Annabelle during the Kindred Spirits contest and hearing about her role as a Research & Learning Services Librarian at The University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, TN. Annabelle's ambition in librarianship was evident in her actions at the conference and in our one-on-one meetings. Seeing and hearing about her LibGuides skills was particularly remarkable for me. Connecting with old and new friends in Southern Chapter during the 2023 Joint Meeting in New Orleans was a lovely experience. I hope I'm not alone in saying I hope SCC/SC MLA continue to host joint conferences in the future.

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE SC/MLA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Christopher Eaton, MLS, AHIP, Borland Library, University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL

I am grateful to have been the recipient of the First-Time Attendee Scholarship which allowed me to attend the 2023 SC-SCCMLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. I want to thank the Honors and Awards Committee for selecting me.

As a career changer (of sorts) from more than twenty years in public libraries, I wasn't sure what to expect from the New Orleans meeting. Previous opportunities to attend library conferences in my previous positions had been limited. I was told by a colleague that the SCMLA Annual Meetings are conferences of "just the right size"- less overwhelming than MLA but with more opportunities to be involved than state conferences. Thus the 2023 SC-SCCMLA Annual Meeting would be a wonderful opportunity to experience a professional library conference, and after attending, I couldn't agree more.

I was able to attend the virtual preconference CE course "Activate, Collaborate, Educate: Library Health Outreach." I enjoyed the interactive component of this course that allowed learners to explore the systems and identify the relevant health information needs of sectors in our respective communities.

Going into the conference I had a few goals that I wanted to keep in mind. One was that I wanted to meet colleagues from a variety of backgrounds, and I did. Another was that I wanted to give a presentation at a conference, and I was able to give two: one of them was on my own, and the other was as a co-presenter with my supervisor and a colleague. After presenting a paper on transitioning from a public library into a health sciences library, I was approached by a few attendees who had done the same thing, and we were able to share our experiences. This opportunity not only kicked off my early efforts at achieving career scholarship goals but was also helpful in further developing my presentation skills and making connections with health science librarians in the region.

A quick mention of the fascinating keynote address about the New Orleans cemeteries and their mausoleums (which I wasn't expecting), and the thought-provoking address and documentary on racial disparities in healthcare.

My experiences at the 2023 SC-SCCMLA Annual Meeting and all the friendly, supportive colleagues not only makes me excited to attend next year's conference but also to get involved with the Southern Chapter through committee assignments and whatever else I can do to help other librarians have the same experiences that I had.



FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE REPORT APHA

Erin Reardon MFA, MLIS, AHIP, Emory University, Atlanta GA

In November, I received a Sewell Stipend to attend the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. When I joined Emory University as a Public Health Informationist in March, my health sciences librarianship experience was focused on the needs of medical school learners and researchers, not public health. In fact, it was hard for me to conceptualize what the work in public health looks like outside of academia—it's such a broad and interdisciplinary field. Attending the APHA conference provided a great opportunity for me to learn more about the depth and breadth of the work in public health, from health surveys to climate justice and everything in between.

The Conference: I love attending conferences for the energy—the energy of the attendees, the presenters, the calls to action — all of it was present in full force at APHA. I attended memorable sessions on indigenous health, climate and environmental justice, women's and maternal health, and much more.

The overarching theme that echoed throughout this year's conference, from the opening session onward, was this: the solution to the public health crisis in the United States isn't a healthcare solution, it's a systemic problem that is the job of multiple agencies and disciplines to fix. I left the conference exhausted, but also energized to return to my work with the school of public health at Emory with a better understanding of the field.

Connections: A cohort of health sciences librarians received a stipend to attend the conference, and we met virtually a few times before the conference and in person once we were there. I'm so glad to have met my fellow public health librarians, many of whom are in Southern Chapter! As part of the requirements for receiving the stipend, I worked with a public health faculty member at my institution to serve as my mentor for the conference. This has led to a great faculty connection, and I hope to partner with my mentor on teaching and learning in the coming semesters.

Sewell Stipend: Attending the conference was a great experience and a valuable crash course on the work of public health. If you work with a public health audience, I'd recommend attending if you can. The Sewell Stipend is awarded to a cohort of librarians each year through a competitive application process. They usually put a call out through the Public Health / Health Administration Caucus and other MLA caucuses and groups during the summer, so keep an eye out. You can read more about the stipend on their [website](#). I hope you have the chance to apply and attend a future APHA conference!

JOCELYN RANKIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Sally Smith, MSLS, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson SC

As a recipient of the Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship, I had the opportunity to attend the December 2023 offering of the University of Michigan's Systematic Reviews Opportunities for Librarians Workshop. The Taubman Health Sciences Library offers workshops in the winter and spring to information professionals who want to advance the skills essential to evidence synthesis projects. Instructors offered content asynchronously and synchronously during three Zoom training sessions. The workshop walked attendees through the essential duties of a librarian involved in systematic reviews, including project management, comprehensive searching, protocol development and more.

The search strategy project was most impactful, in that participants developed systematic searches from a sample topic. We each then received individual feedback and opportunities to discuss our final search with an instructor. Although part of the session was asynchronous, I developed a sense of camaraderie with other participants through forum posts where we shared our experiences learning the workshop content. The synchronous workshops also included lively discussions and hands-on activities where we could practice what we learned. The in-person sessions culminated in creating an action plan where we articulated how to take what we had learned and put it into action at our institutions. I plan to seek out review teams to gauge their willingness to have me participate in projects and to practice my searching skills using the University of Michigan's practice search sets. I am grateful for Southern Chapter's financial support of my endeavors, and I enthusiastically encourage SCMLA members to take advantage of this workshop.



MAKING LIBRARY CONNECTIONS IN SPAIN

Susan Epstein, MLIS, AHIP. Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University

While planning my October 2023 vacation in Spain, I hoped to meet with Spanish researchers to discuss developing and testing a Spanish language version of an instructional module that Robyn Rosasco and I had created. We wanted to expand beyond our original study, described in the presentation, “Google Scholar Search Tips Instructional Module: User Testing and Design Modification.” But who would be appropriate to connect with? After searching the library literature for articles related to information literacy and instructional design, I sent an email to three possible researchers in Spain. Nothing happened right away, but on day 5, an email arrived from Miguel Ángel Marzal Garcia-Quismondo, Doctor Profesor Titular Biblioteconomía y Documentación y Director Departamento de Biblioteconomía y Documentación. So exciting! Several emails ensued, and a date was set for me to meet him at the Carlos III University (UC3M) in Madrid.



Susan Epstein

Spain Continued



Miguel Angel, Library director Lola Santonja Garriga, Directora de la Biblioteca de Humanidades, Comunicación y Documentación and Paco López Hernández, Coordinador de Apoyo a la Docencia gave us a wonderful tour, including study/meeting spaces and physical collections. They use LibGuides and Alma/Primo.



After the tour, we returned to Miguel Angel's office to discuss the instructional module and how it might fit in with his European information literacy project, "Educability." The Madrid library meeting developed valuable connections for future collaborations.

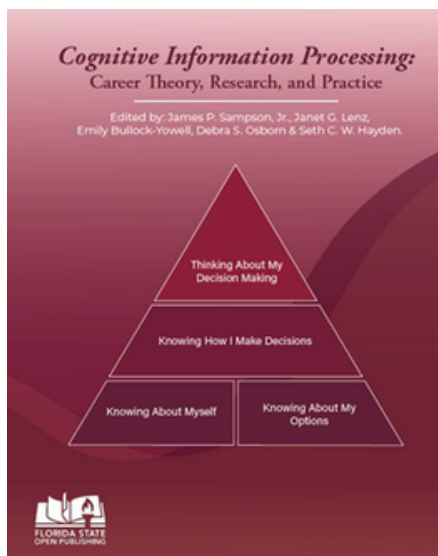
ADVENTURES IN OPEN-ACCESS BOOK PUBLISHING: THE FINAL CHAPTER

Susan Epstein, MSLS, AHIP, Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University, has co-authored a chapter for an edited, open-access textbook. *Cognitive Information Processing: Career Theory, Research, and Practice* has been published by Florida State Open Publishing.

Susan's chapter is about career resource collections and emphasizes general library best practices. It is based on her work experience at the Maguire Medical Library. Because the MML is a special library in an academic parent organization, the chapter should be helpful to resource managers from all types of libraries that support any specialized type of education, research, and practice.

Susan reports that there have been several lessons learned from this adventure:

- Edited books with many contributors can take a very long time to publish. This book took at least 1.5 years.
- Being lead author of a chapter requires vision, patience, mentoring, and communication/editing skills.
- Writing always takes more time than expected, because it includes research, decision-making, organizing, re-organizing, and structuring paragraphs with topic/related sentences.
- Maintaining connections with former colleagues can present wonderful opportunities for collaboration.
- Working with a former job-share partner and former boss can be a lot of fun!



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