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### Library Resources & Events

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### Have You Seen Our Marx Library Instagram Live?

Marx Library LIVE began in Fall 2017, when Beth Shepard and Stephanie Ard teamed up to produce a weekly livestream reference session. Initially, the program was hosted on Facebook, but after examining social media demographics, the librarians moved to Instagram Live to better reach our target undergraduate audience. During the fall and spring semesters, Beth and Stephanie host LIVE episodes on Tuesdays at 1:45, so students can watch between classes.

The goal of the project is to increase outreach by using a platform familiar to younger students. Each episode of Marx Library LIVE is approximately fifteen minutes long and is

designed to address a number of common issues faced by the library's Reference & Instruction Department. First, the episodes answer commonly asked questions, such as *How do I print?* and *How do I find peer-reviewed articles?* Second, the librarians attempt to present themselves as relaxed, unscripted, and personable, hoping to dispel students' anxiety about visiting the library and asking librarians for help. Finally, students can ask questions and share ideas through Instagram comments, providing another point of contact between them and the library.

Each video is also uploaded to the Marx Library's YouTube channel so that students can view it after the live broadcast has ended.

- See current and upcoming broadcasts @ [Marx Library Instagram](#)
- See past broadcasts @ [Marx Library Live YouTube](#)



Have you been accessing Kanopy lately only to get a message that the film you want to watch is not available in your library? There is a reason for that. Kanopy offers the USA community access to more than 30,000 titles on a film-by-film licensing system. This streaming service has proven to be very popular across the university. It is, however, extremely expensive.

In order to continue to provide access to Kanopy content, while also controlling cost, the USA University Libraries has begun evaluating requests that are not from the library's top fifteen providers. Evaluation will be done using the criteria delineated below.

Films from the library's top 15 providers and those already licensed from providers outside the top fifteen will continue to be available

without having to request the titles.

Preference for requested films is given to titles that will be used:

- to support a specific USA course or courses,
- for academic or research purposes, or
- by recognized USA organizations for USA-sponsored events.

The USA Libraries also offer the following streaming video services:

- [Alexander Street Video](#)
- [Films on Demand](#)
- [Swank](#)

See the Marx Library [Streaming Media LibGuide](#) for more information on streaming video.

## Explore Your Library: New Resources

The USA University Libraries added the following new databases:

- [ASTM Standards and](#)



- [Digital Library](#)
- [Grove Music Online](#)
- [IBISWorld](#) (business)
- [PrepSTEP](#) (exam preparation)



Check out the Marx Library's [Databases & e-Reference](#) page for more information.

PrepSTEP™



## Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies

In July 2019, USA Libraries became the first in Alabama to serve as a partner location for Yale University Library's Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies. The Archive currently makes more than 4,400 testimonies available. To view these, users must register and then request access.

Learn more about the archive and search it either through the Marx Library website or at the [Fortunoff Video Archive](#) website.

### USA Libraries Represented at the Southern Miss Institutional Repository Conference (SMIRC)



Four librarian representatives from USA Libraries (Robert Britton, Deborah Gurt, Muriel Nero, Ellen Wilson) recently attended the Southern Miss Institutional Repository Conference (SMIRC). Attendees learned about the many ways institutional repository managers are benefiting the faculty, students, and communities of their institutions. The conference consisted of presentations, panel discussions, and workshops that included such topics as choosing the best institutional repository platform, best practices, documentation, strategic decision-making, digital preservation, advocacy, and using the

institutional repository to support and promote scholarly activity. Moving forward, these representatives will use the knowledge gained by their attendance to further investigate the possibility of creating and managing an institutional repository for the University.

Want to know more about institutional repositories? Check out the [LibGuide, Scholarly Communication Toolkit: Repositories](#), from the Association of College and Research Libraries.

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## USA Libraries Recent Professional Development

**Clista Clanton** - Appointed to the Association of Academic Health Science Libraries (AAHSL) Task Force for a two year term. The AAHSL Task Force is charged with creating an online resource for libraries to use as they create new models, refine existing models, or have conversations about library support to affiliated hospitals and/or health systems.

**Deborah Gurt** - Active this summer as a collaborating scholar on an Alabama Humanities Foundation - funded project, "Sharing Stories: Oral History in Blakeley Bluff and the Greater Mobile - Tensaw Delta." This interdisciplinary project involving USA scholars and community members has provided Honors College students with training in oral history methodology and will result in a unique set of interviews to be archived in the McCall Library.

**Deborah Gurt** - Peer-reviewed article published by the Society of American Archivists Research Forum, titled "Speaking of Africatown: a case study in community-university partnership in archiving." [Access article...](#)

**Rachel Fenske** - Peer-reviewed research article published, titled, "Tablet Computer Use at the Bedside in a New Patient/Family Education Program." [Access article...](#) In addition, the research was featured in the publication, *X-Plain Patient Education* Newsletter.

**Rachel Fenske** - Recipient of the 2019 Michael E. DeBaKey Library Services Outreach Award. [Learn More...](#)

**Kristina Polizzi** - Graduated from the University of Alabama with a Masters in Library and Information Science Degree on August 3, 2019.

**Thalia Shaw** - Obtained Disaster Information Specialization - II through the Medical Library Association.

**Kathy Wheeler** -- Current president of the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL), a professional organization which serves academic librarians across the state.

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## Current Exhibits & Programs July/August 2019

**Azalea City Art  
Quilters**  
July/August 2019  
Mary Elizabeth and Charles  
Bernard Rodning Gallery of  
Art

**Essence in Frame  
Zak Todd**  
July/August 2019  
2nd Floor Student Gallery

**Nature's Beauty**  
Julie Andel  
July/August 2019  
Gallery 181

**Garry Patterson  
Cosplay and Art  
Exhibit**  
July/August 2019  
August 29th, 4:30 pm  
The Batman Apprentice

**Understated  
Elegance**  
Shibui Chapter of the Sumie  
Society of America  
July/August 2019  
Gallery Hall

**Exploring the Art  
Behind Gaming:  
Episode #1**  
August 24th, 2019

**Lemonade, Lawn  
Games, and  
Librarians!**

August 19th, 2019  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
2nd Floor Entrance  
Marx Library

Movies 1 & 2  
Marx Library Auditorium  
Reception & Art Talk  
Following in the Rodning  
Gallery 6 - 7 pm

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Gallery 181

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**Upcoming Exhibits & Programs  
September/October 2019**

**Voices of Strong Women**

Karen Bullock  
September/October 2019  
Gallery Hall

**Palaemon Press Limited**

**Exhibit Opening**

September 2019  
Rodning Gallery

**Exploration of Print**

Kaylynn Daniel  
September/October 2019  
2nd Floor Student Gallery

**Art Talk & Reception**

September 19th @ 6 p.m.  
Rodning Gallery

**Panel Discussion**

September 6th @ 2 p.m.  
Marx Library Auditorium

**Reception**

September 6th @ 4 p.m.  
Rodning Gallery

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You are cordially invited

*Palaemon Press Limited Exhibit Opening*

Celebrating Southern literary and book arts tradition  
Featuring Eudora Welty's Twenty Photographs  
Recognizing the generous gift of Dr. John and Mrs. Bev Iredale

Friday, September 6, 2019 at 4 pm

Rodning Gallery, Marx Library 3rd Floor  
University of South Alabama  
5901 USA Drive North



RSVP to [Inharris@southalabama.edu](mailto:Inharris@southalabama.edu)



# HAUNTED PLACES, HAUNTED SPACES

OCTOBER 17TH

6 P.M.

MARK LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

## A LIVE FORUM ON THE GHOSTS OF MOBILE

PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDE

ELIZABETH PARKER, AUTHOR OF  
"HAUNTED MOBILE"

MARY PALMER, AUTHOR OF  
"BOINGTON OAK: A GRAVE INJUSTICE"

REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RICHARDS  
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MARYE NEWMAN, MANAGER OF HISTORIC  
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