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### Library Resources & Events

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#### Marx Library delivers a Semester of Kindness



The PR Committee used Fall 2019 to initiate a Semester of Kindness, through Marx Library planned activities and displays to encourage students, faculty, and the rest of the South Alabama community to reflect on the importance of practicing kindness, empathy, and compassion toward others. For example,

on the 9/11 Day of Service, the library collected notes of kindness for military troops and first responders, including police officers, EMS workers, and firefighters. We collected 74 notes, which were distributed by Karen Peterson's service-learning classes to the appropriate groups. The USA Police displayed their notes on their Board of Courage.

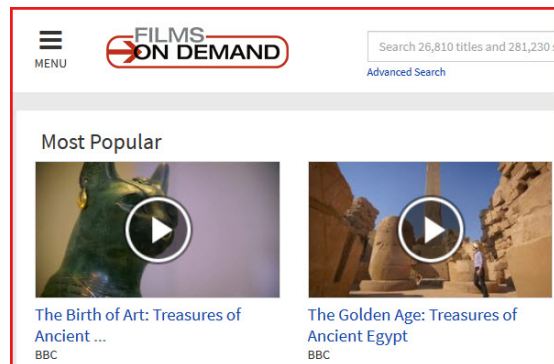
The library organized a similar project for Veterans Day, collecting notes to be displayed at the opening of the Biomedical Library's Veterans Resource Room. Students were also encouraged to submit words of encouragement and kindness to be displayed in the library. By the end of the semester, we had collected 213 notes, which were posted throughout the library. Finally, we organized a food drive for JagPantry, which received 331 donations. Several students commented on the positive atmosphere fostered by the Semester of Kindness.

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## Films on Demand

The USA Libraries provide access to streaming video using a number of platforms and suppliers. In addition to Kanopy and Swank, the Libraries also use Infobase's Films on Demand.

Films on Demand provides access to titles covering a variety of topics; the more than 800 content producers include National Geographic, A & E, PBS, BBC, and Films for the Humanities and Sciences. New titles are added nightly to the available content.



Within the Films on Demand interface, users can search for titles, create playlists, create video clips, view transcripts, and get code to embed or link a video.

[Learn more about Films on Demand](#)  
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## Voter Registration Drive on February 10th, 2020



The Marx Library PR Committee will be holding a voter registration drive on February 10th from 10 am-3 pm in the Marx Library Atrium. Registrations will be assisted by League of Women Voters as well as Library Faculty/Staff. Anyone can come to register; it is done online so this allows for anyone to register from any state.

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## Cataloging Department donates to McKemie Place

For the second year, the Cataloging Department of University Libraries

sponsored a donation drive for McKemie Place, a homeless shelter for women in Mobile, AL. The donation drive took place from November 4, 2019 thru November 25, 2019 and the various items were delivered by the department before the Thanksgiving holiday. The drive was a great success with many items on the shelter's "Needs List" collected. – Muriel Nero, Head of Cataloging



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## Excelsior Band Exhibit at the McCall Library



**IN CELEBRATION:  
MOBILE'S  
EXCELSIOR BAND**

MCCALL LIBRARY  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH  
ALABAMA

JANUARY /  
FEBRUARY  
2020

MARX LIBRARY  
3RD FLOOR  
EXHIBIT CASES

"In Celebration: Mobile's Excelsior Band" is an exhibit exploring the history of one of Mobile's most venerable institutions. Founded in 1883 to celebrate the birth of founder John A. Pope's son, the band continues its carnival tradition by leading parades and performing Dixieland and Jazz standards as a ten-piece marching brass band. The exhibit offers insight into the perspectives of the people behind the instruments in their own words.

Visit the exhibit on the 3rd Floor Hallway of the Marx Library until the end of February 2020

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## Joseph Bloch Traveling Public History Exhibit Ends its Tour of the Region



SJHS Conference musical performance, October 2018

Marx Library, October 2018



The grant funded project *Joseph Bloch: Father of Mobile's Music* has ended its successful 18-month run. The exhibit was a collaboration between USA Librarians Deborah Gurt and Paula Webb and History Prof. David Meola. The display traveled to eight venues in Alabama and Mississippi and was seen by thousands of viewers. Highlights of the project include: three short articles published, a lecture-performance by USA School of Music Faculty of some of Bloch's music, and a public display at the Southern Jewish Historical Society conference in 2018.

The project team is grateful for the support of the University Libraries, USA Seed Grants in Support of Arts and Humanities, and the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

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**Join the Marx Library on February 11th, 2020  
for a Free Night of Fun**

# EVENTS:

5PM   
EXPLORE THE  
GALLERIES

6PM   
RYAN  
BALTHROP  
CONCERT  
MARX LIBRARY  
AUDITORIUM

7PM   
ART TALK AND  
CUPCAKES  
RODNING  
GALLERY

# FEB 11

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Southern Window Art  
[www.facebook.com/southernwindowart](http://www.facebook.com/southernwindowart)

# CONCERT



MARX LIBRARY  
5901 USA DRIVE  
NORTH  
MOBILE, AL 36688

# THE BLACK INK COALITION

## OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS



**Arthur L. Mack**



**Theola Bright**



**Willie Dinish, Jr.**

### "SELF-PUBLISHING & INNOVATING YOUR DREAM"



**Ashley Waller**



**James Williams**



**Annie A. Evans**

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

ASHLEY WALLER, JAMES WILLIAMS, ANNIE A. EVANS, COREY WALLACE,  
HYRIM ETHER, "CHAMP" NAPIER, PAULETTE DAVIS, LEDELL BOYD

**JOIN US!  
FREE EVENT!**

**THURSDAY, FEB 20TH  
5:30 - 8:00 PM**

**USA MARX LIBRARY  
AUDITORIUM  
& GALLERY 181**

**Marx Library, University of South Alabama, 5901 USA Dr N, Mobile, AL 36608**

**Questions? Email: [theblackinkcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:theblackinkcoalition@gmail.com)**

**More Event Info at: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

## USA Libraries Recent Professional Development

Stephanie Evers Ard - Stephanie Ard, Social Sciences Librarian, Marx Library, and Frank Ard, Associate Director of Student Academic Success, published in *New Review of Academic Librarianship*, the peer-reviewed article titled, "The Library and the Writing Centre Build a Workshop: Exploring the Impact of an Asynchronous Online Academic Integrity Course." [The article is linked here.](#)

Rachel F. Fenske - Rachel Fenske, Information Services and Outreach Librarian, Biomedical Library, published in *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, the peer-reviewed article titled, "Validating Effective Interventions in Patient/Family Education Using Tablet Computers." [The article is linked here.](#)

# Current Exhibits & Programs

## January 2020

### **War in Heaven Exhibit**

Artist, Russ Farris  
January/February 2020  
Gallery Hall, Marx Library

### **Guise of the Creator**

Artist, Nat Johnson  
January/February 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library

### **In My View**

Artist, Claudia McClure  
January/February 2020  
Gallery 181, Marx Library

### **In Celebration: Mobile's Excelsior Band Exhibit**

January/February 2020  
3rd Floor Exhibit Cases, Marx Library

### **Black Ink Coalition of African American Authors**

"Self-Publishing & Innovating your Dream"  
February 20, 2020 @ 5:30 pm  
USA Marx Library Auditorium  
**Author Meet and Greet**  
Following event in Gallery 181  
Marx Library

### **Southern Window Art Exhibit**

Artist, Ryan Balthrop  
January/February 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library

### **Ryan Balthrop Concert**

Marx Library Auditorium  
Free to the Public  
February 11, 2020 @ 6 pm  
Followed by Art Talk & Reception  
Rodning Gallery of Art

### **Joe Cain Marching Society Exhibit**

January/February 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library

### **Protest/Propaganda Posters Exhibit**

January/February 2020  
2nd Floor Student Gallery, Marx Library

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## Upcoming Exhibits & Programs

### March/April 2020

#### **Robby Amonett Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Gallery Hall, Marx Library

#### **Eboni Raine Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Gallery 181, Marx Library

#### **Terrell Griffin Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
2nd Floor Student Gallery, Marx Library

#### **Thomas Jackson Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library

#### **Concert & Reception**

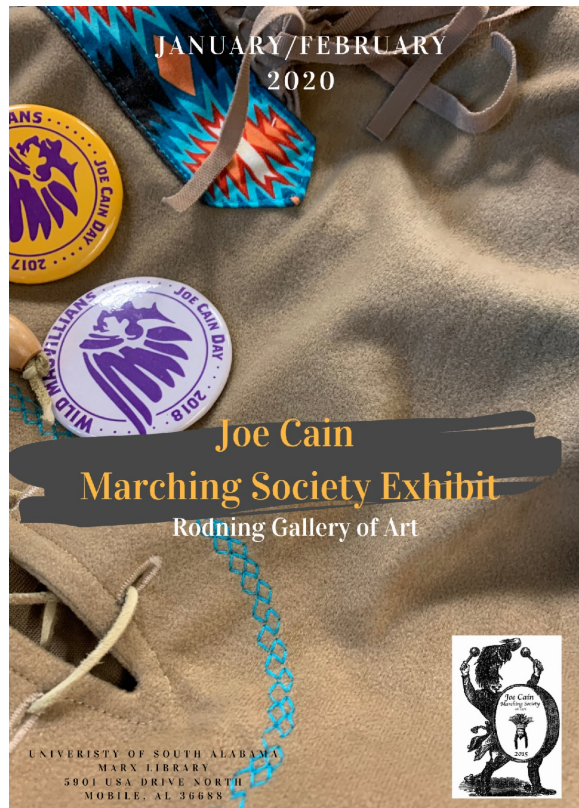
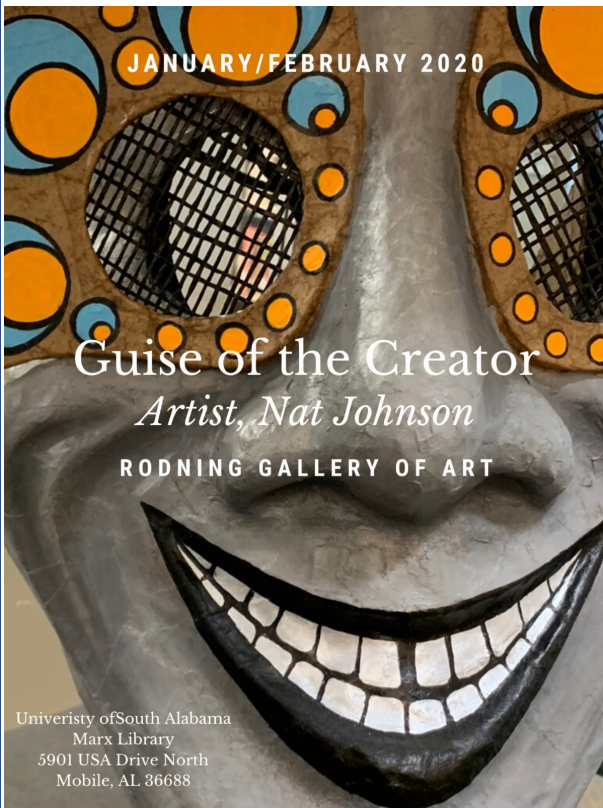
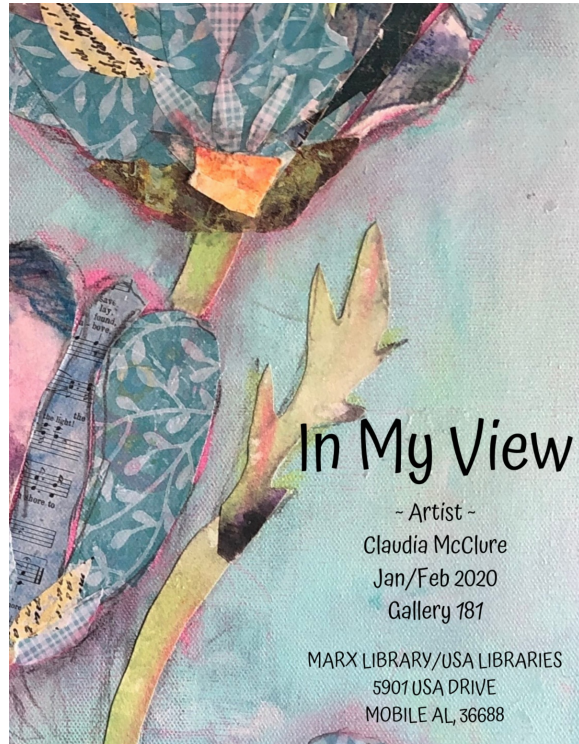
March 19th, 2020  
Marx Library Auditorium

#### **Jackie McMillian Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library



Reception & Guest Speaker  
Speaker: Blair Cowan  
Rodning Gallery of Art @ 6 pm





# WAR IN HEAVEN

~ Artist ~

RUSS FARRIS

Gallery Hall

Jan/Feb 2020

Art Talk & Reception

Saturday, Jan 18th

3-5 pm

Gallery 181

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