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Library Resources & Events

Poetry, Pizza, and Displays at the Marx Library during Banned Books Week



The USA Libraries celebrated Banned Books Week, September 22-28, by hosting a live Poetry & Pizza event, celebrating the right to free speech with a special Banned Books Week open mic. In addition, the Marx Library Public Relations Committee created a display on the 1st Floor featuring censored books, many of which you can check out from our library.

Gathering Notes of Kindness for 9/11 Day of Service

As part of our Semester of Kindness, the Marx Library collected notes of



kindness for our military troops and first responders, including police officers, EMS workers, and firefighters. We collected 62 notes, which were distributed by Karen Peterson's service-learning classes to the appropriate groups.

New USA Libraries Resource: Web of Science

Web of Science

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The USA Libraries recently added *Web of Science* to the list of resources provided

to the university community.

Web of Science is an index to scholarly publications covering sciences, social sciences, and the arts and humanities. It is especially notable for its publication metrics, including, but not limited to, journal impact factors.

Training in Web of Science and its features is forthcoming.

<u>Access Web of Science</u> <u>Learn more about Web of Science</u>



Important Features

Some of these options require you to create an account, but once you've set one up, you can use it to access everything.

- *Journal Citation Reports:* impact factors and other publication metrics.
- *InCites*: benchmarking and other analytics. Create an account.
- *Essential Science Indicators*: View top papers by research fields, authors, institutions, journals, and countries or regions.
- *Publons*: helps researchers keep track of their publication metrics. Create an account.
- *EndNote*: reference manager. Create an account.

Biomedical Library Book Drive for Children and Teens for the USA Strada Patient Care Center Pediatrics

Kids and Teens Book Drive: SPARK THEIR IMAGINATION October 01-October 31



Please drop off your new or gently used books at one of the following locations:

- Charles Baugh Biomedical Library

- Department of Pharmacology [Medical Science Building] Department of Surgery [USA Health Hospital]
- Student Scholarship Services [Meisler Hall] Student Center in the Main Hall

In celebration of National Medical Librarians Month, the USA Libraries will be holding our annual book drive to help support the Reach Out and Read programfor the children and teens who visit USA Strada Patient Care Center Pediatrics. From Tuesday, October 01, to Thursday, October 31, you are invited to donate new and gently-used books for young readers at Marx Library, Baugh Biomedical Library, or at any of the other offices who are hosting a box.

If you would like book donations to be picked up at your location or if your office would like to host a donation box, contact Heather Hoven-Glass at hdhoven@southalabama.edu or 251-460-6889.

Thank you for your continued support of USA Strada Patient Care Center Pediatrics and the libraries!

Joseph Bloch: Father of Mobile's Music Exhibit Makes **Mississippi Debut**



The McCall Library's traveling exhibit, Joseph Bloch: Father of Mobile's Music, makes its Mississippi debut at Temple B'nai Israel in Hattiesburg in October. This exhibit is winding down an 18-month tour of eight venues having been seen by several thousand viewers across the region. A collaboration among three USA faculty, Deborah Gurt, Paula Webb and David Meola, the project received funding from the Southern Jewish Historical Society. In addition, Gurt and Meola also received funds from the Seed Grant Program in Support of the Arts and Humanities from the University of South Alabama.

Voter Registration Drive at the Marx Library

Librarians and staff from the Marx Library, the Biomedical Library, and



the League of Women Voters worked together to support the Voter Registration Drive on September 24th at the Marx Library. They helped students register to vote, showed them how to check their current status, and answered their voting-related questions. A total of 39 voters were registered, and those at the booth received positive feedback and engagement from passersby, even if they chose not to register.

Are you registered to vote? It's

not too late!

Click here to check your status.

Need a print Voter Registration Form? Click here.

New and Upgraded Science & Technology Resources

The Marx Library now has available several new or upgraded resources in the areas of science and technology that should significantly improve student and faculty access to information for research and coursework. These include:

- ASTM Standards and Digital Library (https://libproxy.usouthal.edu/login? url=https://compass.astm.org/), providing fulltext access to the *Book of ASTM Standards*, ASTM Research Reports, and nine ASTM journals.
- *IEEE Xplore* (https://libproxy.usouthal.edu/login? <u>url=https://www.ieee.org/ieeexplore</u>, which now provides students and faculty access to the entire IEEE/IET Electronic Library, including conference proceedings and standards, as well as the IEEE and IET periodicals. Previously we were only able to provide access to the IEEE periodicals.
- *IOPscience* (http://libproxy.usouthal.edu/login?url=http://iopscience.iop.org), provides access to full runs of all Institute of Physics journals, plus all IOP e-books published before May, 2016.
- SciFinder-n (https://libproxy.usouthal.edu/login?url=https://scifindern.cas.org/), a new platform adding access to PatentPak (fulltext patents) and MethodsNow (single source for searching and comparing the latest published scientific methods by featuring step-by-step instructions) as well as improved functionality to SciFinder, the Chemical Abstracts end user database.
- Web of Science (https://libproxy.usouthal.edu/login? url=http://webofscience.com/ see article in this newsletter!

If you have questions about content, accessing, or using any of our new/updated sci/tech databases, please e-mail <u>aprender@ southalabama.edu</u> or call 460-7025, x65087.

Amy Prendergast Science & Technology Librarian

New Collections at the McCall Library

This has been an active month at the McCall Library with new collection materials arriving daily. One of our exciting new acquisitions is a collection of original cartoon

mechanicals from the strip *Life Forms* by retired USA professor and polymath Dan Silver. Life Forms Mechanicals consists of 223 original mechanical drawings in ink on board with hand-cut Zipatone (grayscale). These cartoons present a humorous take on local and national politics and personalities. Many were originally published in *The Harbinger* community newspaper, 1985-2010.

USA Libraries Recent Professional Development

USA Librarians Present at the Studer Education Destination High Performance Conference in New Orleans



Lorene Flanders (in the middle), Executive Director of University Libraries, was joined by Clista Clanton (to the right), Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, Baugh Biomedical Library, and Dr. Angela Rand (to the left), Director, Marx Library, in presenting on USA Libraries' Leadership Development Institutes at Studer Education's Destination High Performance conference in New Orleans in September.

USA Libraries partnered with Pensacola-based Studer Education in 2018 to conduct employee engagement surveys and develop quarterly Leadership Development Institutes. LDIs provide a mechanism for strengthening employee engagement, serve as a venue for focused group conversations and planning around shared values, mission, and the urgency of change, and focus on using data to drive decisions.

Leadership Team members Mary Duffy, Deborah Gurt, and Kathy Wheeler also attended the conference. Flanders has presented nationally and internationally on her work on employee engagement and leadership development, and she has assisted the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative in its partnership with Studer.

USA Librarians Attend the Southeastern Library Association Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas



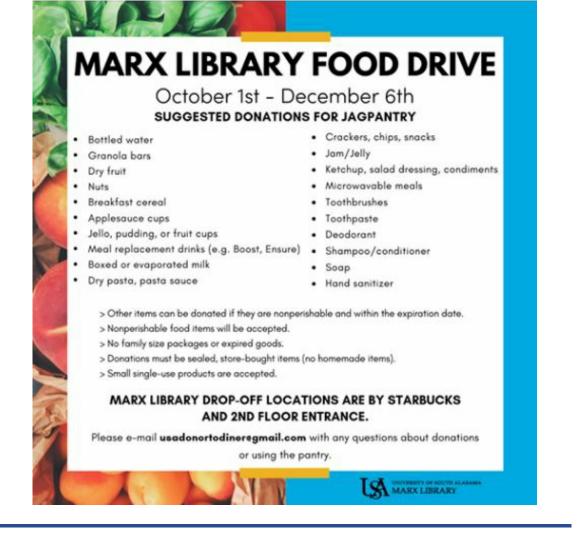
Librarians Paula Webb, Muriel Nero, and Kathy Wheeler represented the University of South Alabama Libraries during the 2019 Arkansas Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The conference, held September 27-29th, focused on the latest issues related to the library science profession and featured presentations that discussed various ways to address these issues. As part of the conference, Kristin Rogers (University of Mississippi), Kathy Wheeler (University of South Alabama), Brian George (Henderson State University), and Laura Slavin (University of Alabama in Huntsville) discussed how the move to COUNTER 5 usage data will impact collection development in academic libraries.

USA Librarians Present at the OCLC Library Futures: Community Catalysts Conference in Phoenix, Arizona



On October 2nd & 3rd, librarians Stephanie Ard and Beth Shepard attended the OCLC Library Futures Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, where they presented on their ongoing Instagram reference project, Marx Library Live.

Want to see episodes of Marx Library Live? <u>Click here!</u>



Current Exhibits & Programs September/October 2019

Voices of Strong Women

Karen Bullock September/October 2019 Gallery Hall

Exploration of Print

Kaylynn Daniel September/October 2019 2nd Floor Student Gallery

Grand Opening of the VA Resource Room and Ribbon Cutting

November 11th Baugh Biomedical Library Veterans Day Luncheon 11:30 am - 1:00 p.m. Student Veterans Resource Room Open House & Ribbon Cutting Room 222A, 3 - 5 p.m.

Nature's Beauty

Julie Andel September/October 2019 Gallery 181

Poarch Creek Exhibit

1819: A Look at Creek Life October/November/December 2019 Rodning Gallery **Reception** October 16th @ 6 p.m. Rodning Gallery

Haunted Places, Haunted Spaces: A Live Forum on the Ghosts of Mobile October 17th

Marx Library Auditorium @ 6 p.m.

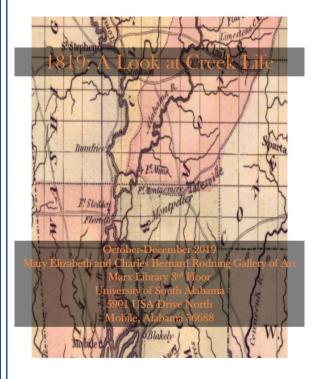
Upcoming Exhibits & Programs November/December 2019

Dolls to Doodles: A Digital Odyssey

Susan Warley November/December 2019 Gallery 181 **Reception** November 20th @ 6 p.m.

Helen Keller Exhibit November/December 2019 Gallery Hall





To Remember a Vanishing World The Photographs of D. L. Hightower





The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library 3rd Floor Hallway Exhibit Cases September-October 2019





