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Summer Semester Building Hours

Marx Library Hours

May 9 - July 29

Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fri. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sun. 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

[Click here to get a complete schedule for the Marx Library](#)

[Biomedical Library Hours](#)

Breaking the Stigma - Using Podcasts to Initiate Conversation



Rachel Fenske, Outreach Librarian for the Biomedical Library, continued her outreach collaboration with students from the University of South Alabama and the University of the Virgin Islands with a series of podcasts engaging conversations with experts on topics surrounding the concept of stigma. The Spring Peer Educator Podcast Series, “Real Issues, Real Talk: For Students, By Students,” examined issues of stigma among university students such as HIV testing, mental health, and food insecurity. The podcasts were recorded in the new Biomedical Library audio room and were posted on several podcast platforms including Apple, Google, Spotify, and iTunes.



Guest panelists from the University of South Alabama included Deidra Byas, Mental Health Counselor from the University Counseling and Testing Center, and Ronie Langston, Assistant Manager of SOUTH Cares, who discussed programs at USA such as the Jag Pantry and Jags4Jags that assist students with food insecurities. All podcasts were very engaging and created a casual atmosphere where students could openly discuss the issues and seek ideas on how to break the stigmas among their peers. Panelists provided students with resources and examples of successful programs that have been implemented to help destigmatize various issues. Collaboration with the students from the University of the Virgin Islands created an understanding of cultural taboos and values that added a multicultural dimension to the conversation. Students from both campuses gained useful information and demonstrated how peers from two distinct universities can make a difference by initiating conversations on their respective campuses.

Other guest panelists during the Spring podcasts included Dottie Rains-Dowdell, Senior Community Planner for the New Jersey HIV Planning Group

at Jefferson Health; Bruce Smail, Director, LGBTQ+ Culture Center, and Special Assistant to the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs at Indiana University; Patricia Towal, Director of the University of the Virgin Islands Student Counseling Center and Shelli Brin, owner of Que Sera Farms in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

To learn more about the podcasts with links to the recordings, go to Real Issues, Real Talk: For Students, By Students on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

McCall Library: Down the Bay



On May 19, Jada Jones, LTA II in the McCall Library presented an overview of the *Down the Bay Oral History Project* for Alabama Department of Transportation archaeologists Bill Turner and Laura Wood and colleagues from the Center for Archaeological Studies. Jones's presentation gave an update of the project's progress, plans moving forward, and shared some of the unique stories that have been collected so far.

This represents one of the collaborations between the McCall Library and campus partners in the National Endowment for the Humanities supported work of developing community oral history collections that give a more complex view of Mobile's past. Stay tuned for more!

Down the Bay

The University of South Alabama
McCall Library Oral History Team
is recording stories about the
Down the Bay community to
create a public archive of the
histories that aren't written

ADD YOUR STORY TO THE ARCHIVES



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
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RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY

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For more information or to set up an interview, please call
(251) 341-3900 or email oralhistory@southalabama.edu

USA Libraries Welcomes Jana Herrmann, Our New Institutional Repository Coordinator for JagWorks

Jana graduated from the University of South Alabama in 2002, where she majored in both Marine and Environmental biology. She has had an extensive career in academic research, giving her broad knowledge and experience with database development and data management. Jana hopes to apply her data management skills in her new role to help make JagWorks a success.



University Libraries Recent Publications & Staff Updates

Gail Kouame - Gail Kouame, Director, Baugh Biomedical Library, authored the article, "[Library Tools at the Nurses' Station: Exploring Information-Seeking Behaviors and Needs of Nurses in a War Veterans Nursing Home.](#)" *Journal of the Medical Library Association: JMLA*, 110(2), 159-165.

Gail Kouame - Gail Kouame, Director, Baugh Biomedical Library, was a plenary speaker at the April 4-6, [2022 Wisconsin Health Literacy Summit](#). Her presentation was titled, "Leveraging a digital platform to address health literacy and equity needs of a vulnerable population: The justice-involved [Conference session]." *Wisconsin Health Literacy Summit*, Madison, WI.

Gail Kouame - Gail Kouame, Director, Baugh Biomedical Library, presented at the May 3-6, *2022 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting*. Her paper was titled, "We're virtually there: Providing health sciences education and wellness through virtual reality experiences."

Publication Metrics

Resources For and About Publication Metrics

Are you a faculty member or graduate student doing research who wants to understand the reach and impact surrounding your research? What is impact factor? What about H-index? How do you find these numbers? What do they mean?

The world of publication metrics is complicated. Some numbers measure the reach and impact of an individual scholar's work; other numbers look at the relative



Scopus

The USA University Libraries provide a variety of resources to help you find and understand publication metrics.

Finding Publication Metrics

The following subscription resources provide publication metrics:

- [Web of Science](#)
- [Scopus](#)
- [Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities](#)

ranking of a journal compared to other journals in the field; and still other numbers look at the research performance of universities.

Typical types of publication metrics include:

1. Impact factor: a measure of a journal's reach and impact. This number ranks journals relative to other journals in the same discipline.
2. Citation analysis: a simple count of the number of times other authors have referred to a particular article in their work. Self-citation is included but can be filtered out.
3. H-index: a measure of the reach and impact of an individual author.
4. Leiden ranking: measures the research performance of universities.
5. Altmetrics: These numbers are complementary to traditional publication metrics and include such things as mentions of articles and authors on social media platforms, in media, on reference managers, and in the Faculty of 1000. ScienceDirect and Scopus include PlumX Analytics, which is an altmetrics measurement tool, in their data.

Understanding Publication Metrics

Since metrics can be so complicated, the USA University Libraries provide some books to help you with an understanding of them. They include:

- [Altmetrics: A Practical Guide for Librarians, Researchers, and Academics](#)
- [Demystifying Scholarly Metrics](#)
- [Scientific Writing for Impact Factor Journals](#)

For more information see the [Publication Metrics](#) LibGuide.

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May/June 2022

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JAZZ ART WRITERS SOUTH



FESTIVAL @ USA LIBRARIES

JAZZ ART EXHIBIT & EVENTS

FEATURING ARTISTS...



Soynika
Edwards-Bush



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH ALABAMA

JAWS
Youth

Hosea
London



Margaret
Richey



Dr. Joaquin
Holloway, Jr.



Thomas
Jackson

Robby
Amonett



RODNING GALLERY EXHIBITS
MAY - JUNE 2022
FREE EVENT!

FREE

COME JOIN US!

May 19th - JAWS Letters & Songs -
Local Authors Meet & Greet - 12 Noon - 4 PM

May 19th - "Jazz on a Summer's Day" - 1:30 PM

June 16th - Jazz Concert
USA Library Auditorium - 3PM

June 16th - Artists Reception & Awards - 3 PM - 4PM

FREE EVENTS! MORE INFO AT [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com)

FREE



Jazz Art Writers South
jaws youth

Artistic Lead: Soynika Edwards-Bush

On display May - June 2022



**Art by Boys & Girls Club members
at the University of South
Alabama
Marx Library
3rd Floor Rodning Gallery**

Grand Opening May 19th!
Awards and Jazz Concert
June 16th at 3 PM.
Boys & Girls Club
members, friends, family
and all welcome!



USA Libraries Social Media Links

Have you checked out our Social Media sites?

[Marx Library Facebook Page](#)

[Marx Library Instagram Page](#)

[USA Marx Library on Twitter](#)

[USA Biomedical Library Facebook Page](#)

[Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library](#)

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