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**Welcome Tracy M. Cole – Acquisitions Librarian Marx Library
Cataloging and Processing**



Tracy M. Cole joined USA Libraries as the Assistant Librarian, Acquisitions on October 2, 2023. Previously, Ms. Cole served nine years as the Director of the Spanish Fort Public Library, where she was instrumental in establishing the first public library for the City of Spanish Fort, Alabama. Prior to her work in the public library sector, Ms. Cole served as a Reference & Instruction Librarian with Virginia Tech Libraries in Blacksburg, VA, as well as with McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Ms. Cole holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor's degree in Art History from Hollins University in Roanoke, VA. Overall,

Ms. Cole has contributed to the field of librarianship since 2007 and has a special interest in library and education history. Her current research explores library censorship issues, freedom-to-read initiatives, the diversity of library collections, and access issues regarding information and resources. On a personal note, Tracy enjoys writing and reading, watching baseball, and either a good cup of coffee or an excellent Cabernet. She visits her home state of Virginia every year to enjoy the change of seasons with her husband and son.

Debbie Cobb, ILL Coordinator, Presents on the Panel at the ALA RUSA Stars Code, Guidelines, and Technical Standards Committee Webinar



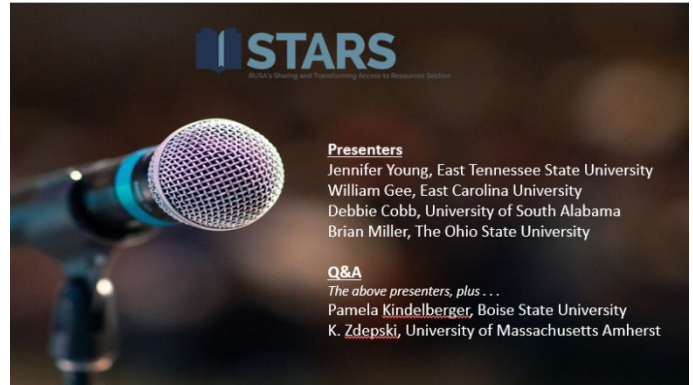
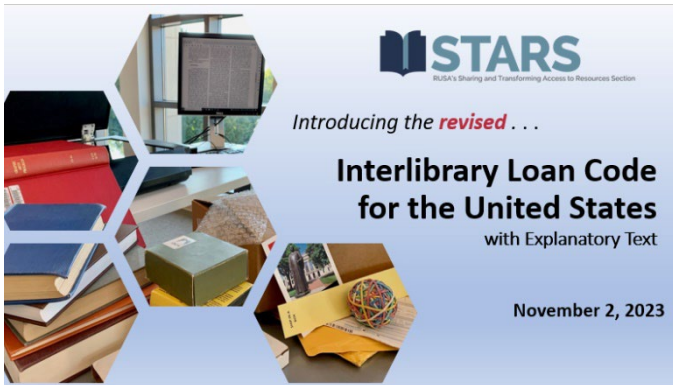
Debbie Cobb, Library Supervisor/ILL Coordinator, was a panel presenter for the American Library Association RUSA Stars Codes, Guidelines, and Technical Standards Committee's webinar – ***Introducing the Revised Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States with Explanatory Text***. Word of the webinar spread quickly, with over 1,000 enthusiastic registrants. The November 2nd, 2023 presentation had 630 attendees (with a recording available to all who registered). Fellow panelists included Jennifer Young, Committee Chair – East Tennessee State University; William Gee – East Carolina University; Brian Miller, The Ohio State University; Pamela Kindelberger, Boise State University; and K. Zdepski, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The purpose of the ILL Code is to establish principles that facilitate the interlibrary loan process and regulate the exchange of materials between libraries in the United States. The first ILL Code in the U.S. was written by the ALA Committee on Coordination in 1916 and approved in 1917. Nowadays, the responsibility for reviewing the ILL Code every 5 years falls to the RUSA STARS Codes, Guidelines, and Technical Standards Committee. The revision process was actually **two full years** starting in summer 2021 and going through summer 2023.

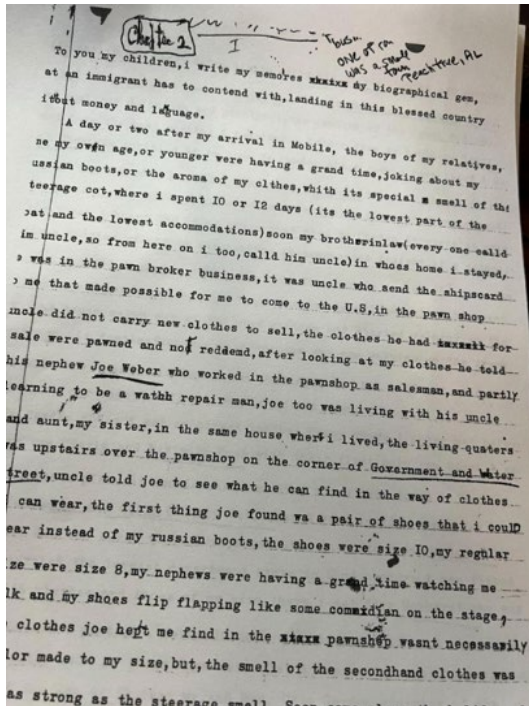
The Codes Committee felt very strongly about inviting the **entire resource-sharing community** in the U.S. to participate in the process, so there were **three** different public comment periods to solicit feedback from practitioners nationwide. Final approval was obtained by the RUSA Professional

Resources Committee, STARS Executive Committee, and the RUSA Board of Directors earlier this past summer when the new ILL Code finally took effect.

Debbie has her MLIS degree from the University of Alabama. She has been an active member of the American Library Association (ALA), Southeastern Library Association (SELA), and the Alabama Library Association (ALLA) for the past 20+ years, serving on various committees and presenting at conferences.



Deborah Gurt, Interim Director McCall Library, Attends the JHS Conference in Houston



(L) Copy of the typewritten memoirs of Abe Miller, an immigrant from Russia to Alabama, describing his immigration to Camden and then Mobile, Alabama. Gift of Valerie Novy.

(R) Old Congregation B'nai Israel Temple building, Galveston, Texas built in 1890. Galveston was the port through which 10,000 Jewish immigrants entered the US between 1907-1914, many settling in Texas and the Midwest.

Deborah Gurt, Interim Director of McCall Library, attended the Southern Jewish Historical Society conference in Houston, Texas, where she met with historians, archivists, museum professionals, and community members from around the US South, including those with roots in Mobile. A conference attendee donated to the McCall Library a copy of her great uncle's memoirs.

Down the Bay Oral History Event Brings People Together



On Saturday, November 4, the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library and the Center for Archaeological Studies hosted another Down the Bay History Day at the James Seals Jr. Recreation Center. The event included displays featuring memories from the Down the Bay Oral History Project, historic photos from the McCall Library, and artifacts from the I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project. Attendees also received a hand-designed zine featuring illustrations by Cass Bakotic and quotes about the role of baseball in the neighborhood. The event was attended by current and former Down the Bay community members as well as members of the general public and catered by Saucy Q, a barbeque restaurant whose owner grew up Down the Bay and is one of the narrators included in the oral history collection.



Left picture: Photo of attendees at the Down the Bay History Day event.

Right picture: University of South Alabama students providing information about the Oral History project at the Down the Bay History Day event.

Welcome Sarah De Loach – Library Technical Assistant I Baugh Biomedical Library Circulation Department



Sarah De Loach joined the Biomedical Library 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 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.

University Libraries Presentations & Publications

Clista Clanton – Clista Clanton, Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, authored the article “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)

Clista Clanton – Clista Clanton, Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, co-authored the article, “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)

Clista Clanton – Clista Clanton, Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, co-authored the article, “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)

Gail Kouame – Gail Koumae, Director of the Biomedical Library, was a contributing author of the article, “A scoping review of institutional policies and recommendations for trans inpatient mental health care.” *J Psychiatr Ment Health Nurs.* 2023; 30(6): 1043-1053. DOI: [10.1111/jpm.12933](https://doi.org/10.1111/jpm.12933)

USA Libraries Exhibits & Events

Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War



Left picture: “Life and Limb: Toll of the American Civil War” traveling exhibit display in the lobby of the Baugh Biomedical Library.

Right picture: Display case in the Baugh Biomedical Library with medical and surgical instruments used by physicians to treat patients during the American Civil War.

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” September 25 – November 4, 2023. The Exhibit was on display in the lobby of the library along with artifacts from the Mobile Medical Museum. Several events took place in association with the 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 Doy Leal 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 present.

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 explores the ramifications of amputation on the Confederacy both during and after the Civil War and sheds light on how dependency and disability reshaped Southern society.

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

Veterans' Expressions Art Exhibit



Left picture: Display case containing artwork created by veterans or artists who are veteran-affiliated on display during the second annual Veterans' Expressions art exhibit in the Baugh Biomedical Library.

Right picture: USA mascot Pawla (left), Heather Hoven-Glass, Biomedical Library reference and ILL librarian (middle), and USA mascot SouthPaw (right).

For the second year in a row, the ArtSpace@BioMed gallery space hosted the Veterans' Expressions art exhibition, featuring artwork by veterans or 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 artist. USA mascots SouthPaw and Pawla were also in attendance.

Upcoming USA Libraries Art Galleries and Events

USA LIBRARIES ART GALLERIES

MYSTICAL EVOLUTION

Jan-Feb 2024
1st Floor @ Gallery Hall



Reception Jan 11th
3rd Floor
Rodning Gallery
@6:00 PM

KELENE GUNDERSON

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USA LIBRARIES ART GALLERIES

MARIE DES NEIGES LÉONARD

PARIS SOMETIMES/ PASSENGERS

PHOTOGRAPHY

&
KATIE KAUFMAN

FINE ART

JAN/FEB 2024



RECEPTION:
JAN. 18, 6:00PM
RODNING GALLERY

RODNING GALLERY OF ART
3RD FLOOR MARX LIBRARY
5901 USA DRIVE NORTH
MOBILE, AL 36688



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Key Points & Happenings November 2023 from the Executive Director of University Libraries



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jessica Medema on being named the Biomedical Library's REDCap Project Designer/Data Manager effective November 5, 2023.

FAREWELL

Jada Jones, LTA II in the McCall Library, resigned effective October 27, 2023. Please note that McCall Library is open by appointment only until further notice.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Assistant Librarian, Research Data & Scholarly Communications, Biomedical Library

- Gail Kouame, Chair
- Jana Herrmann
- Ellen Wilson
- Dr. Nic Stanley, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Covey College of Allied Health Professions

STAFF OPENINGS

McCall Library [Archival Assistant](#)

McCall Library [Archivist](#) (1 year temporary)

- Deborah Gurt, Chair
- Lorene Flanders
- Jana Herrmann
- Lisa Leinos

[MCOB Library Technical Assistant I](#), .5 FTE

JagWorks@USA update

In September + October, JagWorks@USA had 14,221 + 22,124 = 36,345 full-text downloads and 266 + 302 = 568 new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to 4,408. University of South Alabama scholarship was read by 129 + 244 = 373 institutions across 76 + 104 = 180 countries. The most popular papers were:

SEPTEMBER

Calvin, Victoria; Jeremy Simmons, Lesley A. Gregoricka and Jaime M. Ullinger. [Sex Estimation for Early Bronze Age Arabian Tombs using the Temporal Bone](#) (25 downloads) *Year 1: AAPA 2021 – virtual*. 4.

McGuire, Margaret and Jennifer Pate. [Game On!: Creating](#)

[Community and Engagement through Team Trivia at the Library](#) (22 downloads) *Alabama Libraries* 60, 2. 2023.

Robertson, Teisha; Edna Foxhall; and Monica Hodge. [Addressing Challenges & Reactions to COVID-19 in Academic Libraries](#) (20 downloads) *Alabama Libraries* 61, 1. 2023.

OCTOBER

Abrams, Dana R. [Commitment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education: Exploring DEI Elements Across Institutions](#) (27 downloads) M.A. Thesis, University of South Alabama, 2022.

Calvin, Victoria; Jeremy Simmons, Lesley A. Gregoricka and Jaime M. Ullinger. [Sex Estimation for Early Bronze Age Arabian Tombs using the Temporal Bone](#) (25 downloads) *Year 1: AAPA 2021 – virtual*. 4.

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The most popular publications in September + October were:

[REU Photos 2019](#) (3,414 + 4,523 = 7,937 downloads)

[Watercooler Newsletter](#) (2,307 + 3,796 = 6,103 downloads)

[Life Forms Mechanicals](#) (715-2019) (1342 + 1,933 = 3,275 downloads)

USA Libraries Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The members of the USA Libraries Leadership Development Institute and the USA Libraries Strategic Plan Steering Committee met in September to identify options for operationalizing the Strategic Plan (attached) for 2023-2024. Pillar 1, Student Access & Success and Pillar 3, Research, Discovery, and Creative Works were selected. Dr. Gayle Juneau-Butler, Director & Leader Coach, Studer Education, led the session.

EVENTS



- [Lil Greenwood](#) 100th Birthday Celebration and Portrait Dedication, Friday, November 17, 10 am, Marx Atrium. Remarks by artist [Soynika Edwards-Bush](#).

[Marx Library Events Calendar](#)
[USA Libraries Galleries: Art Exhibitions](#)



- New Faculty AAP/FAR Evaluation Review, Tuesday, November 30, Marx Conference Room 148
 - This is for new faculty members and their supervisors, though all faculty members are welcome to attend.
- USA Libraries Faculty Meeting, Thursday November 30, 10 am, Marx Room 181
- USA Libraries Leadership Development Institute, with the USA Libraries Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Friday, December 1, 8:30 am, Marx Room 181
- USA Libraries Forum, Thursday, December 7, 10 am, Marx Room 181



USA Libraries Values and Standards of Practice

Service

We create a welcoming and engaging environment where we attain success by assessing and then meeting patrons' information needs.

Standards of Practice:

- Greet patrons and colleagues.
- Provide assistance, follow through, ask student/patron if and how it is useful, offer additional opportunities for help.
- Tune in / listen to understand the environment/person to address individual needs and find solution together.
- Provide relevant digital and physical accessibility.

Collaboration

We work interdependently, communicating with respect and openness in pursuit of shared goals.

Standards of Practice:

- Identify key goals and stakeholders before initiating work; lead with the why.
- Practice transparent and clear communication.
- Utilize skill variety, passions, and interests.

Communication

We share critical information in a timely manner to relevant stakeholders, accepting and utilizing feedback.

Standards of Practice:

- Announce personnel changes in a timely manner across libraries.
- Communicate to appropriate stakeholders relevant and pertinent information and acknowledge when there is sensitive information that cannot be shared.

- Communicate explicitly the needs and responsibilities regarding meetings.
- Communicate all initiation and deployment of new projects and policies.

Professionalism

We demonstrate a high level of professionalism through the sustained practice of integrity, respect, civility, dependability, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Standards of Practice:

- Take responsibility for your commitments and words, and respect others' boundaries and uniqueness.
- Treat each individual with respect.
- Acknowledge and respect individual approaches to work or project goals.
- Model professionalism by seeking and providing avenues for professional development.

Adaptability

We demonstrate adaptability by responding to conditions and circumstances with creativity and flexibility in order to continue to fulfill the USA Libraries' mission.

Standards of Practice:

- See the big picture.
- Leave behind legacy processes and adopt new ones to maintain and further relevancy.
- Consider multiple approaches and be willing to compromise

Make a Difference in Lives Have a Positive Impact

**Service ♦ Collaboration ♦ Communication ♦
Professionalism ♦ Adaptability**

USA Libraries Web Sites

[Marx Library](#)
[Baugh Biomedical Library](#)
[Mitchell College of Business Library](#)
[McCall Rare Book & Manuscript Library](#)
[USA Baldwin County Library](#)
[JagWorks](#)

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 X](#)
[USA Biomedical Library Facebook Page](#)
[Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library Facebook page](#)
[USA Libraries Art Galleries Facebook Page](#)
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