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McCall Library

This summer, the McCall Library will host five interns thanks to a collaboration between the Honors College and History departments. Sara Mahan, Nicole Shakespear, Hanna Walker, Jaden Williams, and Mary Wolf will create teaching materials to bring Down the Bay oral histories to local schools. The internship program is funded by the David Mathews Center for Civic Life as part of their Jean O'Connor-Snyder Internship Program (JOIP).



Interns meet with Dr. Ryan Morini (front right), Director Rachel Hines of community Oral History Collections, and (center) from the Center for Archaeological Studies.



USA JAWS Fest Team.

JAWS Fest 2024

JAWS Fest is an annual celebration of jazz culture and history in Mobile, Alabama, organized by Jazz Art Writers South (JAWS), Black Ink Coalition, and USA Libraries Art Galleries. The festival kicked off with a preview in April 2024 featuring a performance by the Excelsior Band, who returned to launch the 2024 season on May 16th.

Throughout June, the festivities continue with Jazzy Lunches on June 5th and 12th, and an event titled Jazz, Stories, and Poetry on June 18th. Highlighting the musical performances, renowned musician Thomas Jackson will give a concert at the Marx Library Auditorium on June 6th at 6 p.m. the festival will conclude with a grand finale concert by Andrew Ayers & Friends on June 20th at 6 p.m. at Laidlaw Performing Arts Center.

Additionally, the JAWS Youth program engaged local schools and showcased over 200 jazz-themed canvases painted by students. Artists who participated in this year's exhibit include Scott Bruce and Brian Argo. These exhibits are up at the Marx Library until the end of June 2024.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff

The Biomedical Library is happy to announce that Matthew Robertson joined their team as Library Technical Assistant I effective April 8, 2024. Mr. Robertson is a graduate of Auburn University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in English with a focus in Public and Professional Writing. Prior to joining the Biomedical Library full-time, Matthew worked at The Grand Hotel, The Park at OWA, and the Alabama Gulf



Coast Zoo. In addition, Matthew also interned for the Biomedical Library, entering works into the JagWorks digital repository. In his free time, Matthew enjoys reading, drawing, and playing video games. His favorite book is *Dune*, and his favorite movie is *The Graduate*. Welcome, Matthew!



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Solar Eclipse at Marx Library

On April 8th, the Marx Library Student Engagement Committee, led by STEM Librarian, Sonja Sheffield, hosted a Big Hang Event (our first, hopefully, of many to come): Solar Eclipse of the Marx! Several hundred USA students, staff, faculty, and community

members dropped by the Marx Library to enjoy free Mellow Mushroom pizza, lemonade, solar eclipse glasses (while they lasted!), books, skygazing, and bonhomie for a big afternoon hang. Thanks to all who showed up and our event partner, Dr. Albert Gapud, from the USA Department of Physics. See you next time, Jags!

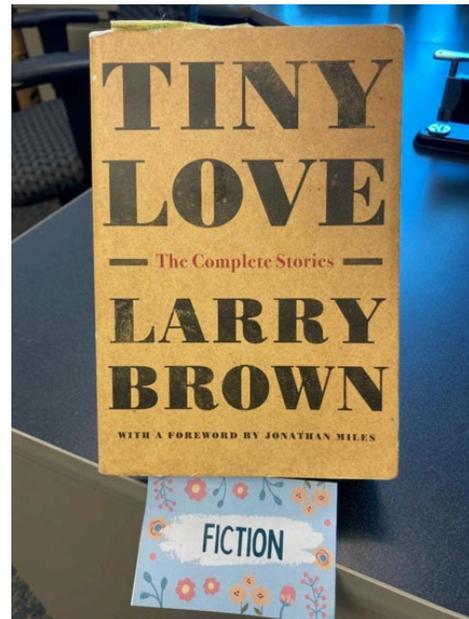


Micro Book Review

Mike Itaya

Tiny Love: The Complete Stories by Larry Brown

Books can connote a certain amount of cachet. Remember when breakfast nooks featured obvious copies of *Infinite Jest*? For Larry Brown, the late, fireman-cum-southern everyman writer, the opposite may be true. You might not find Brown's books burning up many BookToks, but Brown – who wrote about both the sardonic and serious problems his rascally and well-Budweisered Mississippians face down – captured concerns that transcend class and place. Brown wrote about “the problems of the human heart in conflict with itself” (as Faulkner said). Find him in our stacks: PS 3552 .R6927 A6 2019 (Fourth Floor, South Side, Marx Library).



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