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McCall Library Collection Spotlight:

Records of the American Association of University Women of Mobile

The Mobile chapter of the American Association of University Women organized in 1936 with twenty-six original members. The group engaged in various civil projects in the city and took an active interest in state and national issues like equal property taxation in Alabama, opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, politics, women's issues, environmental issues, and many others.

The chapter also sponsored cultural and community events. Materials date between 1936-2005 and include minutes, financial records, correspondence, and printed material from the Mobile chapter. Click the link below to read more about the collection.



More information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.southalabama.edu/libraries/mccallarchives/resources/aauw123.pdf>

Monthly Flashbacks Voter Registration Drive 2024



Marx Library's Student Engagement Committee held its annual Voter Registration Drive for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 17th. Students were invited to register to vote, check their registration status, and/or ask any questions they might have about the registration process. Also available at the table were pocket Constitutions for Constitution Day, buttons/stickers, and handouts for a 2024 Presidential Quiz. Committee representatives were able to engage with 55 students during the in-person drive. While registration numbers were lower than last year, this was largely due to an increase in student shaving already been registered! QR codes to relevant voter resources will continue to be available throughout the library through the month of October.

Into Light Reception with President Jo Bonner

The USA Libraries and the USA Archaeology Museum partnered with the INTO LIGHT project to establish University of South Alabama as the state's host site for the art exhibition, Drug Addiction: Real People, Real Stories. The exhibition features original graphite portraits and stories of people in Alabama who have died from drug addiction/poisoning. An exhibition opening reception took place on August 29, 2024 and approximately 300 people were in attendance, many of whom were family members of the individuals featured in the exhibition.



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For those who would like to facilitate discussions and education about the exhibition, there is a Facilitator's Guide available on the INTO LIGHT Project website:
<https://intolightproject.org/the-into-light-project/facilitator-guide/>

For more information about the Alabama exhibition, contact Gail Kouame – gmkouame@southalabama.edu, Paula Webb – pwebb@southalabama.edu, or Jen Knutsen – jenknutsen@southalabama.edu

Forthcoming Events

International OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2024



USA Libraries will be participating in **International Open Access Week**, Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25th, 2024. Open Access, also known as OA, was defined in 2003 as, “**literature that is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.**” This year's OA theme, “Community over Commercialization,” will highlight the priorities and approaches to open scholarship, and the OA philosophy, which aims to serve the best interest of the public as well as the academic community.

Open Access Week at the University of South Alabama

Who is part of the OA conversation?

Students, faculty, administration, and researchers are all part of the larger open-access conversation. Science majors, humanities scholars, musicians, artists, health care practitioners, and engineering students -- just to name a few -- all offer academic insight into the open access story. Librarians have long been part of the open-access conversation as both researchers and stewards of information. Open access allows for immediate and barrier-free access to scholarly research. Ultimately, this will result in faster growth of new knowledge, increased impact of research, and improved return on public research investments. The goal of hosting OA Week here on the USA campus is to strengthen the open-access conversation between all stakeholders and bring additional awareness and new questions to the table. The ultimate beauty of OA is that it allows research to be open for all, and not just the privileged few, and "community over-commercialization" is this year's theme.

What to expect during International Open Access Week at University of South Alabama? #OAUSA

USA Libraries will offer a series of popup libraries around the USA campus during International Open Access Week as a way to engage students and faculty on the benefits of an OA conversation. Each USA Library popup will provide a casual learning opportunity on open-access awareness tips and tricks that contribute to the bigger picture of scholarly communication. USA Librarians will be on-site at different locations around the USA campus to offer awareness on research tools, such as the benefits of creating an ORCID, participation with USA Libraries Institutional Repository, Jagworks, as well as how to publish open access and avoid author processing charges by participating in one of USA Libraries transformative agreements. *Beyond Barriers: An Open Access Panel Discussion* will take place virtually on Wednesday October 23, 2024 from 1 to 2 p.m. The panel discussion features three Alabama librarians who are involved with open-access initiatives in their libraries. You'll hear about their successful strategies for increasing faculty engagement with open access as well as challenges they face in promoting open access on their campuses. The Wednesday virtual panel is free but registration is required. Information on open access week will also be available at all week at Marx Library where a passive display will be set up in the Graduate Student Lounge for #OAUSA.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OA Week Event
Monday October 21, 2024	11 am -1 pm	Health Sciences Building Lobby	POP UP Library #OAWeek #OAUSA
Tuesday October 22, 2024	9: 30 am - 11:30 am	Mitchell College of Business (MCOB) 2nd Floor Lobby	POP UP Library #OAWeek #OAUSA
Wednesday October 23, 2024	1 pm - 2 pm	Open Access Virtual Statewide Panel	Register Here
Wednesday October 23, 2024	1 pm - 4 pm	Undergraduate Research Symposium , Student Center, 2nd Floor	POP UP Library #OAWeek #OAUSA
Thursday October 24, 2024	12 pm - 2 pm	Shelby Hall, 2nd Floor Atrium	POP UP Library #OAWeek #OAUSA
OA Week 10/21 - 10/25	ALL #OAUSA WEEK	MARX Library Graduate Student Lounge	Open Access Awareness Information Table

Glass Pumpkin Patch Festival

Just as the crisp autumn air is arriving, it is time to embrace the season with the Annual Glass Arts Pumpkin Patch Sale! This event is hosted by the Marx library and offers a selection of handcrafted glass pumpkins created by students and faculty. The pumpkin patch supports the glass art program at South – the only university in Alabama to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in studio glass. The pumpkin patch sale is scheduled from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday, October 25 at the library Pavilion, located outside the 1st floor south-side entrance, and Room 181.

Don't miss your chance to own a unique glass pumpkin that you won't find anywhere else!



USA Libraries Art Exhibits


USA MARX LIBRARY

**WICKED WORKS
STUDENT ART
SHOW 2024**

**ART SUBMISSIONS
WANTED!!!**

Want to submit your art? Scan the QR code!

This show will be on display in the Marx Library Student Art Gallery (2nd floor) throughout September and October. ALL students are welcome and encouraged to submit their fall themed artwork!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL: SCS1821@JAGMAIL.SOUTHALABAMA.EDU

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Native American Studies Program



NOV-DEC 2024

Exhibit Opening and Artist Presentation
Reception: 10.29.24
Rodning Gallery of Art 6pm
Marx Library
590 USA Drive North
Mobile, AL 36688

Discover the unwritten stories of America's first nations. How much do you really know about the roots of this land?

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PAULA WEBB: PWEBB@SOUTHALABAMA.EDU

McCall Library William C. ShROUT Exhibit



McCall Library's William C. ShROUT Exhibit will be available through November. The exhibit can now be viewed on the 3rd floor of the Marx Library.

Jag Stats

WoW At Marx Library: Coffee, Crafts & Connection By the Numbers

126 Coffees Given Out (Starbucks).
22 Books Taken From the Marx Mini.
35 Friendship Bracelet Participants.
53 Drop-Ins for Snacks, Games and Student Clubs.
30 USA Libraries Book Club Sign-Ups.
35 Buttons Taken.
Visit from President Bonner and Dr. Andi Kent!

