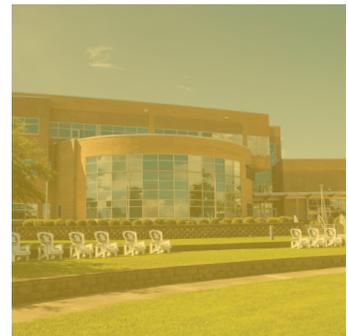


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A Farewell Letter from Dean Etschmaier



Dear Colleagues,

As some of you may already know, I will be retiring at the end of June. This decision was not made lightly. My time here at Florida State University has been incredibly fulfilling, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked with each of you. While I am excited for the next chapter of my life and the adventures it will bring, it is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye.

I have cherished every moment working with you all. I have loved my job, the teams I have been a part of, and the shared passion for FSU Libraries. Hearing about other institutions only reinforces how fortunate I have been to be part of this exceptional community. Over the years, FSU has become a home to me, as I know it has for many of you.

Even though I am retiring, my commitment to FSU and the Libraries remains unwavering. I will continue to support our mission and build on the excellence we have achieved together. The successes of the Libraries benefit faculty, staff, and students alike, and I am profoundly grateful for the impact you have all made.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

Gale S. Etschmaier
Dean of Florida State University Libraries
2018 - 2025



Following the shooting on FSU's campus on April 17, which took the lives of two people, Tiru Chabba and Robert Morales, as well as injuring five others, the campus community created several memorials in honor of the victims. These memorials consist of various items, left behind by students, staff, faculty, and loved ones, such as letters, flowers, candles, and other memorabilia. The memorials, even considering how tragic the impetus of their creation was, serve as a testament to the compassion and kindness that we, as communities, as people, are capable of; they remind us that, in the wake of acts of evil and senseless violence, there is still strength, and there is still love.

To that end, FSU Libraries Special Collections and Archives have partnered with FSU's Division of Student Affairs and FSU Facilities to archive the memorials, preserving what was left behind to honor and remember the victims. Katie McCormick, Associate Dean for Special Collections & Archives estimates that the materials collected number in the hundreds.

The process of archiving and documentation is long and arduous; however, every item is being handled with the care and respect that they deserve, and they will continue to exist as a part of FSU's history for generations to come. Although a majority of the bouquets are going to be composted, the compost itself will be reserved for future memorial plantings on FSU's campus. Living plants at the time of archiving will either be distributed or planted. Some flowers will be dried and preserved.

In what McCormick calls an "early first step," the archivists document the items with videos and photographs. Then, the commemorative objects are wrapped and labeled based on the location they were collected from. All the objects will then be sent to the university's archive storage on campus for inventory in the coming weeks.

FSU Libraries extends its most sincere gratitude towards Katie, her team, and the numerous volunteers who have overcome challenging feelings of grief and sadness to provide this meaningful service to the Tallahassee community.

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Art in the Library

Fostering Creativity, Community, and Value at Florida State University

The FSU Libraries program, Art in the Library, has brought several unique and engaging visual and performing arts events to the Libraries. These have included not just art exhibitions, but also live music, performed spontaneously within the Libraries. Having these events and displays at FSU Libraries provided students with a taste of locally sourced art, something they cannot reliably get anywhere else on campus.

Art in the Library's goal is to enrich

the FSU Libraries experience, both aesthetically and academically. From a student's perspective, seeing artwork displayed in the Libraries serves as a healthy intellectual distraction from their academic rigor, as well as a new avenue of critical thought for said student and their community. In this way, Art in the Library has become synonymous with engaging library fun and overall enrichment.



New Year, Fresh Look

Dirac, Strozier, and the Claude Pepper Center all received new furniture and fresh paint at the beginning of 2024.

The furniture replacements have provided more seating and comfort for our library patrons. Dirac, pictured above, got the most new furniture, replacing pieces that were over 15 years old. Multiple spaces, including our Art in the Library exhibition walls, were also repainted.

Staff Awards

FSU Libraries are proud to be central to the educational and recreational aspects of student life; a place not just for learning, but also for social engagement and having fun. Though it goes without saying, such a reputation is only made possible through the efforts of our incredible staff, several of whom were recently awarded for their contributions to FSU Libraries.

Both Student Engagement Librarian, Crystal Matthews and Accounting Representative, Chelsea Mobley were honored with the Julia Zimmerman Award for embodying the values former Dean Zimmerman championed. Crystal has demonstrated time and time again that she can accomplish anything in the name of bettering the Libraries for students. Chelsea has proven to be dependable and invaluable in implementing new initiatives to improve the Libraries services. Repository Director, Bryan Brown received the Fred L. Standley Award for demonstrating exceptional service and accomplishments for his improvement of the Libraries digital infrastructure, having transitioned the digital repository to a new, open-sourced platform.

We couldn't be more excited to share these staff accomplishments with you. Please look forward to seeing how our staff continue to improve the Libraries with their hard work and dedication.

Pictured, top to bottom:

- Crystal Mathews**, Zimmerman Award
- Bryan Brown**, Standley Award
- Chelsea Mobley**, Zimmerman Award



Robert B. Bradley Research Grants

Named for the retired VP of Planning and Programs at FSU, the Robert B. Bradley Research Grants are given to applicants with the intention of supporting the research and creative endeavors of faculty while developing our Libraries world-class collections. The grants are strictly for the acquisition of new library materials, be they books, digitization of certain materials, or even artworks. The best part is, these new materials, upon acquisition, become publicly available for use by everyone. FSU Libraries are proud to present the recipients of the Bradley Research Grant, and we are equally excited to see what our students do with these new materials.



Dr. Bookwalter
Fine Arts
Newly published unique artists' books



Dr. Mahoney
Social Sciences and Public Policy
Docuseek Health and Health Care Collection Streaming Video Database



Dr. Matthews
Music
Flute music by women composers (1985-2023)



Dr. McQuerry
Entrepreneurship
Textile Technology Complete Database



Dr. Shatruck
Arts and Sciences
"Comprehensive Inorganic Chemistry III" e-book



Dr. Valisa
Arts and Sciences
Digitization of the Italian newspaper, "Il secolo" (1921-1927)

Numbers

For the academic year 2023-2024

Library Visits

1,120,152

Visitor count
(Strozier, Dirac, Engineering, Pepper, Cook,
and Music Libraries)

April 29

Busiest day of the year
(Strozier and Dirac)

Monday

Busiest day of the week
(Strozier and Dirac)

April

Busiest Month
(Strozier and Dirac)

Title Count (all Libraries)

3,585,863

Digital titles
(E-books, media, and serials)

2,170,330

Physical titles
(Print books, media, and serials)

5,693,193

Total titles

Digital Usage

282,174

Total E-book and E-media usage

2,175,067

E-serials

2,494,445

Total digital

Reference Questions (all Libraries)

50,726

Total reference questions across all Libraries.
Including consultations and virtual reference

New Librarians



Jules Bailey
Health Sciences Librarian



Andrea Cox
Metadata Management Librarian



Nathanael Gay
Data Visualization and Analysis Librarian



Taylor Henning
University Archivist



Jeremy Katz
Research Impact Librarian



Stuart Rochford
Imaging Librarian

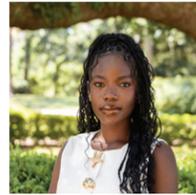


Aaron Rodriguez
Digital Humanities Librarian



Kimberly Windham
History, Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Librarian

New Staff and Promotions



Rachael Adeogun
Digital Media Specialist



Dalvin Birdsong
Service Desk and Scheduling Supervisor



Tricia Bowden
STEM Library Specialist



Zane Boyle
Media Specialist



Victoria Chenet
Accounting Representative



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Senior Administrative Specialist



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Assistant Director of Budget and Admin Services



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Research Repository Specialist



Stephanie Shrewsbury
DLC Imaging Supervisor



Rae Sloan
Library Operations Supervisor



Andrew Vaughn
Facilities Assistant



Niall Williams
Government Information Specialist



Elizabeth Zahorjan
Data Remediation Associate

Hurricane Staff

At FSU Libraries, serving our campus community is always the priority. When weather conditions are inclement, we strive to provide shelter and resources to those who may still find themselves on campus. Our essential staff from security and Access Services and Delivery has been instrumental in ensuring basic operations are resumed quickly in the wake of disrupting weather events.

Jeff Hipsher, Head of Access Services and Delivery, said that "Each hurricane season, our Access Services & Delivery

and Library Security staff collaborate with Library leadership and university administrators to open our spaces and activate our services as quickly as conditions will allow so that we might provide comfort and relief to the many students living on campus." FSU Libraries wants to thank our "hurricane" staff for their service and unwavering commitment to our mission.

Left to right: Jeff Hipsher, Marlowe DeBrine, Dalvin Birdsong, Rilley McKenna, Jerod Hutchinson, and Eleanor Cleveland.





Professor Davis Houck

Professor of Rhetorical Studies, Dr. Davis Houck, recently obtained new documents pertaining to the murder of Emmett Till. Houck is the leader and one of the creators of the only existing Emmett Till archive, which houses both digital and physical materials pertaining to the murder.

Chief amongst these new documents is a research memorandum by controversial reporter, William Bradford Huie, as well as

Huie's correspondence with the murderers' lawyer, John Whitten Jr. These documents were given to Dr. Houck by Whitten's granddaughter, Ellen Whitten, whose family preserved the documents for 69 years. Obtaining these new documents only strengthens FSU Libraries commitment to building and maintaining a comprehensive Emmett Till archive. It is important to have these materials easily accessible, not just for academic and research purposes, but to remind us of the impact of this atrocity.

Emmett Till

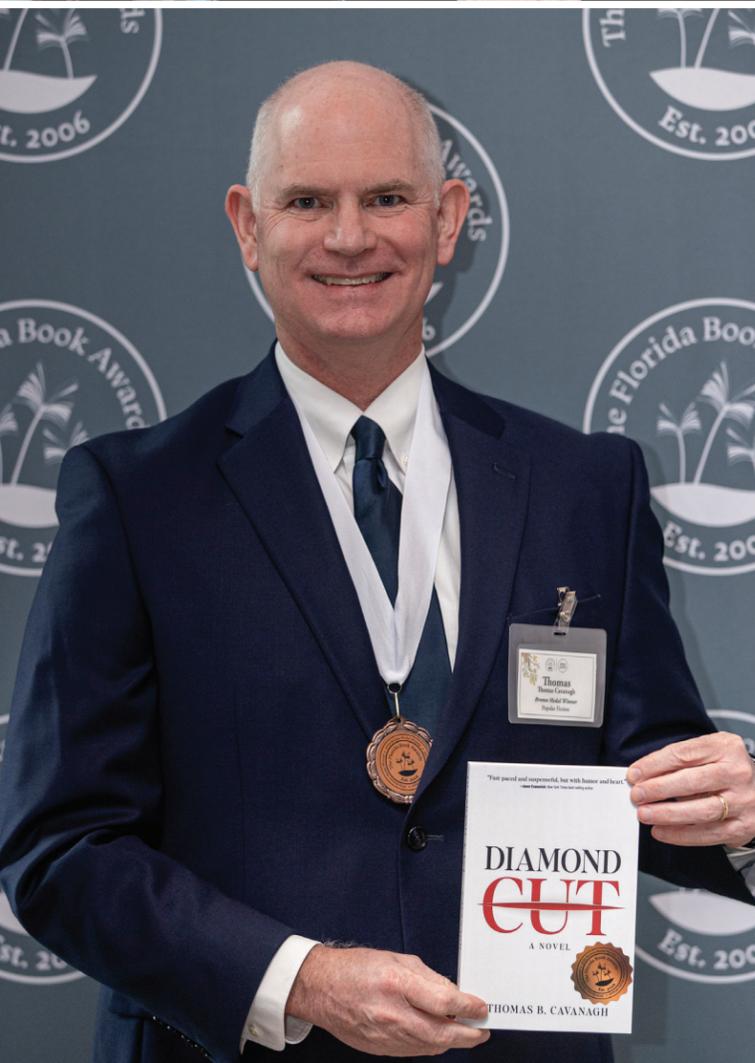
An annual lecture on our archives and the legacy of Mamie Till

Dale Killinger, retired FBI special agent, gave a lecture in February 2024 at FSU regarding the lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till. Though Till was murdered in 1955, the FBI re-opened the case in 2004 with Special Agent Killinger at the helm. During his lecture, Killinger discussed previously unknown key witnesses, admissions by the killers, the autopsy of Till's remains, and admissions from Till's accuser, Carolyn Bryant.

During his time investigating Till's murder, Killinger located a lost trial transcript, participated in the exhumation and

autopsy of Till's body, and presented all his findings before a grand jury. His lecture demonstrates that there is still more to be learned from Emmett Till's murder. FSU Libraries, through the Emmett Till Archives, aims to preserve materials surrounding Emmett Till as well as to build an understanding of how he exists in memory for the sake of our future historians. FSU Libraries are incredibly grateful for Special Agent Killinger's work and for his appearance here on campus, both of which are invaluable to the Emmett Till Archives.





The Florida Book Awards

Since 2006, FSU Libraries has organized and hosted the annual Florida Book Awards to recognize the best work by Florida Authors in 11 categories!

Below are the winners of our four endowed categories:

Gwen P. Reichert Gold Medal Prize for Young Children's Literature

2023 Frizzy Haired Zuzu by Medeia Sharif

2024 Mango Memories by Sita Singh

Jean E. Lowrie Gold Medal for Older Children's Literature

2023 The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle by Taryn Souders

2024 The Lost Forest: An Unexpected Discovery Beneath the Waves by Jennifer Swanson

Phillip and Dana Zimmerman Gold Medal Prize for Florida Nonfiction

2023 Path of the Panther: New Hope for Wild Florida by Carlton Ward, Jr.

2024 Florida Springs: From Geography to Politics and Restoration by Christopher Meindl

Gerald Ensley Developing Writer Award

2023

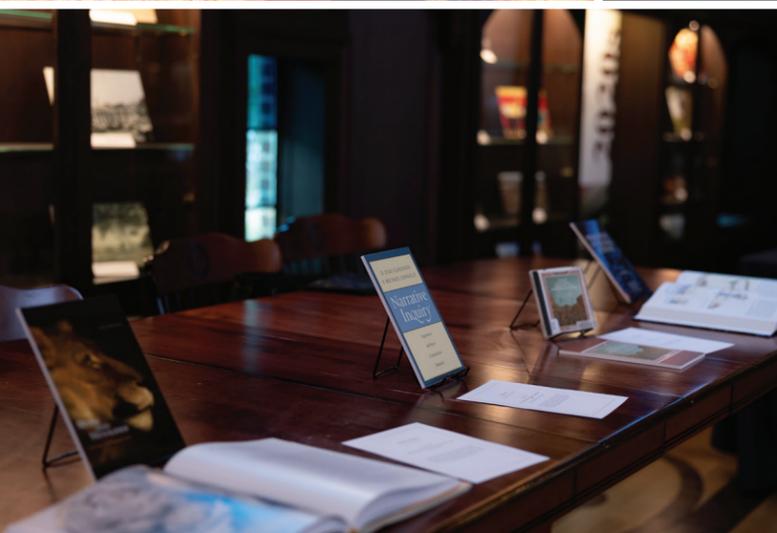
Rebecca Renner

Gator Country: Deception, Danger, and Alligators in the Everglades

A full list of current and past winners can be found at www.floridabookawards.org

Newly Tenured Faculty

Over the years, we've supported and celebrated FSU staff and faculty at the Libraries and beyond. Every Spring, we join campus partners to celebrate newly Tenured Faculty and their contributions to advancing research at the University. Faculty members choose one piece of media or literature to be acquired through the Library that inspired them. This allows faculty to make available any resource they considered instrumental in their journey towards tenure.



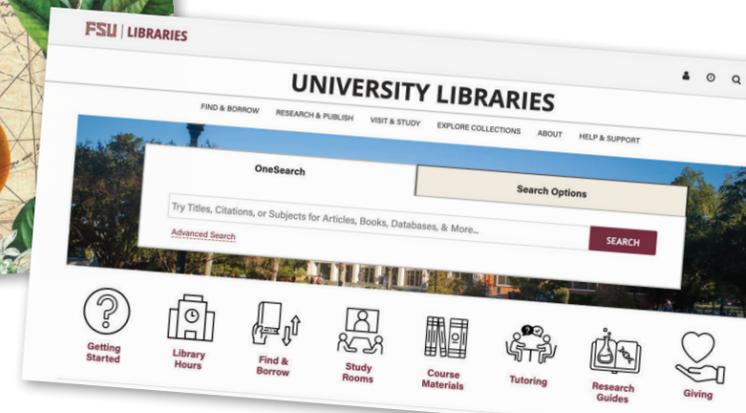
FSU Authors Day

FSU Authors Day celebrates recently published academic material by FSU staff and faculty. The collection of new books, e-books, recordings, and poetry is made available through the Libraries and displayed at the event.



New Branding

Since FSU unveiled its new branding over the Summer of 2024, the Libraries have been hard at work to refresh our look and make our website and graphic materials compliant with branding regulations. This has been an excellent opportunity to give the Libraries brand a facelift and to update the Florida Book Awards website and work towards a cobranding solution to join both brands. Check out our new look!



Student Library Opportunities

Every year, over 150 students join our FSU Libraries community as interns, assistants, or part-time employees. Working across all departments, our students aid the Libraries in maintaining and bolstering services, all the while acquiring industry specific knowledge useful for jobs and graduate school applications.

Top left: **Ashley Arthur (B.A. '27)**, and **Thea Janes (B.A. '24)**, **Social Media**
Top right: **Emily McClellan Lopez (B.A. '18)** and **Jaidyn Smith (B.A. '24)**, **Student Engagement**
With help from her supervisor, Emily, Jaidyn is now pursuing a MSLIS at University of Illinois
Bottom left: **Arianna Nicolas (B.A. '25)**, **U.X. Design**, and headed for a job with *Capital One!*
Bottom right: **Laura Pellini (B.A. '22)**, and **Madison Dodd (B.A. '23)**, **Graphic Design**
Laura got a full time position with the Libraries and Madison works for West Elm in New York!



Student Engagement

Throughout both 2024 and 2025, our student engagement department led a team of OPS student interns in putting together fun and educational events across FSU Libraries. They successfully engaged over 10,000 students through orientation, tabling events, finals week stressbusters, craft nights, and more. Their most popular event, 'Dirac-ula Fest,' turns our beloved Paul Dirac statue into a not-so-scary vampire each year!

FSU Libraries wants to thank the leaders of the engagement team, Crystal Matthews, Engagement Librarian and Emily McClellan Lopez, Student Engagement Coordinator, for helping to bring these phenomenally fun Libraries events to life!



Where Are They Now?

Our Assessment department here at FSU Libraries has done fabulous work in reaching out to former student employees and interviewing them about their experiences at the Libraries. This information, which has been highly analyzed since, is crucial for making FSU Libraries the best that it can be. Assessment works tirelessly to incorporate this feedback into tangible improvements. The former employees you will learn about soon were kind enough to provide this information at length.

Ginger Williams

Dean of Library Services at Fort Hays State University



Ginger Williams graduated from FSU with a degree in Library Science while working as a student employee at FSU Libraries. She then worked at Valdosta State University for just over four years; while she was there, she earned a master's degree in Higher Education Leadership. After departing from VSU, she worked her way up the ranks of Fort Lewis College, starting off as a circulation supervisor, then moving up to reference and instruction coordinator. Seeing a massive career opportunity, Ginger took a job at Wichita State University as an associate dean. This would be her final role before taking up her current position as the Dean of Library Services at Fort Hays State University, where she reports directly to the provost.

Ginger highly recommends working at FSU Libraries, highlighting how fun it was to work with the library materials, as well as the interesting personalities she met during her time here. The skills she obtained at FSU Libraries helped her immensely in the illustrious career that would follow, namely interpersonal skills. As a result of her experiences as a student employee, Ginger learned the importance of being intentional with her interactions with others. We are so proud of how far Ginger has come since leaving FSU, and though we know she does not need it, we wish her nothing but the best in all her future endeavors.



Kevin Seeber

Head Librarian at Penn State Abington

Kevin Seeber left FSU Libraries in 2011. He received his master's degree in Library Science in 2009 while working as a student employee. After FSU, he worked as a library instruction coordinator at Colorado State University Pueblo. From there, he worked his way up to the position of government documents librarian. Kevin left Pueblo in 2015, transitioning to the University of Colorado; for the first year, he was the teaching and learning librarian, becoming the head of the department in 2018. Currently, he works as the Head Librarian at Penn State Abington, where he was hired with tenure.

Kevin's career trajectory has been defined by his willingness to challenge himself by taking up new and uncharted responsibilities. He is an advocate for student employees, recognizing and appreciating the work they put into making a library run. He encourages student employees to socialize and collaborate with their non-student colleagues. Penn State is very fortunate to have someone as hardworking as Kevin on their team; FSU Libraries is similarly grateful that he is a part of our story.

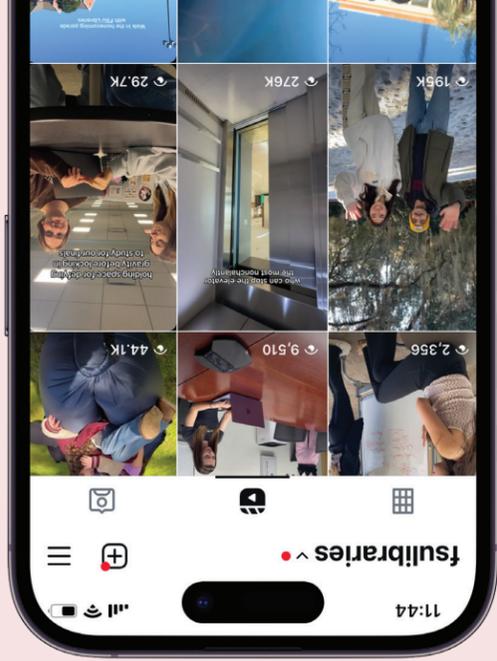
Leo Lo

Dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Services at the University of New Mexico



Leo Lo is currently working as the Dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Services at the University of New Mexico. He holds a master's degree in survey research and a doctorate in higher education management. After leaving FSU in 2008, Leo had the good fortune of landing a tenure track position at Kansas State University in 2009 where he would eventually obtain the position of research and development librarian. Following this, Leo took a job at the McClure Education Library at the University of Alabama. From there, he worked as an associate university librarian at Old Dominion University and as an associate dean at Penn State University.

One of Leo's overarching career goals involves incorporating A.I. into the information sciences. To this end, he helps students and peers with their A.I. literacy skills. Going along with this sentiment then, Leo's advice for student employees at FSU Libraries is to take advantage of the multitude of information resources. He emphasizes how knowledge in today's world is merely a click away. Leo will continue to do amazing things in his career and we here at FSU Libraries wish him nothing but the best!



#FSULib!

The FSU Libraries social media marketing team has been instrumental in reaching undergrads through fun and engaging content uploaded regularly on all the Libraries digital platforms. Lead by Laura Pellini, student employees Elyse Walcott, Thea Janes, and Ashley Arthur have continuously delivered high-quality content with the numbers to show for it! In January 2025, two videos went viral, reaching over 420,000 viewers in just a few weeks.



These videos have successfully informed and promoted several new library services, including Occuspace, and new leisure items such as like as hammocks and lawn chairs, available for checkout at the Tech Desk.

Want to see for yourself?
Follow us on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook: @fsulibraries; and LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/fsu-libraries/

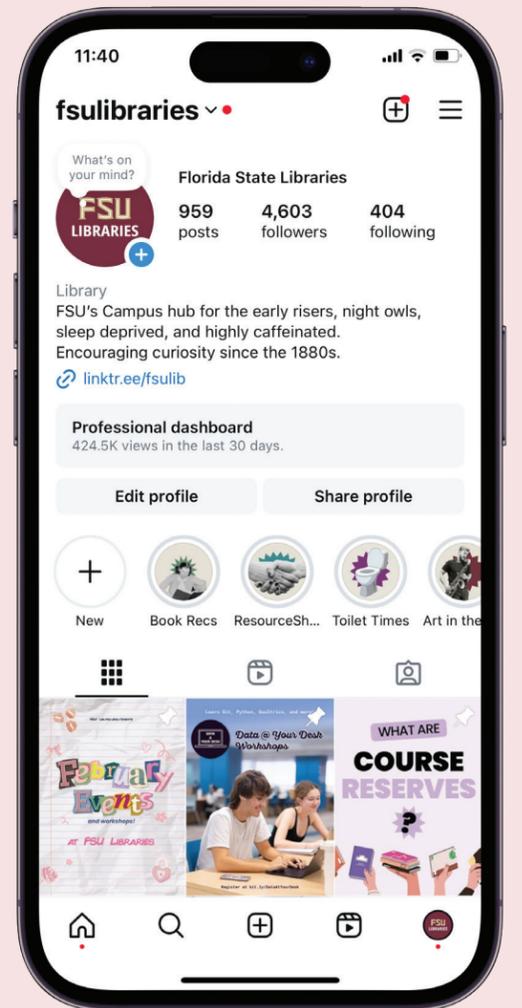
Data Fellows

FSU Libraries is celebrating four years of the Data Fellows program, an initiative started by Nicholas Ruhs, our very own Research Data Management Librarian. The initiative hires students from data and/or STEM fields, and provides them with opportunities to work in data gathering and management. Data Fellows work part-time at FSU Libraries and, in addition to their regular duties at the Libraries, have the opportunity to teach workshops.

As a Data Fellow, students not only develop interpersonal soft skills themselves, but they also provide incredible services for their peers. These services take the

form of helping to develop curricula, creating Canvas modules, and helping with outreach and engagement. By having students assist other students, the Data Fellows initiative creates a supportive community where students can learn valuable skills while contributing to their peers' betterment.

Past Data Fellows (and now, FSU graduates) have gone on to work directly in the field, as data analysts and engineers. It's a program that gives the next generation of innovators baked-in experience concurrent with their education.



A Love Letter to Strozier

Trip Wyckoff, Business Librarian, found this letter taped under a shelf on the fifth floor of Strozier Library during the summer of 2024. The original letter was written in 2022, and ever since, students have continued to find it, write their own responses, and put it all back in the envelope under the shelf for the next student to find.

9/4/24 ♡
This was such a great find!
I hope whoever is reading this
is well and does amazing on their
exams ♡ go notes!
♡ Helene Lebrze ♡

Thank you
for this!
-G.P.
11/01/2024



4/23/24 For some reason I chose to lay on this floor and study and as I was getting up I found your letter! Reading this helped give me a sense of relief that the best way to truly live is presently and attentively in the little things. Coming here as a freshman everything is so new and exciting but also overwhelming and confusing, it is easy to get lost in it all. That's why reminders like this calling you to the present are so important.

Good Luck to the next reader and I hope you find everything you are searching for! (and sometimes, just like this letter, not searching for)

Best of Luck,
Vanessa Vastano ♡

Thanks for the encouragement! - vero 1/30/2024

Hi future readers! Ronny (the author) is one of my best friends & one of the best people I have ever met. My friend & I are graduating this year & wanted to find all his letters. As you go through college & prepare for post-grad life, just remember what's meant to be will happen, & everything happens for a reason. The friendships & memories you make at FSU are forever, live in the moment and as always, GO NOTES! 7118124
♡ Katie & Hannah

Good luck to the next who reads this!

-Jazlyn Oliveira

Almost one year later, April 30 2023...

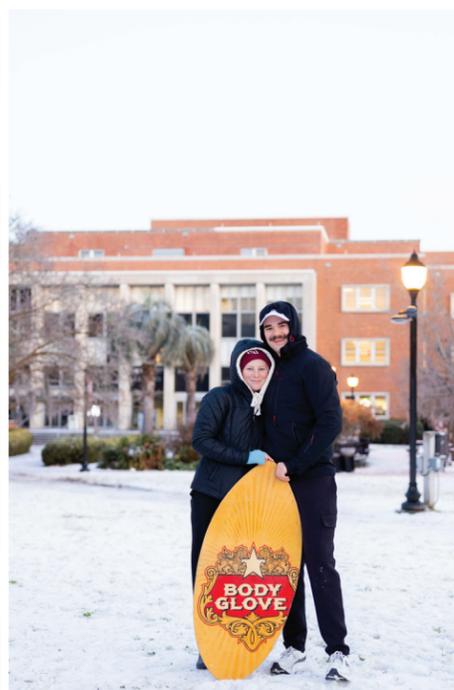
I've been studying all weekend for finals and found this little note! I have to say, thank you for your reminder to be more present and thankful. I will certainly be patting the Strozier statue on my way out! Go notes & God bless ♡

To whoever finds this letter (or future me),
6/27/22 4/5
Welcome to Strozier library! This place had a lot of great memories for me. When I look back briefly, Strozier was just the place to study or print your essay if you forgot the night before. But it was much more than that. It was the place where friends would laugh, have breakthrough moments in learning, late night snacks, study breaks, and of course... a snickerdoodle hot chocolate and a lemon cake. Every floor, every wall had a story. If you are a student yourself, whether a freshman or senior, you have already had some of those amazing memories of your own. My last semester before I graduated, I was fortunate enough to only have to take four credits: Economics of Asia and Stretch and Relaxation. Although I did not go to Strozier as much, I always tried to make it a point to go with friends who were studying or needing to get work done. Even if all I had to do was write some emails or finalize applications for law school, it was nice to look back and enjoy Strozier one last time. A fun tradition I learned about was that after you had finished studying for an exam at Strozier, you would have to tap the Strozier statue on the back for good luck.

As I sit here now, reflecting on the memories, the stress of finals week, heck even the fun of it, I'm thankful. FSU truly was home and although I was heavily involved, just going to Strozier showed how easy it was to find a home here on campus. If you're reading this and saying to yourself that this is just a big FSU fan who would gasp up the school regardless, you'd be right. But may I suggest testing what I say to be true yourself. Look around at the camaraderie, people working together, upper classmen helping lower classmen. Heck even the janitorial staff. There was a woman I met on the second and third floor who was a janitor. She came up to me and some friends and introduced herself to me as my friends already knew her. I told her my name and she said I was #5000. I asked what that meant and she told me I was her 5000th baby. Everyday that I saw her after that we would always share a moment with her. She told me that she had gone through breast cancer. I remember praying with her at 11:00pm while we studied for finals week. She was family, all because of the tribe of FSU. The point is find your home, regardless where on campus, ~~down~~ (or 11th), cause people can't wait to help you. Just make sure to help others too, and as always... Go Notes! 904-729-2957 or ronnyleg@gmail.com or rsl18@fsu.edu
P.S. If you'd like contact at ronnyleg@gmail.com or rsl18@fsu.edu
Best,
Ronny
Legate

Let it Snow!

The morning after the unprecedented snowstorm swept through the panhandle, students gathered on Landis Green to sled and play. Strozier and Dirac Library didn't miss out on the fun; several snowmen were found right outside both libraries when they reopened. One of them was even on the Strozier statue's head! Check out these photos of FSU Libraries, colder than ever before!



Toilet Times

If you've frequented Strozier or Dirac, or if you've only been in one for a few hours, chances are, you have encountered the Toilet Times. Colorful, witty, and ever-informative, our bathroom stall newspaper has proven to be successful in promoting graduate and undergraduate events. Here are some of our favorite designs from our talented designer, Amber-Lynne Jensen!

The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times

In 2024, FSU Libraries acquired full access to both The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal for the entire campus community. This means that all faculty, staff, and most importantly, students, have access to both of these resources to aid them in their academic journeys. These acquisitions represent a huge step in supporting FSU research, as well as providing entertainment, market analysis, and news to the entire FSU community.

Pop Lit

In 2024, Strozier Library's Pop Lit section got something of a revamp. With the help of facilities, we installed a new LED sign to brighten the space and direct attention to our exciting collection of graphic novels and popular, in-demand literature.





Chair Dedication

Chair dedication plaques are a unique opportunity to create a lasting legacy while contributing to the preservation and enhancement of the Heritage Museum. Each plaque is permanently affixed to the dedicated chair and can bear the name of anyone the donor chooses to honor.

Some may choose to honor loved ones, commemorate special events, or simply show their support for the museum's mission. Funds raised through this initiative will directly support the museum's educational programs, exhibitions, and preservation efforts.

As of May 2025, eight chairs have been dedicated to: Dr. Donald D. Horward (Mrs. Horward pictured below), Dr. Kristine C. Harper, Alicia A. Crew, Donna H. McHugh, Jimmy Cole and Jonathan Klepper, Janet L. Stoner, Dr. Mary Lou Norwood, and James & Betty Lou Joanos



Heritage Museum Development Council

FSU Libraries Heritage Museum is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich cultural history of Florida State, and in no small part, this is thanks to the dedication of its leadership, the Heritage Museum Council. Through their tireless efforts, FSU has a dedicated space where its rich and vibrant history is brought to life for all to enjoy and learn from. We thank the Heritage Museum Council for their work in making the museum what it is: a cornerstone of knowledge and inspiration.

- Alicia Crew, Co-Chair
- Nan Hillis, Co-Chair
- Jimmy Cole
- Max Dou
- Tracey Dowling
- Gale Etschmaier
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