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Newsletter

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Dean's Message



Dear Library Friends,

March 18 marks the one-year anniversary of our Covid transformation at FSU. It is hard to believe that our lives changed so dramatically last spring, especially for those of us who have lost friends or family to this terrible virus. As we look ahead to a more hopeful time, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported our students, faculty, and staff.

I am grateful that FSU has taken a leadership role in Tallahassee in vaccinating priority groups identified by the governor and we are optimistic that more of our faculty and staff will be eligible for the vaccine in the next weeks. This spring we are looking forward to a modified in-person commencement that will celebrate the achievements of our students.

Our summer classes and operations will provide time for a gradual return to campus for students, faculty, and staff and we are excited about the prospect of a more normal fall. Over the summer we will relocate furniture to provide for more learning spaces for our students and plan which services will return to their pre-covid status and which virtual and modified services we may wish to sustain based on what we learned during the pandemic.

On March 10, we participated in the FSU Great Give and I am thrilled to report that we raised nearly \$20,000 for online learning materials and the Civil Rights Institute. We purchased the *Black Abolitionist Papers* from our earlier Giving Tuesday fundraiser and this collection of letters, speeches, pamphlets, essays, and newspaper editorials is being used enthusiastically in classes and projects. With the funds from the Great Give, we are exploring additional potential materials that will support classroom and research needs.

As the spring semester comes to a close, I wish you all good health and happiness and thank you for all your support.

Best,

Gale S. Etchmaieu

The Great Give 2021



We raised over \$19,000 during this year's Great Give campaign! We are very grateful for everyone who contributed.

The funds raised will help secure an intern for FSU's Civil Rights Institute and provide critical online learning resources for our students. These projects enhance scholarship,

diversity, accessibility, and critical thinking for our campus community. Thank you!

If you missed the Great Give but still want to contribute, click [here](#) to support our ongoing initiatives.

The Fogg Charitable Trust

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Fogg Charitable Trust, FSU Libraries have been able to provide exemplary tutoring support for our FSU students. In early March, one of the Fogg trustees had the opportunity to virtually meet some of our tutors and team members who coordinate tutoring services. To celebrate the contributions of the Fogg Trust to student learning, we created the video below.



FSU Author's Day



FSU students, faculty, and staff during the 2019 FSU Author's Day celebration.

Every year, the [FSU Libraries](#) and the [Office of Faculty Development and Advancement](#) host FSU Author's day to celebrate the published accomplishments of FSU faculty and staff.

This year, in lieu of a reception, we honored our authors digitally. The published works on display represent endless hours of research and learning and showcase the diversity and variety of scholarship at Florida State University.

We congratulate the authors on their hard work and significant contributions to scholarship!

Click [here](#) to view the digital display.

Special Collections & Archives



We are excited to announce a [new partnership](#) with Florida State University Libraries, the School of Communication, and the West Tallahatchie School District in Tallahatchie County Mississippi.

This partnership involves teaching the history of the Emmett Till case using primary source documents from the digitized [Till Archives](#) in FSU's Special Collections. Students attending West Tallahatchie High School (WTHS) will be able to access these documents for creative projects involving music, poetry, film, essays, and other hybrid media. Awards, funded by the Emmett Till Archive Endowment, will be given to the best creative projects.

Katie McCormick, Associate Dean for Special Collections and Archives at FSU Libraries and Davis Houck, Fannie Lou Hamer Professor of Rhetorical Studies and founder of the Till Archive Fund, promoted this partnership through local news media. Watch these interviews [here](#) and [here](#).

FSU Libraries in the News

FSU Libraries and our librarians have been getting a lot of media coverage these days! Read the articles below to learn more about what we have been up to recently.

- [Florida State University Libraries Debuts New Open Access Publishing Program](#) highlights the debut of FSU's first open-access publishing program.
- [A roadmap to success: 'Design Thinking' sparks innovative spirit of FSU students](#) interviews Mike Meth, Associate Dean of Research and Learning Services.
- The *New York Times* article, [Who Is Still Buying VHS Tapes?](#), quotes David Rodriguez, Resident Librarian.
- [Florida State's history documented by university archivists](#) features Sandra Varry, Heritage and University Archivist.

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