



# Newsletter

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## Dean's Message



Dear Library Friends,

In these unprecedented times, it is important to reflect on the many aspects of our lives that we are grateful for. At Florida State University, we witness excellence and resilience every day. This year Florida State University continued to be ranked by *US News and World Report* as one of the top 20 public universities. This is a result of the hard work and

dedication of our faculty, staff, and students.

On August 17, after tireless preparations by our staff to move furniture and install sanitation stations to ensure physical distancing and a clean environment, we opened the physical libraries to our students with limited hours and days. In order to ensure the safety of both the students and staff, we have implemented physical distancing protocols, a requirement to wear masks, and we no longer allow students to eat in the libraries. Students are working individually, and many are taking their classes via Zoom in the library buildings.

In these first weeks, we have found that the number of students coming into the libraries is greatly reduced from past years. In some ways, our new rules are a mirror into past traditional libraries, in which we also saw a decline in use. We are looking forward to the time when we can safely remove these restrictions and when students will again flock to the physical libraries.

As we prepare for a time when all our students and staff return, we continue to make great progress on the renovation of the second floor of Strozier Library. Painting, carpeting, and electrical enhancements have been completed and furniture is arriving. I look forward to seeing you and showing you this newly renovated area. Please stay safe during this season!

Best,

*Gale S. Etzschmaier*

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## FSU Libraries Reopens Its Doors for Fall 2020

FSU Libraries is excited to reopen Strozier Library and Dirac Science Library to the FSU community this fall. In order to provide everyone with a safe experience, we worked hard this summer to make some changes such as socially-distanced seating, disinfection stations placed throughout the Libraries, and plexiglass dividers installed in front of the security and circulation desks. The Libraries' Facilities team used recycled plexiglass provided by Special Collections, which had previously been part of Delta Delta Delta sorority composite frames, to create the dividers.





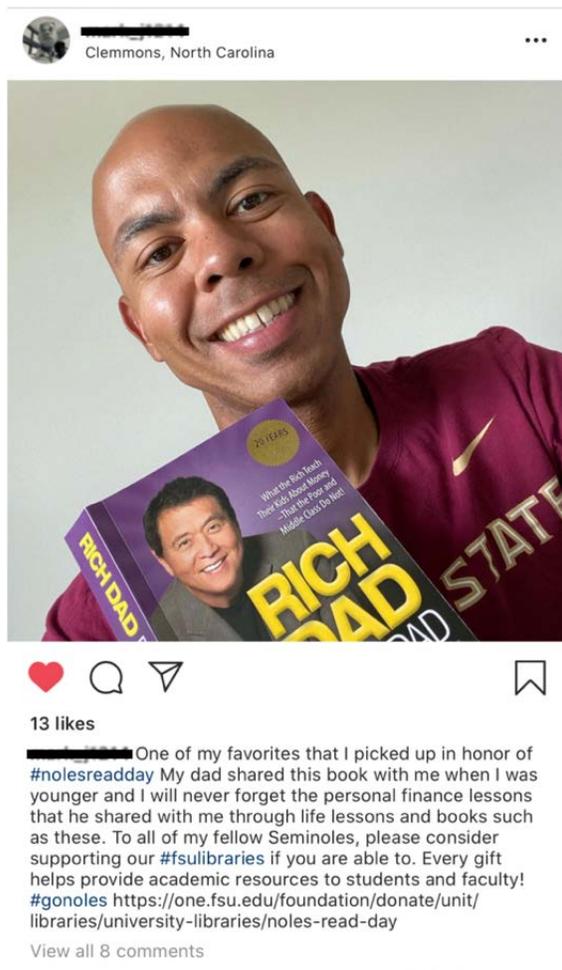
When our physical locations were closed, we continued to support the campus community as a virtual hub for [remote learning](#) by offering electronic resources, online instructional support, open education resources, online tutoring, and other remote services to our constituents. Access to these resources and services continue to be available on [lib.fsu.edu](http://lib.fsu.edu).

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## Noles Read Day

On Sunday, August 16, FSU Libraries hosted the inaugural Noles Read Day in support of online resources for our students and faculty this fall. We encouraged YOU to share the books you're reading and why you support the Libraries on social media. Together we raised over \$6,000, allowing the Libraries to purchase access to *Black Thought and Culture*, a collection of non-fiction materials by Black American leaders covering 250 years of history. Thank you for making our first ever Noles Read Day a success!

Here are a few of your posts from Noles Read Day:



# Donor Spotlight

I believe Libraries are the lifeblood of the University. They are central to research, discovery, studying, and overall learning. This is why I started donating to FSU Libraries.

I have some great memories of the Libraries over the years. When I was a student, I had a few secret spots to study that I will never forget – especially in Dirac. These were the places I knew even during exam week would be quiet. But my fondest memory of the Libraries is one from before I even started college. In high school, I participated in the FSU



College of Music's summer band camp program. The camps were amazing and I remember one day we were allowed access to the Music Library. There were recordings, sheet music, and what seemed like books for miles. I lost track of time and ended up in the corner of the Library listening to music, reading, and having the time of my life. I missed curfew by a few minutes (95 to be exact) as I was enthralled by the collection.

Moments like these are why my wife, Heather, and I set up the Corbitt Family Fund. It was also important for me to honor my parents, and tell them thank you for supporting me and my sister Jill through our time at FSU. During the six-plus years we were at FSU, my parents also gained a close connection with the University, through our shared experiences and visits to campus. In establishing the Corbitt Family Fund, I wanted to let my parents know that generations of FSU students will receive support because of their generosity. I plan for the fund to be a building block for a lifetime of giving and maybe one day we can have a Club Corbitt...you have to admit the alliteration works better than Club Stroz!

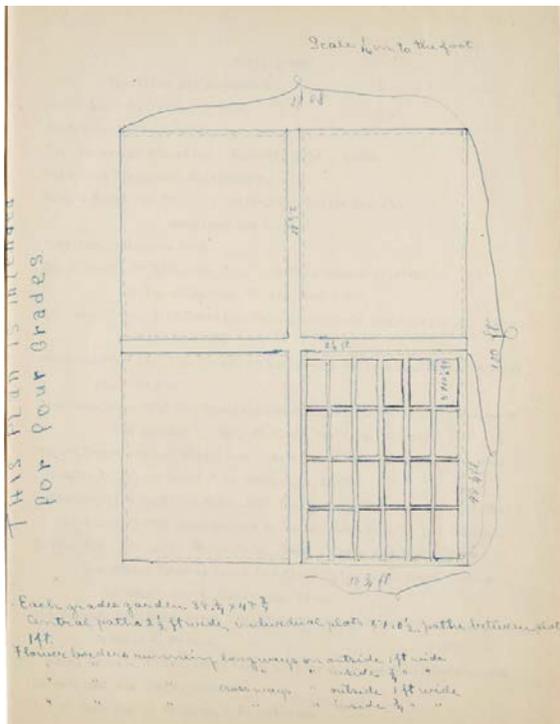
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## Special Collections & Archives

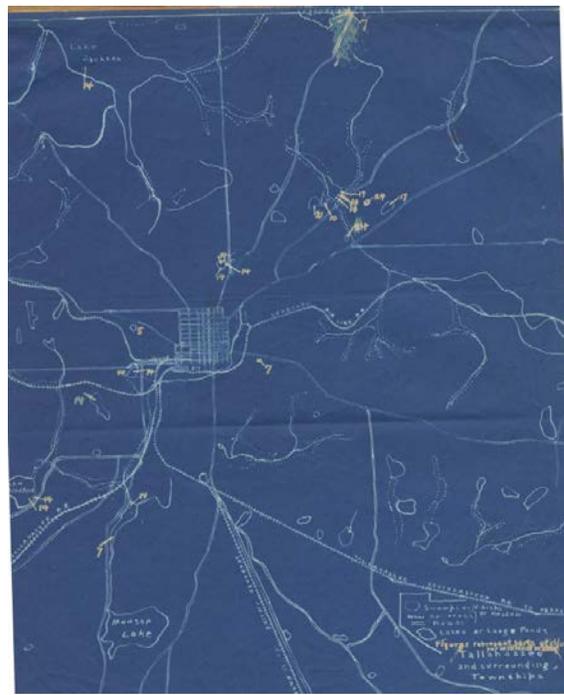
The Florida State College for Women (FSCW), in addition to being the predecessor institution of modern-day FSU, was once one of the largest all-female centers of higher learning in the United States. From 1905 to 1947, thousands of young women from the American South attended and graduated from FSCW.

In an effort to make their history more accessible, FSU Libraries has begun the process of [digitizing and electronically publishing](#) theses and other academic writing produced by FSCW students. These fragile, original documents, currently held by [Heritage & University Archives](#), are now also available digitally via FSU's institutional repository, [Diginole](#).

The historical records associated with FSCW, in particular the scholarly publications produced by its students, offer a window into the world of the earliest students at FSCW. You can access these materials directly [here](#) and can sort by date, starting in 1905, to see this particular set of theses.

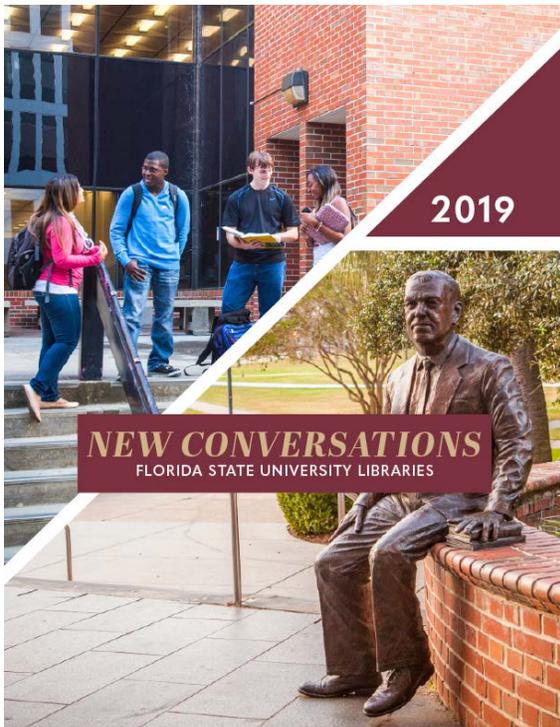


Garden diagram from "School gardens" by Edith M. Dyer (1914)



Map of local bodies of water from "Chlorine in the surface waters of West Florida" by Bertha N. Langley (1914)

## 2019 New Conversations



FSU Libraries has published the 2019 New Conversations annual report and magazine. Read about the highlights of 2019, which include FSU Libraries "Big Deal"; the Heritage Museum's unveiling of a new stained-glass window; partnerships with other Florida universities and interdisciplinary events and symposia; and more.

Due to COVID-19, this report will be published digitally, which allows this edition to be interactive. You can click various photos, links, and icons to take you to more information on the topics.

Read and interact with New Conversations [here!](#)

## Giving Opportunities



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