



Newsletter

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Dean's Message



Dear Library Friends,

As we end this most unusual semester, I am grateful for the extraordinary librarians and staff in the Libraries and for your support of FSU and the Libraries. Our librarians and staff have proven that, in addition to serving as a physical center for community, we also serve as a virtual center for community for FSU. The innovation, creativity, flexibility, and dedication our librarians and staff have shown during this pandemic has been remarkable and they have partnered with our students and faculty to drive teaching, learning, and research. The online books, journals, and media the Libraries embedded into classes

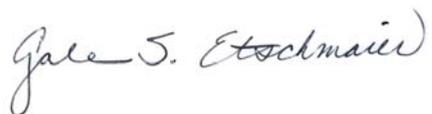
saved our students tens of thousands of dollars but, more importantly, made these required learning materials available during a period in which access to physical books, articles, and media was not possible. Our librarians worked with faculty in the Colleges to enhance online classes and connect them with online materials to support their research. As we look to the spring and beyond, we will reflect thoughtfully on what we have learned during this period and what we should continue for the future to build on the excellent services the Libraries provide.

For spring and summer, we anticipate a gradual return to campus for many of our students and faculty and they will benefit from the renovations completed to enhance the physical learning spaces in the Libraries. Over the summer, the 2nd floor of Strozier Library was painted, re-carpeted, new furniture and electrical outlets were added. We shifted and relocated collections to provide 134 additional seats for students when they return. This renovation will increase the learning spaces and will transform the students' experience by providing a bright, open, and inviting work environment that communicates their importance and potential. We expect masks and social distancing to remain in place for some time, but we are planning to open some group study rooms for small group collaboration.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who made gifts on Giving Tuesday for the Libraries. We raised nearly \$20,000 for online learning materials, the Heritage Museum, and the Civil Rights Institute. We are considering potential books and journals that will support course and research needs and I am excited that this will enable us to provide more materials that reflect the diverse voices of our communities.

As we look forward to a much-needed two-week break, I wish you all a safe, joyful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Best,



Season's Greetings from FSU Libraries!

Watch this year's FSU Libraries holiday card video and enjoy some festive Florida cheer!



Giving Tuesday

Together we raised nearly \$20,000 for the Libraries for online learning materials on Giving Tuesday. We are very grateful for everyone who helped us secure the \$2,500 in matching funds by making a gift.

We are considering potential books and journals that will support course and research needs that will enable us to provide more materials that reflect the diverse voices of our communities. Thank you for powering learning, teaching, and research!



Special Collections & Archives

In November, FSU Special Collections & Archives (SCA) challenged members of the FSU community (and beyond!) to take part in the Great Rare Books Bake Off. Using recipes located in our collection of rare books, manuscripts, and heritage materials, participants created cocktails and mocktails; appetizers; main courses; side dishes; and desserts. Recipes ranged from cakes, cookies, meat pie, hot punch, soup, fish, mushrooms, and much more!

A few of the highlights:



Rare Books Librarian, Rachel Duke, whipped up some of [Mrs. Beeton's Hot Punch](#) during mocktail/cocktail week! Watch Rachel sample this recipe on the blog!



Graduate Assistant, Kristin Hagaman, tried her luck with an [Aspic Jelly Moulded with Vegetables](#) for appetizer week! Read Kristin's "review" on the blog!

Interested in trying your own vintage recipe? A portion of the SCA cookbook collection is available in the [Cookbooks and Herbals collection](#) in the FSU digital library. An interest in cookbooks and household management is a legacy from FSU's earliest years as a women's college. The [oldest](#) book in our cookbook collection is from Venice in 1622.

To see more old recipes come to life, visit [Illuminations](#), SCA's blog, for a wrap-up of all the dishes FSU Libraries attempted!

Sources Cited Podcast

FSU Libraries and [GEOSET](#) are excited to announce the fall debut of the podcast, *Sources Cited*. Season one, "Academically Distanced," features members of the FSU community, exploring their experiences in academia during the time of COVID-19 and how they



are living, working, and coping during the strangeness of a pandemic.

Sources Cited will be an ongoing series that will continue to explore the life and work of FSU faculty, staff, and students. Stay tuned for more stories in season two, coming in 2021!

Watch season one [here](#).

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