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University Libraries Renovation Updates

Cook Library

On Wednesday, February 26, the entrance of Cook Library moved from the north side of the building to the south side, across from McCain Library and Archives. The temporary entrance change is to accommodate renovations for the north half of the first floor.

During the renovation, a number of spaces, faculty, staff and services have been temporarily relocated as follows:

- The Circulation Desk and Research Assistance Desk have combined to a shared service desk at the south end of the Learning Commons.
- The iTech Help Desk relocated to LIB 109J (Curriculum Materials Center). Patrons should enter from the door on the south end of LIB109J, across from the Title IX office.
- Cook Library's instruction classroom has moved from LIB 110 to LIB 207.
- Research Services librarians will temporarily relocate from LIB 106 to LIB 203 in early March.
- The Student Advisement Center will move to LIB 203, their permanent home, in early March.
- The Speaking Center, Writing Center, Starbucks, and Title IX are accessible in their same locations.

The second sequence of the renovation is nearing completion and includes the creation of a new home for the Student Advisement Center. The Student Advisement Center will be located in the northeast corner of the second floor in what was formerly the School of Library and Information Science.

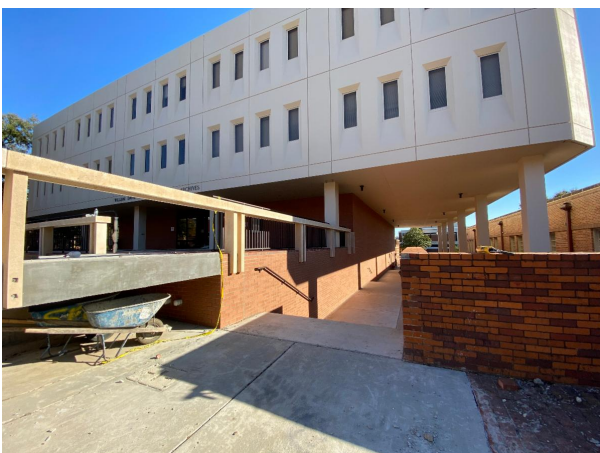


McCain Library and Archives

As repairs to the exterior of McCain Library and Archives, home of University Libraries' Special Collections, are entering their final stages, interior improvements are just beginning. The extensive exterior project included the replacement of water vapor barriers, the installation of new and improved French and patio drains, installation of new brick pavers, as well as painting the exterior of the building.

Renovations to the interior of the first floor began in February. A cool storage area with a separate air handler and additional installation will be added to more properly house the archive's negatives. Included in this project is an upgrade to Special Collections' preservation space, with the addition of running water and increased workspace. Much-needed compact shelving will be added to accommodate growth of Special Collections' holdings.

These repairs will ensure the integrity and safety of the Libraries' collections for future research.



Gulf Coast Library Events

Art created by students, faculty and staff is currently in display at the Gulf Coast Library. The exhibit includes pieces by Southern Miss students, faculty, and staff, as well as community members. The exhibit highlights the talent found in the Southern Miss and local community.

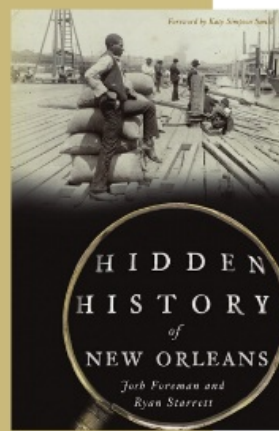
The exhibit will be on display at the Gulf Coast Library through May. Some items are available for purchase by contacting the artist.

For more information, call 228.214.3450.



The Gulf Coast Library is hosting a book talk, "The Hidden History of New Orleans," where Ryan Starrett and Josh Foreman will discuss the sordid history of The Crescent City, from a serial-killing axeman who threatened to murder anyone not listening to jazz music, to missionary nuns aiming to civilize the frontier to the unsung heroine of the Battle of New Orleans and Nazi U-boats lurking off the coast during World War II.

Click [here](#) for more about this free event.



Book Talk

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MARCH 30
4 P.M.**

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Sesame Street's "Maria" Comes to Hattiesburg



The de Grummond Children's Literature Collection is pleased to welcome Sonia Manzano ("Maria") as the presenter for this year's de Grummond Lecture at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival on Wednesday, April 1. Community members are invited to hear Manzano speak at a free presentation at 10 a.m. in the University's Mannoni Performing Arts Center on the same day.

"We're thrilled to have Sonia as our de Grummond Lecture presenter this year at the festival, especially as we mark the 50th anniversary of Sesame Street, and for taking additional time to speak to and visit with members of our community, including local schoolchildren," said Ellen Ruffin, curator of the de Grummond Collection. "Her dedication and contributions to children through her television career and books have made a tremendous, positive impact on children's literature and literacy education."

University Libraries Announces 2019 Open Textbook Initiative Recipients

University Libraries, in partnership with the Office of the Provost, is announcing the faculty members selected for the 2019 Open Textbook Initiative. The Open Textbook Initiative is a program to support faculty in replacing traditional commercial textbooks with academically equivalent alternatives that are available at no cost to students. The completed open textbooks will be implemented in the classroom beginning in the Fall 2020 semester.

The following faculty have been selected to develop open educational resources for the following courses:

- Dr. Danny Beard, School of Music: MUS 120
- Dr. Sam Bruton, School of Humanities: PHI 171
- Dr. Jennifer Courts, School of Performing and Visual Arts: ART 332/334
- Dr. Damon Franke, School of Humanities: ENG 203
- Dr. Pamela Rollins, School of Child and Family Sciences: FAM 602

- Dr. Jeremy Scott, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences: PHY 361/362
- Dr. Susannah Ural, School of Humanities: HIS 463 and HIS 400

Recipients were chosen after completing applications for the program during the Fall 2019 semester.

More information about the Open Textbook Initiative is available [here](#).