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Student Curated Exhibits Featured in Special Collections

University Libraries' Special Collections is currently displaying exhibits curated by three Southern Miss students in McCain Library and Archives. This year's exhibits feature the work of a music history/marketing undergraduate, a history graduate student, and an English licensure undergraduate.

Special Collections' student curator program provides students the opportunity to curate mini exhibits featuring materials from the collections. Students learn how to select items for display, install the materials, write label and exhibit text, and publicize the exhibit. In lieu of an exhibit opening, the curators participated in a video gallery talk about their exhibits (see video below).

Read more about the exhibits <u>here</u>. To apply for the 2021 student curator program, click <u>here</u>.





At the 2020 Mississippi Library Association (MLA) annual conference earlier this month, Jamie Stanfield, science, nursing and health librarian at the Gulf Coast Library, was the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Past President's Award.

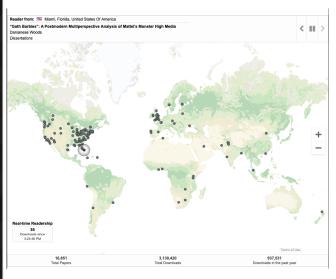
The Outstanding Achievement Award is given to a librarian for contributions in library promotion resulting in permanent library service improvement, contributions to professional literature, and outstanding service in one individual library unit. The recipient has also been instrumental in bettering public knowledge and understanding of library and professional resources, needs, and uses.

The Past President's Award is given to an outstanding beginning professional librarian who is an active MLA member and have between two- and six-years professional experience, two of which must be in Mississippi.

"I can only say how honored I am to win both awards. Dr. Kevin Walker (Director, Academic Success Center) and I worked closely together, along with others from the library and Academic Success Center, to make our workshops so successful. The recognition for my work in University Libraries, the University, and our community is something I will hold dear," said Stanfield.



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