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## McCain Library and Archives Renovations and Repairs Completed

Renovations to the interior of McCain Library and Archives, home of University Libraries' Special Collections, were recently completed, ensuring the integrity and safety of the Libraries' collections for future research.

Included in this project is a cool storage room with a separate air handler and additional installation. This area will be used to safely house the archive's negatives. Much-needed compact shelving has also been installed to accommodate growth of Special Collections' holdings. Special Collections also received an upgraded preservation space with the addition of running water and increased workspace. In the future, a dehumidifying chamber and freezer, to inactivate potential mold growth in incoming material, will be added to advance preservation work in the collections.

Repairs to the exterior of McCain Library and Archives have also been completed. In addition to the replacement of water vapor barriers and improved French and patio drains that will aid in temperature control, the building received a fresh coat of paint, new railings, lighting, and brick pavers.

To read more, click [here](#).



## Open Access 2020: The Importance of Open During a Pandemic

Open Access Month takes place every October in conjunction with the international Open Access Week, which focuses on the value and importance of making research and scholarship openly available.

This year, we will be hosting three sessions:

- Paywalls and Pandemics: Scholarship, Open Access, and the Challenge of COVID-19, Thursday, October 1, 11 a.m.
- (Social) Distance Education: Open Access and Educational Materials During a Pandemic, Wednesday, October 14, 12 p.m.
- Research on the Front Lines: Open Access and COVID-19, Monday, October 19, 1 p.m.

Click [here](#) here to register for each session. Participants must register to receive Zoom link.

During this unprecedented time, the need to find online resources is greater than ever. Compiled by Special Collections and Digital Collections, [digital research topics](#) are designed to help students get started with a selection of resources to inspire their own research. Materials are divided by subject and allow students to see the materials as a whole and not an

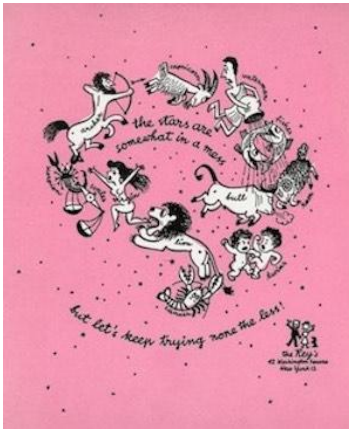
# DIGITAL RESEARCH TOPICS



Digitized Primary Sources by Topic

individual item. Materials can be searched by collection, including Mississippiana, de Grummond, and University Archives

## Exhibit Features Illustrations by H.A. Rey



The de Grummond Children's Literature Collection is currently exhibiting rarely seen works from renowned children's book illustrator, H. A. Rey. The exhibit, *The Imaginings of H. A. Rey: Illustrations and Musings of the Artist (1937-1971)*, will be on display through March 2021 in the Brooks Reading Room in McCain Library and Archives.

Visitors to the exhibit will see original illustrations, historic photographs, book dummies, paste-ups, edited typescripts, letters and ephemera related to the works of H.A. Rey. Included are the lesser-known, yet equally charming, characters Rey created over his long, artistic career. Rey also illustrated New Year's cards for friends and family from 1927-1972. Each illustration reflected that year in the life of H.A. and Margret Rey. Visitors can view a selection of these New Year's cards and samples of original artwork.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Brooke Cruthirds, assistant curator for the de Grummond Collection, at [Brooke.Cruthirds@usm.edu](mailto:Brooke.Cruthirds@usm.edu) or 601.266.6182.

Made possible through the generosity of the USM Foundation as well as an allocation from CARES funding, loaner laptops are now available on both the Gulf Park and Hattiesburg campuses.

The applications are reviewed with priority going to students who have no technology available to them off-campus. Students will be contacted, once a laptop is available, with instructions on how to pick it up.

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# LAPTOP LOAN PROGRAM

FUNDED BY THE USM FOUNDATION



Students **MUST** submit a request online (no walk-ins accepted) and must present current Southern Miss ID at pickup.



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Submit request at: [usm.libwizard.com/f/cookbook](http://usm.libwizard.com/f/cookbook)

Note: laptops must be picked up in person at the respective campus locations.

Click [here](#) to request a laptop.



A "BEARY" BIG HIGH FIVE & THANK YOU!

**GUNTER LIBRARY  
USM GULF COAST RESEARCH LAB**

FOR ALL YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH HELPING MAKE THIS SERVICE PROJECT 'BEARY' GREAT!

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
TEDDY BEARS ON PATROL  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

We're BEARY Grateful for You!

**NORTH BAY CIVITAN CLUB  
OF D'IBERVILLE-ST. MARTIN**

Gunter Library served as a collection point for the North Bay Civitan Club's 11th annual teddy bear collection. Over 380 new and gently used teddy bears were collected and presented to the Northwest Jackson County Fire Department.

In October and November, Gunter Library will serve as a collection site for the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs and North Bay Civitan Thanksgiving food drives for local food pantries.

## Special Collections ITEM OF THE MONTH

ORAL HISTORY  
RAYLAWNI BRANCH



[CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST ITEM OF THE MONTH](#)



**SAVE THE DATE  
ANNUAL COOKBOOK TALK**  
PRESENTED BY DR. ANDREW HALEY

OCTOBER 29 AT 12:15 - VIA ZOOM