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Cook Library Renovations Moving Ahead

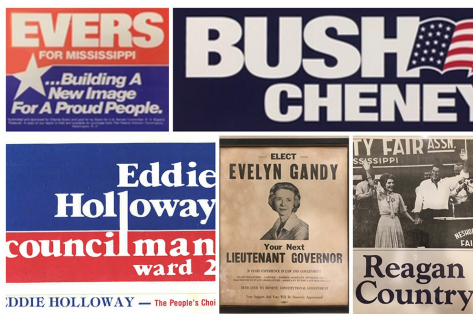
Cook Library's renovation project continued during the months that the University was closed due to COVID-19. When the library re-opened on August 3, it did so with new flooring and finishes in the lobby and north half of the learning commons, as well as a brand-new collaboration zone in the northwest corner of the building.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) has been relocated from the second floor to the first floor and may now be found as part of the refurbished Access Services desk next to the main entrance. Research Services relocated to newly constructed offices located in the northeast corner of the learning commons. Work on the south end of the building is in its beginning stages, and the first of three new elevators is currently being installed. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2021.

Enjoy a virtual tour below.



Pendergrass Donates Collection of Historical and Political Memorabilia to Special Collections



A plethora of buttons, posters, flyers, bumper stickers and other memorabilia showcasing local, state and national political campaigns and activism in Mississippi dating back more than a century make up a collection retired Hattiesburg ophthalmologist Dr. John Pendergrass recently donated to The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) University Archives and Special Collections.

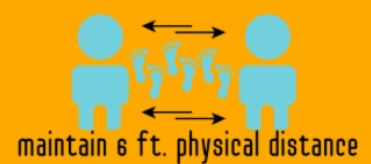
Dr. Pendergrass cites a longtime interest in history and politics as inspiration for the nearly half-century growth of the collection, numbering more than 1,000 items.

University Archives staff believes the collection is one of the largest of its kind in the country to be held at a university.

Read more about the donation [here](#).

Story by David Tisdale, University Communications

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FALL 2020



Cook and Gulf Coast Libraries Offering Curbside Pickup

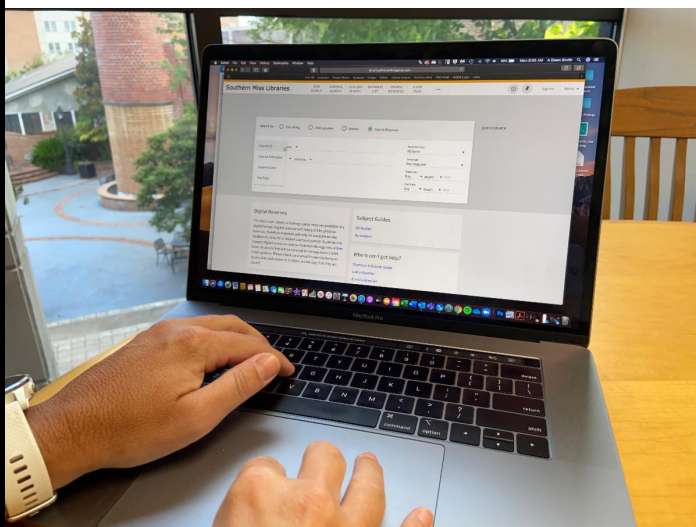


In an effort to continue to provide services safely for the campus and local communities, University Libraries is offering curbside pickup at Cook Library in Hattiesburg and the Gulf Coast Library in Long Beach. Faculty, staff, and students are able to request materials online and pick them up without leaving their car.

Patrons will request their materials by logging into Seymour Info, selecting their item, and choosing the pickup location and date. An email notification will be sent when materials are ready for pickup. Upon arrival, patrons will call to have their items delivered to their car.

Your USM identification card is required for pickup.

Course Reserves Offered in Digital Format



Cook Library is making course reserves available in a digital format. Faculty may place requests, using the [online course reserve form](#), for any print material that University Libraries owns. Once the item has been digitized and is available for loan, students can [request online access](#) to the material.

Digital reserves lend just like physical reserves; therefore, materials will only be available to one student at a time for a limited checkout period.

General education curriculum textbooks, loaned for up to three hours at a time, are also available in a digital format.

University Libraries & iTech Offering Remote Access Computer Service

Selected computers in Cook Library and Gulf Coast Library are available exclusively for remote access by University students, faculty, and staff.



These computers provide access to the same software typically installed on public computers in the libraries, including GMetrix, SPSS, and Office 365. The remote access facilitates continued use of public computers as a resource while maintaining social distancing within library buildings.

To access to one of these computers, use the following links:

- [Cook Library](#)
- [Gulf Coast Library](#)

OPEN ACCESS 2020

The Importance of Open During a Pandemic

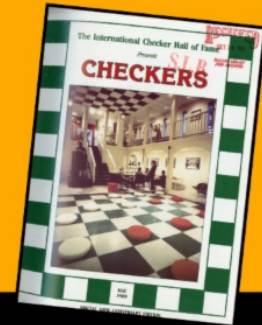


SAVE THE DATES - [CLICK HERE](#)

All sessions will be hosted on Zoom through the generous support of the Center for Faculty Development.

Special Collections

ITEM OF THE MONTH



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CLOSED LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

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