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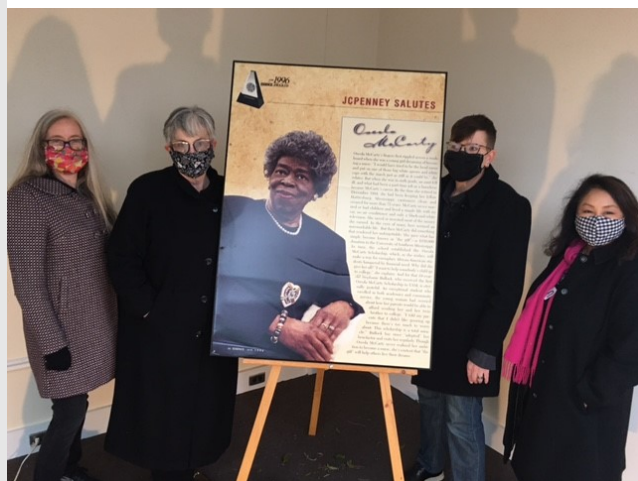
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## University Archives Partners with Downtown Hattiesburg Association on Black History Month Project



Faculty and staff in University Archives recently assisted the Downtown Hattiesburg Association with the production of window exhibits to commemorate Black History Month. The exhibit was on display through the end of February in the front windows of the building that once housed the Kress Department Store, located at 500 North Main Street.

The window exhibits featured images from the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, along with political campaign memorabilia of Black Mississippians who sought elected office, as well as material from University Archives' Oseola McCarty collection.

Image and story by:  
David Tisdale, University Communications

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

## SMIRC Keynote Speaker and Presenters

The Southern Miss Institutional Repository Conference (SMIRC) will take place virtually on April 29 and 30. SMIRC consists of speakers, panel discussions, and workshops that will address topics ranging from the basics of IRs to new ideas for longtime IR managers.



Serving as the keynote speaker is Sara Rouhi, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Public Library of Science (PLOS), where she focuses on developing new business models for sustainable, inclusive open access publishing. In 2020 she launched PLOS's first collective action business model for highly selective publishing, PLOS Community Action Publishing, and has solicited over 50 partners from across the globe including consortia like the Big Ten Academic Alliance, Jisc, and CRKN. Her partnerships focus on collaborating with mission-aligned organizations to further PLOS' open science work in an equitable and inclusive way.

Click [here](#) to register for the 2021 conference, and to read more about the keynote speaker and presenters.

# Spotlight On...

Diana Simpson, Catalog Librarian



**Where are you from?** Hartville, a small town in NE Ohio.

**Favorite part of your job?** I like the detail-oriented aspect of cataloging. It's kind of like computer coding.

**Which talent would you most like to have?** Artistic talent.

**Most prized possession?** A tiny pair of salt and pepper shakers once owned by my great grandmother.

**Something most people don't know about you?** I once worked at Sea World and did skits for kids wearing a silly penguin costume.

**If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Is wine a food?

**Something you hate but wish you loved?** Running.

**Something you wish you could do really well?** Knitting.



## SHOUTOUT to... Technical Services

As a result of the Cook Library renovation, several Technical Services staff members have been hard at work reassigning locations in Seymour Info and repackaging thousands of music scores with parts, readying them for their new homes.

Scores can now be found on the 4th floor, and accompanying parts are housed in the newly renovated Access Services department.

To borrow music parts, stop by the circulation desk, located on the first floor, in the lobby.

Shoutout to these staff members for making these materials available.

## 35th Ezra Jack Keats Award to be Announced March 9th

The winners and honorees of the 35th Ezra Jack Keats Award will be announced on March 9th. Stay tuned to meet this year's winning authors and illustrators at the EJK Award

ceremony and to sign up for a host of exciting virtual events, including a Kidlit panel at the famed Books of Wonder, a Silent auction of illustrators' original artwork, and our documentary premiere.

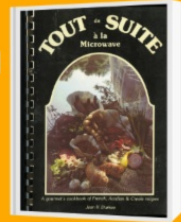
In the meantime, meet our EJK Award Committee composed of book passionate stars in the field of children's literature.



# Special Collections

TOUT DE SUITE A LA MICROWAVE  
(1977)

ITEM OF THE MONTH



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