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NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AT SOUTHERN MISS

MAY 2023



GULF COAST LIBRARY'S KAREN SHAW RECOGNIZED FOR BEING LONGEST EMPLOYEE AT THE GULF PARK CAMPUS

Karen Shaw, Serials and Collection Management Coordinator at the Gulf Coast Library, is the Gulf Park Campus' longest employee and celebrating 44 years.

“The most rewarding part of my job during all these years has been helping our students, faculty, and staff,” said Shaw. “As a matter of fact, it is still the most rewarding part of my job today and that has definitely made my career journey enjoyable.”



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ZELNER ELECTED TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S ACRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

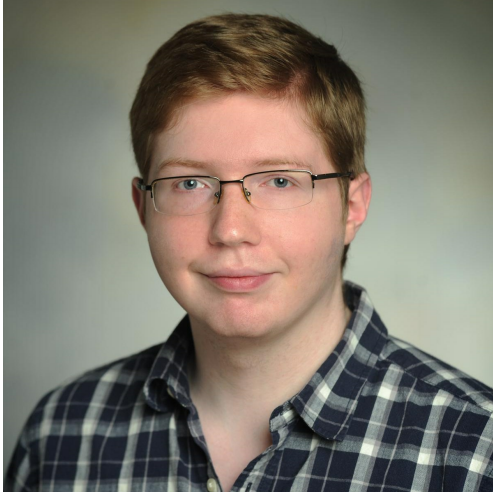
Tisha Zelner, Head of Public Services, was elected to serve as a member-at-large on the executive committee of The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) University Libraries Section.

Representing nearly 9,000 individuals and libraries, the ACRL, the largest division of the American Library Association, develops programs, products, and services to help those working in academic and research libraries learn, innovate, and lead within the academic community. ACRL is committed to advancing learning, transforming scholarship, and creating diverse and inclusive communities.



JUSTICE AWARDED NASIG AWARD

Austin Justice, Metadata Coordinator, has been awarded the Paraprofessional Specialist Award for NASIG 2023. The purpose of the award is to



provide a promising paraprofessional with the opportunity to advance their knowledge and understanding of information resource management, vendor, agent, or scholarly publisher by networking and interacting with a wide range of dedicated professionals working in all segments of the information supply chain.

The award covers conference registration, travel expenses, and a year of NASIG membership.

SANFORD NAMED DIGITAL LAB MANAGER

Nolan Sanford has been named Digital Lab Manager for University Libraries. He will transition into his new role on May 1.

Sanford has been with University Libraries as the Digitization Specialist since 2021 and has served as the Interim Digital Lab Manager since June 2022.



2023 STUDENT CURATOR EXHIBITS

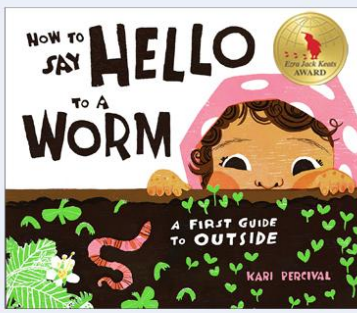
Special Collections' student curator program provides students with the opportunity to curate one-case exhibits featuring materials from the collections. Students learn how to select items for display, install the materials, write label and exhibit text, and publicize the exhibit.

This year's exhibits feature the work of an interior design undergraduate, a library science undergraduate, and a history/library science undergraduate.



These exhibits will be on display on the third floor of McCain Library and Archives until March 2024.

2023 EZRA JACK KEATS AWARDS ANNOUNCED



The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation (EJK Foundation), in partnership with the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM), presented the winners of the 2023 Ezra Jack Keats Award (EJK Award), along with four honor books, on April 13 at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at USM in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The annual EJK Award celebrates exceptional early career authors and illustrators for portraying the multicultural nature of our world in the spirit of Ezra Jack Keats.

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