

# ASERL Member News & Notes

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University	What's new & interesting at your library that you'd like to share with your ASERL colleagues? Do you have an issue / topic about which you'd like to pick your colleagues' brains?	Do you have a video / clip that you'd like to share with your ASERL colleagues?
Auburn University	Auburn University Libraries' Interlibrary Loans department stayed open for the entire pandemic, serving ILL customers worldwide and not one of the team ever got sick.	Auburn University Libraries fall full reopening video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hbe1v4XEdcg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hbe1v4XEdcg</a>
Clemson University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clemson Self-Checkout - Our new self-checkout app is an easy, contactless way to borrow materials from Clemson Libraries using just your phone or tablet. Available at all locations, including Cooper Library, Education Media Center, Gunnin Architecture Library, and the Clemson Design Center – Charleston Library.</li> <li>• Virtual Reference Kiosk - We launched a Virtual Reference Kiosk in Cooper Library where students can chat with a librarians from the Libraries home page, or make an appointment for a virtual research consultation with a librarian who specializes in finding resources for your subject area.</li> <li>• Scheduling rooms across campus - <a href="https://libraries.clemson.edu/news/library-and-campus-study-spaces/">https://libraries.clemson.edu/news/library-and-campus-study-spaces/</a></li> </ul>	
Duke University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duke Libraries developed and have been implementing our Anti-Racist Roadmap: <a href="https://library.duke.edu/sites/default/files/dul/libraries/dulracialjusticeroadmap.pdf">https://library.duke.edu/sites/default/files/dul/libraries/dulracialjusticeroadmap.pdf</a></li> <li>• We also worked with Duke University Press to make the new book by Duke grad Ted Segal, Point of Reckoning: The Fight for Racial Justice at Duke University, open access. The book draws heavily on research in the University Archives, and we are currently doing a staff-wide read-along of the book. <a href="https://dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace/handle/10161/22332">https://dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace/handle/10161/22332</a></li> </ul>	Duke Library Takeout: <a href="https://youtu.be/e1iGEM9NMFM">https://youtu.be/e1iGEM9NMFM</a>
Florida Internatl University	<p>The FIU Libraries' GIS &amp; Data Visualization group has received its largest grant sub-award to date. Working with FIU'S Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy's (JGI), the Security Research Hub is a new virtual research platform that aims to harness publicly available information that supports collaboration and shared understanding about Latin American and Caribbean security issues amongst FIU and its partners. The Hub will focus on a wide range of security-related topics such as transnational organized crime, migration, illegal fishing, and regional health concerns. The Hub will meet modern challenges by using publicly available data and applying analytic tools that aggregate research and lead to new, original findings.</p> <p>Working at astonishing speed, in just over three months, the Libraries' GIS team has created the Security Research Hub, integrating the Libraries' existing Institutional Repository, Data storage infrastructure, along with GIS visualization tools.</p> <p>We hope you'll take a look. <a href="https://srh.fiu.edu/home/">https://srh.fiu.edu/home/</a></p>	

<p>Florida State University Libraries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida State University Libraries recently launched FSU's first open-access publishing program. Florida State Open Publishing (FSOP) provides the university community with the digital publishing tools and support needed to produce peer-reviewed, open scholarly publications, educational resources and other digital research outputs. Read more about this new program here: <a href="https://news.fsu.edu/news/2021/03/02/florida-state-university-libraries-debuts-new-open-access-publishing-program/">https://news.fsu.edu/news/2021/03/02/florida-state-university-libraries-debuts-new-open-access-publishing-program/</a> .</li> <li>We are also excited to announce a new partnership with Florida State University Libraries, the School of Communication, and the West Tallahatchie School District in Tallahatchie County Mississippi. This partnership involves teaching the history of the Emmett Till case using primary source documents from the digitized Till Archives in FSU's Special Collections. Students attending West Tallahatchie High School (WTHS) will be able to access these documents for creative projects involving music, poetry, film, essays, and other hybrid media. Awards, funded by the Emmett Till Archive Endowment, will be given to the best creative projects. Read more here: <a href="https://news.fsu.edu/news/2021/02/16/fsu-libraries-school-of-communication-form-partnership-with-west-tallahatchie-school-district/">https://news.fsu.edu/news/2021/02/16/fsu-libraries-school-of-communication-form-partnership-with-west-tallahatchie-school-district/</a> .</li> </ul>	
<p>Georgia State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The University Library has filled several professional positions in the past few months. We added a Reference &amp; Instruction Librarian on the Decatur campus in February. Over the next few weeks, we will have new professionals in roles as Director of Development, Director of Communications, and Digital Preservation Archivist. As the two directors report to me, I will be GREATLY relieved to have these roles filled. We have begun a search for a Data Services Specialist and expect to begin searching for an Associate Department Head for our Clarkston campus in the next few weeks.</li> <li>Work will be completed on the new entrance to Library North on the Atlanta campus by the time of our meeting. This space is a feature of the new campus greenway and offers about 80 interior seats and a 2,500 sq. ft. rooftop terrace. Our next project, in which we will convert a parking lot under Library North into a 20,000 sq. ft. study commons, is going through the USG's major capital project approval process. We hope to begin design this summer and complete the space by January 2023.</li> <li>We have hired a fellow and begun work on our Public Interest Data Literacy (PIDLit) project (<a href="https://news.gsu.edu/2020/11/12/georgia-state-andrew-young-school-public-interested-technology-university-network-data-literacy/">https://news.gsu.edu/2020/11/12/georgia-state-andrew-young-school-public-interested-technology-university-network-data-literacy/</a>). Funded by the Public Interest Technology University Network, the PIDLit initiative "will expand programs promoting data literacy and career preparedness with a focus on reaching first-year students and underrepresented groups."</li> </ul>	
<p>Georgia Tech</p>	<p>We recently had four retirements -- Bruce Henson and Cathy Carpenter, who are emeritus and emerita respectively -- and Runae Knight and Jackie Dankins, both of whom had more than 30 years of service to Georgia Tech.</p> <p>ALSO: Our President just announced that Fall 2021 will be fully in-person, and we're excited to go back to seeing our students in the building every day.</p>	<p><a href="https://youtu.be/EF7EXCsRGfk">https://youtu.be/EF7EXCsRGfk</a> This is a tour of our renovations, which took place over the last six years.</p>
<p>NC State</p>	<p>Open Pedagogy Incubation - <a href="https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stories/libraries-open-pedagogy-incubator-sharing-information-lowering-barriers-and-engaging-more">https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stories/libraries-open-pedagogy-incubator-sharing-information-lowering-barriers-and-engaging-more</a></p>	

<p>Tulane University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tulane's Latin American Library has acquired the papers of the Chamorro Barrios family, one of Nicaragua's most prominent political families. <a href="https://news.tulane.edu/pr/tulane%E2%80%99s-latin-american-library-acquires-papers-leading-nicaraguan-family">https://news.tulane.edu/pr/tulane%E2%80%99s-latin-american-library-acquires-papers-leading-nicaraguan-family</a></li> <li>• As part of Black History Month, Tulane's Special Collections were able to host a (socially-distanced) visit by the Tulane Black Student Union (tBSU) for leaders and members of that organization to see some of the distinctive collections on Black life and culture held in the Library. This is an extension of an ongoing partnership with the tBSU in addressing Tulane's history and the often invisible contributions of Black people to the university, city, and nation. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CMA1SmIp_7I/">https://www.instagram.com/p/CMA1SmIp_7I/</a></li> <li>• Tulane recently signed Publish and Read Agreements with the American Chemical Society (ACS) and Cambridge University Press to expand access to Tulane research and support open scholarship. <a href="https://library.tulane.edu/news/tulane-libraries-announce-new-agreement-broaden-access-published-research">https://library.tulane.edu/news/tulane-libraries-announce-new-agreement-broaden-access-published-research</a></li> </ul> <p>ALSO: Many thanks to Elaina Norlin for her outstanding efforts to support DEI across ASERL member institutions.</p>	<p>A recent video featuring Tulane alumnus David L. Campbell on his work as a law student to research the legal questions around desegregating the university in the late 1950s. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYR3iAlboRs&amp;t=1s&amp;ab_channel=TulaneUniversityLibraries">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYR3iAlboRs&amp;t=1s&amp;ab_channel=TulaneUniversityLibraries</a></p>
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<p>University of Alabama</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Since last Spring the University Libraries have continued operations and provided safety precautions for patrons and staff. We instituted a number of services to continue to provide access to instruction, materials, and spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grab &amp; Go, a service that allows faculty and students to request books online and pick them up at Gorgas Library, was initiated quickly.</li> <li>○ We implemented a reservation system for all libraries so students could find a place to study.</li> <li>○ In addition, we partnered with Student Affairs to circulate computers and hot spots to students who need technology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Instruction has been offered 1,000 online and face to face sessions throughout the academic year. Our instruction librarians are delivering both asynchronous and synchronous instruction to students online. Librarians developed videos to promote resources, help students find resources, and to use the Emergency Temporary Access for HathiTrust.</li> <li>● We have noted an increase in use of our streaming video services since the beginning of the pandemic.</li> <li>● We have been fortunate to fill three faculty positions and several staff vacancies during this time.</li> <li>● In March, the University of Alabama Libraries signed a Read &amp; Publish agreement with Cambridge University Press. This will allow all faculty to publish open access in nearly 400 Cambridge journals without paying the article processing charge. We are pursuing similar agreements with other vendors.</li> <li>● Special Collections unveiled the Tom Bevill Oral Collection in March. This collection documents the life of U.S. Representative Tom Bevill who served in the Alabama legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives.</li> <li>● The University Libraries have held a number of online and socially distanced events over the past year. Digitorium, an international Digital Humanities Conference, was held virtually last fall.</li> <li>● Beginning in the fall, the libraries sponsored a number of socially distanced movie nights for students.</li> <li>● Training for data services, software, and digital humanities have been held online for the campus community.</li> </ul>	<p>Library Welcome Video:  <a href="https://youtu.be/2pdxUnnVn0">https://youtu.be/2pdxUnnVn0</a></p>
<p>University of Alabama at Birmingham</p>	<p>We have recently formed a Scholarly Communication Office at the UAB Libraries. It is charged with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● assisting with data management plans and manuscript deposits</li> <li>● working with other units such as the UAB Office of Research to offer workshops relating to federal compliance</li> <li>● exploring data storage and management options</li> <li>● supporting faculty and staff in all areas of the copyright management process</li> <li>● supporting the development and teaching of online or hybrid classes by partnering with the Center of Teaching and Learning, UAB eLearning, UAB course designers, and individual faculty and staff</li> <li>● advancing awareness and use of Open Education Resources and Affordable Instructional Materials (AIM) through workshops and individual consultations.</li> </ul> <p>I'd love to hear others' experiences in this area -- what worked, what didn't, best practices for making this area thriving and dynamic, and staffing infrastructure.</p>	

University of Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Smathers Libraries are interested in learning more about events planned for Fall 2022 when two classes (first and second year) of students may be visiting campus for the first time.</li> <li>We are also happy to share these slides celebrating 40 years and 40 objects The Price Library of Judaica: <a href="https://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00080989/00001">https://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00080989/00001</a></li> </ul>	Our Library Landmarks Lollapalooza. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ufilib/videos/485246865806759/">https://www.facebook.com/ufilib/videos/485246865806759/</a>
University of Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are concluding our work with DeEtta Jones and Associates on a new strategic plan, and we have embarked on an operational reorganization that will conclude this summer.</li> <li>We will be closing our Design Library this summer and merging that collection into our Fine Arts Library.</li> </ul>	
University of Miami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A library-based Indigenous Initiatives Study Group was formed two months ago, and the Group's co-chairs have begun to meet quarterly with the Administrative Leadership Team. Two indigenous studies research guides have been created. A guest speaker series is planned for the summer/fall.</li> <li>Librarian Shatha Baydoun is serving on an interdisciplinary project team funded by the office of research: "Building Native American and Global Indigenous Studies at UM." A standard land acknowledgement now introduces all library-hosted events.</li> </ul>	
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff grants will advance equity and inclusion work at the University Libraries: <a href="https://library.unc.edu/2021/03/idea-action-grants/">https://library.unc.edu/2021/03/idea-action-grants/</a></li> <li>Fall/Winter Windows magazine now available, featuring stories about the University Libraries during the pandemic, as well as conscious editing of archival finding aids and "On the Books" grant using machine learning to identify Jim Crow laws: <a href="https://library.unc.edu/2021/02/windows-magazine-fall-winter-2020/">https://library.unc.edu/2021/02/windows-magazine-fall-winter-2020/</a></li> <li>1-year update on Open Access publishing agreement with SAGE: <a href="https://library.unc.edu/2021/02/sage-update-agreement-opened-access-in-2020/">https://library.unc.edu/2021/02/sage-update-agreement-opened-access-in-2020/</a></li> </ul> <p>DISCUSSION TOPIC: How organizations are managing with budget cuts?</p>	Graduate student combines rare books with art in library project: <a href="https://youtu.be/pn8cFEld7Ec">https://youtu.be/pn8cFEld7Ec</a>
UNC Charlotte	<p>We moved 70% of the monographs and all of the print journals to our leased storage facility. We are in the process of renovating the large footprint 2nd and 3rd floors with new paint, carpeting, and furniture plus 2 additional EZ Video Studios for video recording by faculty and students.</p> <p>How have you positioned the library on campus as an "essential" service and study location for students?</p>	
UNC Greensboro	<p>This academic year we formed an Awards Committee to explore awards for faculty and staff in order to recognize achievement and acknowledge hard work. The committee recommended 3 awards each for faculty and for staff; Equity-Diversity-Inclusion, Excellence in job duties and Service. In addition to improving morale the winners become recognized in campus venues as well.</p> <p>ALSO: Always looking for donor engagement ideas, how many of you have Friends organizations?</p>	

University of South Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USF is experiencing a major budget reduction that translates into a 15.3% cut to the Libraries' total base budget, and a 32.2% cut to collections. It is massive.</li> <li>• We've launched two new collection initiatives that may be of interest: the Florida Environment &amp; Natural History collection (<a href="https://flenh-usflibrary.hub.arcgis.com/">https://flenh-usflibrary.hub.arcgis.com/</a>) and the African American Experience in Florida collection (<a href="https://aae.lib.usf.edu/">https://aae.lib.usf.edu/</a>).</li> </ul>	
Vanderbilt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still living the "rapid response librarianship" life of COVID and learning new tricks every day. Amazing library staff. We pivoted to touchless check out, curbside pickup, zoom reference, scan and deliver, etc. and our users are grateful.</li> <li>• In other news, we are down in staff numbers by over 30% and unable to really do what needs to be done to move a great research library forward. We hope for better support and some open positions as we come out of COVID.</li> <li>• ALSO: So appreciative for great ILL/Document Delivery relationships, especially during these tough times!</li> </ul>	<p>"Thanksgiving" video with expressions of appreciation from faculty and students: <a href="https://youtu.be/k14sfJiWQNE">https://youtu.be/k14sfJiWQNE</a></p>
Virginia Commonwealth University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCU Publishing has issued a call for submissions for an AfroFutures anthology that will explore past and present racism and inequality in the Richmond area. We welcome contributions from a variety of disciplines and forms such as scholarly essays, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or visual media. Creators can be from anywhere but must establish some type of connection to the Richmond area.</li> <li>• In December 2020, the VCU Board of Visitors affirmed a name change for the VCU Health Sciences Library. The decision removed the previous name and a commemorative plaque that celebrated the contributions of individuals who served in the Confederate Army. Eighteen changes were implemented to rename VCU buildings and to remove plaques that were a legacy of lost cause commemorations. Replacing signage and the use of the previous name across the VCU Libraries and VCU has been challenging. For the most part, changes were welcome and seen as progress in becoming a more inclusive and socially just organization.</li> <li>• University Archivist and Head of Health Sciences Special Collections, Jodi Koste, is participating in an initiative from the VCU Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences on an educational series, History and Health Program: Racial Equity, that explores the university's complex history and how it affects the health system's patients today and lessons learned that can help improve care for all.</li> <li>• The Joint Online Learning Team (JOLT) was formally charged and led a series of online training opportunities for library employees on Canvas, creating videos, developing accessible LibGuides, and more.</li> <li>• Possible Discussion Topic: With event programming, we have generated some controversy with a couple of programs. Have others seen an increase in pushback about community programming?</li> </ul>	

Virginia Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a resolution for an open access policy for the university. <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/vt.edu/cor-oa-policy-working-group/">https://sites.google.com/a/vt.edu/cor-oa-policy-working-group/</a></li> <li>• Working through challenges of virtual experiential learning leads to lessons learned <a href="https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2021/01/univlib-students-experience-aries.html">https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2021/01/univlib-students-experience-aries.html</a></li> <li>• University Libraries at Virginia Tech begins construction on a new prototyping studio that will provide tools for concepting, prototyping, and finishing. These tools include equipment for 3D printing and scanning, milling, laser cutting, metal printing, sculpting, PCB fabrication, photography and more. The studio is scheduled to be complete by Fall 2021.</li> <li>• Living literature through gaming: new library Twitch channel. Patrons can now discover and explore books through gaming along with other innovative content the library is producing. Featuring library hit shows, The Role of Play and Archival Adventures, the Twitch stream immerses people in stories and history with an emphasis on learning through play. <a href="https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2021/03/univlib-new-twitch.html">https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2021/03/univlib-new-twitch.html</a></li> </ul>	<p>College of Architecture and Urban Studies students build COVID-safe collaboration space in Newman Library. <a href="https://video.vt.edu/media/CAUS%20Group%20Builds%20COVID-Safe%20Collaboration%20Space%20In%20Newman%20Library/1_gib4k9zw">https://video.vt.edu/media/CAUS%20Group%20Builds%20COVID-Safe%20Collaboration%20Space%20In%20Newman%20Library/1_gib4k9zw</a></p>
Wake Forest University	<p>Using unrestricted gift funds, we started the ZSR Innovation Grants for library faculty and staff in an effort to encourage folks be creative and look past the limitations of the pandemic. Initial awards include funding for student video contest and funding for a one-year pilot program to grow WFU students' information literacy skills by working with faculty of first year courses, first year seminars, and writing courses to further integrate information literacy skills into their course syllabi and assignments.</p>	<p>ZSR Librarians Roz Tedford and Hu Womack created a series of courses and presentations on Mis/Disinformation. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pucyemesL0M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pucyemesL0M</a></p>
William & Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning a Digital Research Lab in 2021-engaging with campus community on a cohesive plan and building excitement. Thanks to the related ASERL programs on Digital Scholarship Labs and those who've gone before us!</li> <li>• W&amp;M Oral History program is following a handful of freshmen who entered in Fall 2020, during the pandemic, through senior year.</li> <li>• My dissertation topic is town/gown relationships and how University Presidents engage with local government. I'm at the beginning. Would love to discuss this topic with ASERL colleagues.</li> </ul> <p>ALSO: Keep up the good work, ASERL! Thanks for planning engaging online meetings. Can't wait to be in ATL!</p>	