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Welcome to Lessha Coleman – Assessment and Collections Librarian!



The Biomedical Library is happy to announce Leesha Coleman will join their team as Assistant Librarian, Assessment & Collections, effective October 1, 2023. Ms. Coleman comes to us after serving as a Library Assistant at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Georgia campus in metro Atlanta. She previously served in positions with the Gwinnett County (Georgia) Public Library and the West Florida Public Libraries, based in Pensacola. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State University and a BA in English, with a concentration in Creative Writing and a minor in Psychology, from the University of South Alabama. On a personal note, Leesha enjoys baking, going to anime conventions, and cosplaying. She is also a semi-retired K-pop fan. Her favorite genre of book is YA fairytale retellings. Welcome to USA Libraries, Leesha!

Traveling Exhibit at the Biomedical Library – Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War



The Biomedical Library is hosting a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine titled “Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War.” This exhibit explores the experiences of disabled veterans and their role as symbols of the fractured nation. It will be on display in the lobby of the Biomedical Library from September 25th – November 4th. Artifacts from the Mobiel Medical Museum will also be on display.

Some programs planned in conjunction with the exhibit:

Tuesday, October 3rd at 1:30 pm – A panel presentation with Dr. Jess Mullens, Orthopedic Surgeon with USA Health, and Dr. Henry McKiven, USA Associate Professor of History. The panel will be held on the 3rd floor of the Biomedical Library with a reception to follow.

Thursday, October 26th at 1 pm – An online book discussion with Dr. Brian Miller about his book “Empty Sleeves: Amputation in the Civil War South.”

[Register here](#) for the book discussion.

[Empty Sleeves](#) is available as an eBook through USA Libraries (for USA community members). Two print copies are also available for check-out at the Biomedical Library Circulation desk.

More information about the exhibit is available here:

<https://libguides.southalabama.edu/lifeandlimb>

National Community Health Workers Week



(Pictured: Gail Kouame, Director of the Biomedical Library, with Community Health Workers Karla McCants and Danette Jolly)

The Biomedical Library collaborated with USA's Center for Healthy Communities to recognize National Community Health Workers Week, which took place August 28 – September 1. The Center for Healthy Communities is leading a pilot project at USA Health's Stanton Road Clinic, where they are integrating Community Health Workers into the outpatient clinical care setting. A poster about the project was recently presented at the National Association of Community Health Workers Unity Conference in Austin, TX. The poster was displayed at the Biomedical Library during National Community Health Workers Week and on Thursday, August 31st two Community Health Workers, Karla McCants and Danette Jolly, were on hand to talk with people about their work.

University Libraries Publications & Staff Updates

Jia He – Jia He, Cataloging/Electronic Resources Librarian and liaison Librarian for International Students, participated in the Fall 2023 International Student Orientation and welcome reception at the Marx Library. During this occasion, Jia actively collaborated with Global USA, effectively engaging with a cohort of over 80 newly arrived international students. Her primary objective during the event was to acquaint these students with the library resources and services available at the USA Libraries. In pursuit of this goal, she held a library tour, distributed informative library handouts, and provided her business cards to the attendees. It is noteworthy that this event was graced by the presence of University President Jo Bonner and Provost Andi Kent, further underscoring the institutional commitment to welcoming and supporting international students.

**USA Libraries Exhibits & Events
September/October 2023**

HANK WILLIAMS
USA LIBRARIES ART GALLERIES

THE HANK WILLIAMS MUSEUM
Montgomery, AL

MARX LIBRARY
RODNING GALLERY OF ART
SEPT./OCT. 2023
5901 USA DRIVE NORTH
MOBILE, AL 36688

100th
COMMEMORATING HANK WILLIAMS' BIRTHDAY
1923-2023

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Blakeley's Historic Fields and Forest:

A Plant Florilegium

USA Libraries Art Galleries

SEP - OCT 2023
1st Floor Gallery Hall
@ the Marx Library

Reception Aug 31st
3rd Floor
Rodning Gallery
6:00 PM

This exhibition highlights the work created by artists of varying skill levels using plants of historical significance to the Blakeley area, culminating a year-long series of art instruction programs.

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Science Matters: New Exhibit in the ArtSpace@BioMed



The Biomedical Library is pleased to host a new exhibit in the ArtSpace@BioMed gallery on the 3rd floor of the library. The exhibit, titled "Science Matters," is composed of five and textile art pieces created by members of the Azalea City Quilters Guild in Mobile and the Studio 222 fiber arts gallery in Auburn. From colorful beetles to images of space, the collection is delightful for viewing. The exhibit will be on display throughout September and October. All are welcome to visit the ArtSpace@BioMed to view it during the library's open hours. For information, contact Gail Kouame, Director of the Biomedical Library, at gmkouame@southalabama.edu.

Key Points & Happenings September 2023



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WELCOME

Wesley Patrick joined the Marx Library Access Services team as the 20-hour LTA I, Circulation, on August 23. Mr. Patrick received the Bachelor's in Advertising & Public Relations, with a minor in International Studies from USA in May, 2023. He was previously a student worker at Global USA in Meisler Hall. Wesley wrote,

"I love to read and write. I'm also a lover of all things related to different cultures and languages. I hope to learn the ins and outs of the library and help students utilize all its resources."

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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President approved the following committees to conduct searches for these positions:

Assistant Librarian, Clinical, Biomedical Library

- Clista Clanton, Chair
- Rachel Fenske
- Nancy Pugh
- Dr. Anjlie Davis, Associate Professor, Director, USA Simulation Program



Assistant Librarian, Reference & Instruction, Social Sciences, Marx Library

- Dr. Angela Rand, Chair
- Muriel Nero
- Sonja Sheffield
- Beth Shepard
- Dr. Jaclyn Bunch, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice



FACILITIES

The planning team for the Biomedical Library renovation proposal met in late August with the furniture representative from McAleer's Office Furniture for an initial presentation of the company's proposals for the Biomedical Library furnishings and layout.

Buck Kelley attended the August 29 Council of Academic Deans and provided an expected time table for demolition of the Alpha buildings to make way for the new College of Medicine facility. Alpha South demolition will commence at the December break and is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. This phase involves temporary/final re-routing of utilities, and will thus affect the Biomedical Library, primarily while the university is closed for the break.

The parking lot entrance to University Boulevard near BBL will be closed to serve as the removal route for the trucks. Water trucks will aid in dust control. The most difficult and noisy stage will be foundation demolition and removal. Signage routing pedestrians and others will be installed soon. A viewing area is planned along the fenced area.

Alpha East abatement will occur concurrently with the demolition of Alpha South, with demolition expected to begin in January. Demolition will take 3-4 weeks. The connecting building between these buildings will also be demolished.

In February, the site will be cleared, cleaned up, stabilized where foundations, etc. have been removed, and seeded for spring grass growth. Extra lighting will be installed for site/area safety and security.

Elsewhere on campus, the old property inventory building is being refurbished and updated for ROTC use, while the old transportation building is being

updated and its exterior is being modified as a band facility, with a state appropriation to be supplemented by a \$2.5M fundraising campaign. The USA band has some 275 members. The updated facility will allow the band to grow to 350 members.

JagWorks@USA update

During July, **JagWorks@USA** had **5,803** full-text downloads and **164** new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to **3,547**. University of South Alabama scholarship was read by **136** institutions across **77** countries.



INSTRUCTION THANKS

Dr. Caitlyn Hauff, Associate Professor of Health Promotion, Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Sport in the College of Education and Professional Studies, recently shared the following note of thanks with Dr. Angela Rand,

Thank you SO much for all your work over the summer! I think the students (especially the undergrad students) took a lot away from your modules and became better researchers. I will be teaching that class again in Spring 2024, so I will reach back out when I start to revise the course content for then. Definitely want to keep it as part of my module moving forward.

Thanks to everyone involved in making our instruction programs relevant, accessible, and engaging for our students.

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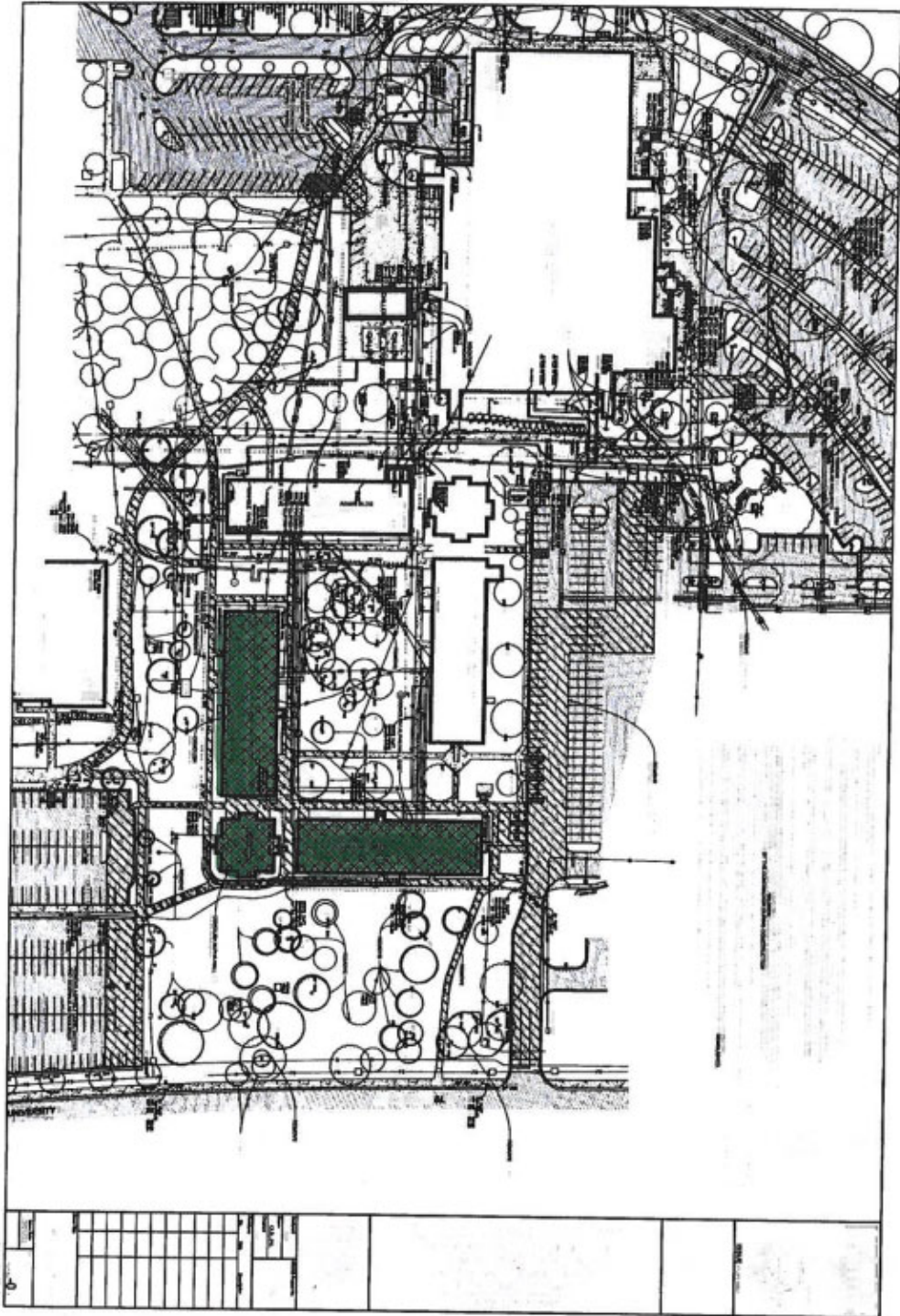
[MCOB Library: MLRC Staff](#)



UPCOMING

- ♥ USA Libraries Leadership Development Institute, Friday, September 15, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Marx 181
- ♥ Marx Library Graduate Lounge Ribbon Cutting, Wednesday, September 27, 3:00 pm, 3rd floor
- ♥ First Gen Day, Sponsored by USA Campus to Career Initiative, November 8

[Marx Library Events Calendar](#)
[USA Libraries Galleries: Art Exhibitions](#)



Design plans for the new College of Medicine buildings.

USA Libraries Web Sites

[Marx Library](#)
[Baugh Biomedical Library](#)
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