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### **Maureen Scaramona Retires After Working Over 25 Years in the Marx Library and the Mitchell College of Business Library**



Maureen Scaramona retired from the University of South Alabama on August 25, 2023. She was a long-time employee of the Libraries, having worked 17 years in the Marx Library and over nine years in the MCOB Library. During that time, she made many friends among the faculty, staff, student assistants, and patrons.

Maureen started her career at USA in the mid-'90s as a part-time student assistant in the Marx Library. She then worked her way up to a full-time job in the Circulation Department. Maureen eventually moved into a position in Collection Management, working with serials, which is where she spent most of her career. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts and the decline in print serials over the years, her position was cut in late 2012.

When the MCOB Library was looking for a part-time library assistant in January 2014, we were extremely lucky to welcome Maureen back to

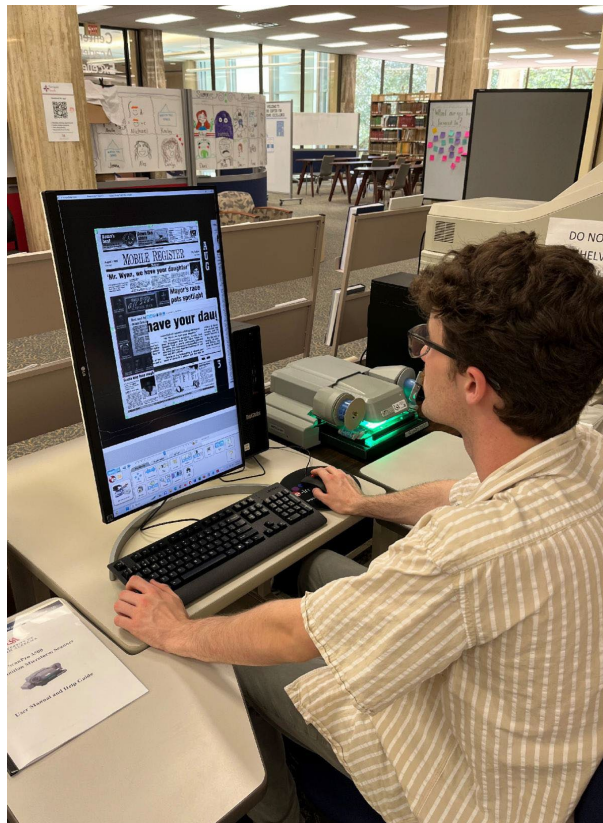


*Maureen Sacamona (left) and Amia Baker (right)*

South, where she has been a bright spot for many years. She is known for her welcoming smile and helpful nature. At our reference desk, Maureen has assisted innumerable business students over the years with the MGT 300 Company Analysis paper and the MKT 310 Country Data reports. And she was able to continue her work with serials, keeping our small MCOB print collection in order.

Although we are going to miss Maureen terribly, we wish her well in her retirement. She plans on spending more time with her family and becoming more involved with her church. We look forward to hearing about it as she embarks on this new chapter.

## **Marx Library Acquires a New High-Performance Microform Scanner**





USA's Marx Library is excited to offer a new high-performance microform scanner to its community. As the library's older machines have become difficult to maintain and more difficult to use, a variety of patrons/researchers, both from campus and from the general public, have approached library staff about possible alternatives. In early May, the university approved the purchase of a new ScanPro 3500 machine, capable of more than simply viewing the library's collection of microfilm, microfiche, and ultrafiche.

The ScanPro 3500 is the same model available for use in Mobile Public Library's History & Genealogy Library, making it a recognizable tool for many patrons coming in to do personal research. The scanner itself includes a high-quality resolution that allows users to do more than simply adjust brightness or add contrast. Additionally, images can be saved digitally to a flash drive or even emailed.

The ScanPro 3500 microform scanner is now available for public use during regular business hours in Marx Library's Documents & Serials area, located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South. For more information, call the Gov Docs and Serials Department at (251) 460-7024.

## McCall Library Promotes Community Collaboration Through the Alabama Jewish Culture and History Symposium



***Planning Committee for the Symposium led by Emily Blejwas, Director of the Alabama Folklife Association: (back row, l to r) Larry Brook, Dr. Daniel Levine, Dr. Amy Milligan, Dr. Dan Puckett, Nora Katz (at front), Blejwas (center) and Deborah Gurt. This event was funded by the Alabama Folklife Association and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.***

The first *Alabama Jewish Culture and History Symposium* took place on July 25, 2023, at Montgomery, Alabama's Temple Beth Or. McCall Library Interim Director Deborah Gurt took part as both a member of the planning team and a presenter at the event, which drew 70 attendees. The event was conceived as an opportunity for community members, researchers, and scholars to collaborate and share information about aspects of Alabama Jewish culture and history. The program included talks on community projects, guidance and information about accessing archival collections and how communities should preserve their assets, and presentations on scholarly research underway. The attendees were also treated to a musical performance by Alabama folk duo Dahlia Road, who blended beautiful harmonies with traditional Jewish prayers and themes.

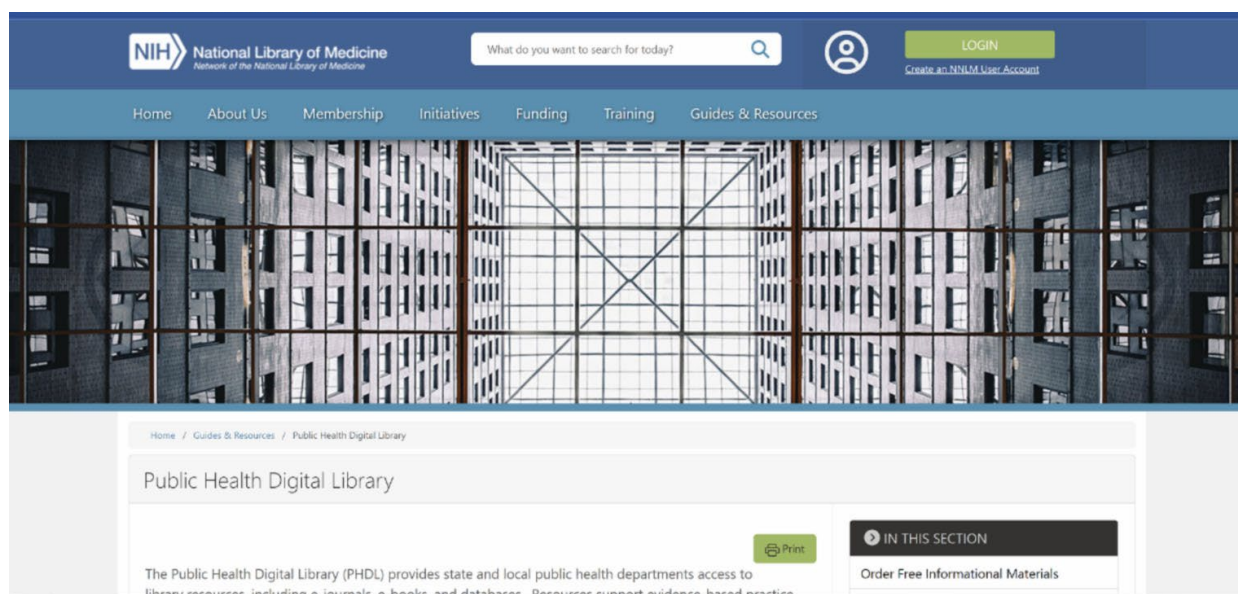
The project team now invites applications for research and writing projects on Jewish Traditions in Alabama through a funded fellowship. Apply here at [bit.ly/JAFolkFellow](https://bit.ly/JAFolkFellow) or ask questions at [alabamafolklife@gmail.com](mailto:alabamafolklife@gmail.com).

## The McCall Library Hosts Oral Historian Alissa Rae Funderburk



With support from our NEH award, Alissa Rae Funderburk was invited for two days of consulting on best practices for transcription of oral history interviews with specific attention to dialect. Funderburk currently serves as Oral Historian for the Margaret Walker Center at the HBCU Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. In addition to reviewing our transcription style guide and a few sample transcripts, she led a workshop for students, faculty, and staff that explored considerations in the transcription of oral history to help us more accurately portray the authentic voices of narrators. Look for our new interviews and transcripts, coming soon to [JagWorks](#).

## Serving the Public Health Workforce in Alabama



The Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library at the University of South Alabama was selected to serve as the Partner Library for the Public Health Digital Library program hosted by the [National Public Health Coordination Office of the Network of the National Library of Medicine](#). The Public Health Digital Library (PHDL) provides public health departments access to evidence-based resources and research. The role of the Partner Libraries is to supply document delivery services in the event that a PHDL member needs resources that are unavailable through the Digital Library. The Alabama Department of Public Health is a new member of the Public Health Digital Library program, and the Baugh Biomedical Library is pleased to be able to provide this service to assist in the provision of public health information and services throughout the state of Alabama.

## University Libraries Publications & Staff Updates

**Deborah Gurt** – Deborah Gurt, Interim Director of the McCall Library, was invited to speak to the New England Archivists (NEA) Knowledge Share/Reading Group about her [recent article](#) in the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies*. Participation is open to the public.  
<http://newenglandarchivists.org/event-5356124>.

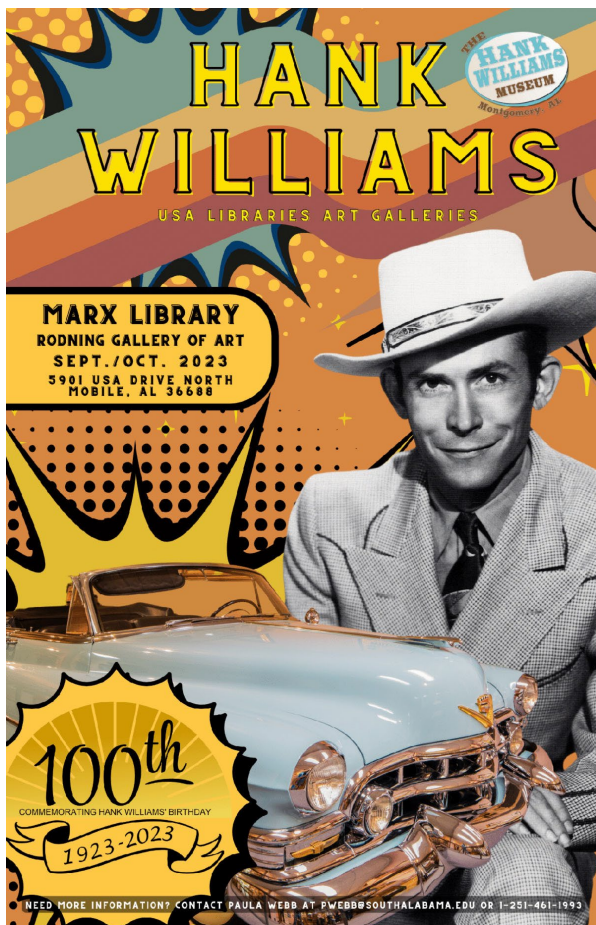
**Kaitlyn Moody** – Kaitlyn Moody, LTA II, Government Documents/Serials, was appointed to the Web Committee for ALA's Rainbow Roundtable (RRT).

**Nancy Pugh** – Nancy Pugh, Library Supervisor at the Baugh Biomedical Library, successfully renewed her Consumer Health Information Specialization, Level II. Maintaining a CHIS credential shows Nancy's commitment to offering quality consumer health information services and to staying current with developments in consumer health information resources, technologies, and services. A Level II credential demonstrates skills in all competencies. The credential is valid for three years. Nancy joins over 1,300 medical, public, and consumer health librarians and allied health and information professionals who have earned a CHIS certificate.

## USA Libraries Exhibits & Events September/October 2023

### USA Libraries to Exhibit Art & Memorabilia from the Hank Williams Museum





USA Libraries is pleased to host an exhibit of memorabilia from the collections of the [Hank Williams Museum](#) in Montgomery, Alabama, in celebration of what would have been the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the famed singer-songwriter, who was born September 17, 1923, in Butler County. Clothing, music, and other items will be displayed in the Mary Elizabeth and Charles Bernard Rodning Gallery of Art in Marx Library, along with art inspired by the life and music of Williams, who died while en route to a scheduled performance in West Virginia will be on exhibit. Mobile native [Bobby Tomberlin](#), whose songs have been recorded by Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Jerry Lee Lewis, Kenny Rogers, and many others, will present *100 Years of Hank* on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Marx Library Auditorium. Concert tickets are available at [Eventbrite](#). An exhibit reception will precede the performance at 5:00 p.m. in the third-floor Rodning Gallery.

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

USA Libraries Art Galleries

Sept-Oct 2023

Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library  
5791 USA Drive North Mobile, AL 36688  
3rd Floor @ ArtSpace

Presented by Studio 222 Textile Artists  
and Azalea City Quilters Art Group

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### FAREWELL

Vanessa Dillard, LTA I, Marx Library Access Services, August 11. Vanessa joined the Marx Library in February, 2021.



Maureen Sacramona, Library Assistant III, MCOB Learning Resource Center, will retire August 25, 2023, with a farewell reception scheduled for Thursday, August 24 10:00 - 11:00 am in Marx 181. Prior to her service in the MCOB Library, where she worked part time for over

nine years, Maureen worked full time in Marx Library for sixteen years.

### WELCOME

Tracy Cole will join USA Libraries Collections as Assistant Librarian, Acquisitions effective October 1, 2023. Ms. Cole currently serves as Director of the Spanish Fort Public Library. Her academic library appointments include service with Virginia Tech University Libraries as Instructional Services Librarian, and with McNeese State University as Reference Librarian, Instruction Librarian, and Assistant Professor of Library & Information Science. She holds the Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University and the BA in Art History from Hollins University.

### USA Libraries Strategic Plan 2023-2028

See attached. Thanks to the Steering Committee!

### FACILITIES

General modification



plans have been approved for the renovation of the Biomedical Library, and

floorplans are in development by the architects. The Material Finish Package developed by USA designer Elizabeth Hall has been approved. The package includes a new paint palette, floorcoverings, tile, and laminates for surfaces and cabinetry, all of which are similar to materials to be used in the new Whiddon College of Medicine and those used in the Marx Library Learning Commons. Furnishings will be discussed later in August.



### UPCOMING



- ♥ International Student Welcome reception, August 21, 2:00 pm Marx 181
- ♥ Week of Welcome Freshman Convocation, Monday, August 21, 11:00 am, Mitchell Center
- ♥ 100 Years of Hank, the Rodning Gallery's September-October exhibit featuring items from the collections of the Hank Williams Museum, Montgomery, Alabama

- ♥ Bobby Tomberlin performs the music of Hank Williams, Thursday, September 7, 5:00 pm, Marx Library Auditorium (ticketed performance)
- ♥ USA Libraries Leadership Development Institute, Friday, September 15, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Marx 181

## JagWorks Monthly Readership Totals, July 2023

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

*The most popular papers were:*

Dana R. Abrams. [Commitment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Higher Education: Exploring DEI Elements Across Institutions. M.A. Public Administration, 2022](#) (56 downloads)

Britton Leggett. [Social Media Influencers: An Examination of Influence Throughout the Customer Journey. Ph.D. Business Administration, 2022](#) (37 downloads)

[REU Photos 2019](#) (1,277 downloads)

[Theses and Dissertations](#) (983 downloads)

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