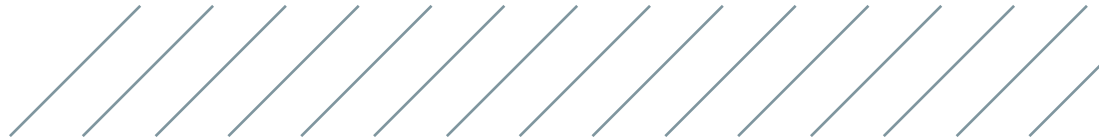
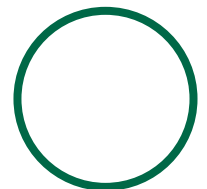


# Annual Report

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# About Us

The University of South Florida Libraries accelerate learning and knowledge production through distinctive collections, information service innovation, and thought leadership. We are one library serving three diverse campus communities in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee.

As the heart of an AAU member University, the USF Libraries contribute to student success, faculty excellence, and lifelong learning. The USF Libraries provide access to over **3.3 million print & eBooks, 190,000 e-Journal subscriptions, and 24 million digital images.**

USF Libraries offer specialized workshops, research assistance, and instruction support to students and faculty as well as access to unique primary research materials in Florida studies, Florida environment and natural history, children's and young adult literature, LGBTQ+ studies, and university archives.

We are research-active, grant-active, and have strong local, national, and international research partnerships.

USF Libraries memberships include:

- **American Library Association (ALA)**
- **Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL)**
- **Center for Research Libraries (CRL)**
- **Coalition for Networked Information (CNI)**
- **Council of Library & Information Resources (CLIR)**
- **Digital Library Federation (DLF)**
- **Library Publishing Coalition (Educopia Institute)**
- **Lyrasis**
- **OCLC Research Library**
- **Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)**
- **Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc. (TBLC)**

# About Us



## USF Libraries, Tampa

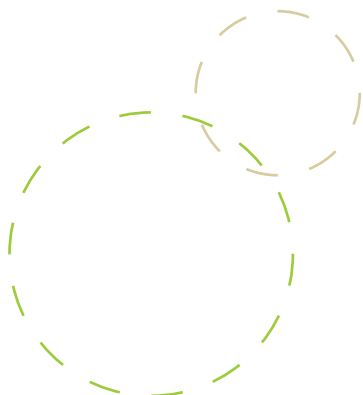
An inviting and collaborative place to meet, study, and conduct research, the library offers students access to a variety of study rooms and collaborative and quiet floors, a Graduate Reading Room, an IT Help Desk and Computer Repair, SMARTLab, Writing Studio, Academic Success Center, Office of High Impact Practices and Undergraduate Research—as well as a Starbucks Coffee.

## USF Libraries, St. Petersburg

The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library promotes and supports faculty and student-centered learning and research in an inviting, creative, and flexible environment. The library offers a variety of study and collaborative spaces, and technology support is available through the Student Technology Center, which also features a makerspace with access to 3D printing and VR technology tools.

## USF Libraries Information Commons and Library Services, Sarasota-Manatee

The Information Commons and Library Services at the USF Sarasota-Manatee provides specialized data, research, and collections services in support of Sarasota-Manatee campus faculty and student research, impact, and visibility. We partner with faculty, academic, and student units across campus to teach students information literacy and research skills and coordinate loans of essential technology tools and library resources/course reserves.



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STEAM & Data Visualization Librarian

**Erica Lovelette**  
Executive Administrative Specialist

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Associate Librarian,  
Library Operations  
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**Center for Digital Heritage  
& Geospatial Information**

**Lori Collins**  
Co-Director

**Travis Doering**  
Co-Director



# Personnel Updates

## Retirements

**Cynthia Brown**, Library Specialist, Library Services, *18 years*

**Drew Smith**, Associate Librarian, Research & Instruction, *29 years*

**Samuel Holloway**, Library Specialist, Library Services, *9 years*

**Tom Cetwinski**, Associate Dean of Libraries, Library Administration, *14 years*

## New Hires

### Collections & Discovery

Beth Hunt, Complex Copy Cataloger

Sara Gonzalez, Metadata Specialist

### DATA

Henesis Veras, Library Data Analyst

### Research & Instruction

Evan Fruehauf, Assistant Librarian

Jennifer Slagus, Research & Instruction Coordinator

### Special Collections

Alexandra Vargas-Minor, Florida Studies Curator &

Campus Archivist

Marlena Carrillo, Digital Collections Coordinator

## Promotions

**Allison Symulevich**, 2023, Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian

**Amanda Boczar**, 2024, Assistant Curator for Digital Collections to Assistant Curator for Digital Collections and Associate Director for Digital Initiatives

**Britney Edwards**, 2023, Budget Director, Fiscal Operations to Director of Administrative Services

**Camielle Crampsie**, 2023, Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian

**Carol Ann Borchert**, 2023, Associate Dean to Senior Associate Dean

**Christine Dunleavy**, 2024, Operations Manager to Assistant Director

**Kathryn O'Connell**, 2024, Stacks Supervisor to Stacks Coordinator

**LeEtta Schmidt**, 2024, Copyright and Intellectual Property Librarian to Copyright and Intellectual Property Librarian and Associate Director for Broader Impacts

**Loryn Ragsdale**, 2024, Assistant Director, Library Services

**Terry Hutchings**, 2023, Assistant Director Library Initiatives to Director Library Initiatives

### Communications & Marketing

Shawn Douglas, Marketing Coordinator

### Library Services

Aubrey Carr, Library Specialist

Courtney Lofgren, Library Specialist

Donna Kahelin, ILL Coordinator

Kirk Mitchell, Library Specialist

Parnell Talley, ILL Coordinator

Rebekah Nault, Library Specialist

### Center for Digital Heritage & Geospatial Information

Chandler Burchfield, Project Manager I

### STEAM/Technology Center

Natalie Boulanger, STEAM & Data Visualization Librarian

# By the Numbers

2023-2024



## General Collection

Titles: 3,281,952  
Volumes: 4,163,423

## Digital Collections

Total objects: 101,391  
Total downloads: 579,916

## Study Room Bookings

Total Bookings: 30,311  
Total hours booked: 70,493

## Top 5 digital collections viewed:

- ★ Karst Information Portal: 118,386
- ★ Searchable Ornithological Research Archive: 81,111
- ★ Hillsborough County Marriage Records: 54,715
- ★ Dime Novel Collections: 34,475
- ★ USF History and Archives: 33,286

## Digital Commons

Total downloads: 3,188,549

### Most downloaded item

Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices: 144,969

### Most downloaded collection

USF Tampa Graduate Theses and Dissertations: 966,005

### Most downloaded open access journal

Journal of Strategic Security: 153,234

## Ask A Librarian

Text Messages: 82  
Emails: 463  
Chats: 2,354

## Interlibrary Loan

Requests provided to other libraries: 7,236  
Requests received from other libraries or providers: 12,270

## LibGuides

Public Guides: 261  
Total Views: 344,601

## Top 5 Guides

1. AI Tools and Resources: 35,729
2. Library Skills for All Students: 18,907
3. Financial Times Top 50 Journals: 16,163
4. Business Plan & Pitch Presentation: 13,996
5. Systematic Reviews for Social Sciences: 12,466





# 2023-2024 Library News

## Leading with the Library: A Case Study

This past year we worked with University Communications & Marketing to develop a case study featuring the USF Libraries' innovative approach to collections and services. As part of a national campaign to spread the word about the impressive trajectory of the University, this piece was featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and is now circulating throughout the higher education community.

Titled "Leading with the Library", this piece highlights our early shift to a digital preferred library that began in the mid-1990s and the many positive consequences that followed. The case study opens with our extremely rapid (one-day) shift to fully remote operations as the COVID pandemic unfolded and goes on to focus on a selection of our unique "twists" on traditional library activities including collection development, open-access promotion, textbook affordability, space utilization, AI exploration, and more.

In many ways, the case study's subtitle captures it all: "How One University Positioned Its Library as a Central Hub for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships."

Response to the case study has been positive. At the end of reporting in July 2024 there had been **1,823 total downloads** of the case study and 979 of these were by higher education leaders (director level and above) including 66 presidents/provosts. **97.89 percent** of those who downloaded the case study reported the information as useful.

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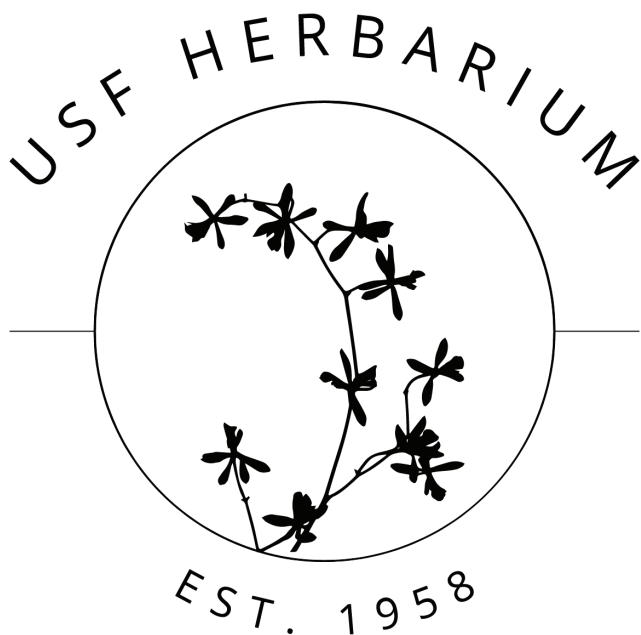
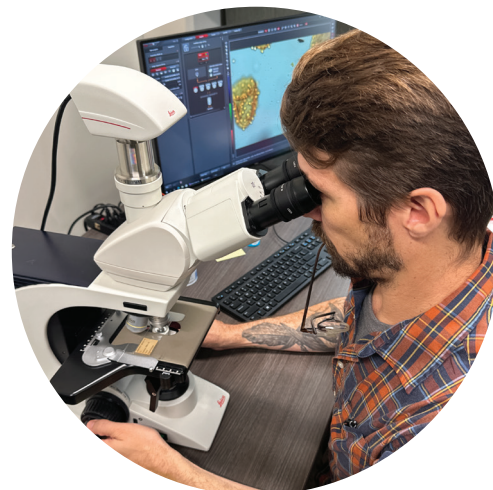
# 2023-2024 Library News continued

## A New Leaf for the USF Herbarium

In March 2024, the USF Libraries and the USF College of Arts & Sciences formed an extraordinary partnership: the transfer of the USF Herbarium to the Libraries. Together, our goals are to proactively manage, grow, and enhance use of this distinctive and impressive research collection.

Established in 1958, the USF Herbarium acquires, preserves, and makes accessible for research and curricular use several significant collections. It is one of the largest herbaria in the United States and the second largest in Florida. The USF Herbarium is known for its rich collection of vascular plants, algae, bryophytes, and lichens. The collection has over 270,000 specimens and more than 10,000 books and related resources.

The Libraries are home to the expansive Florida Environment and Natural History strategic special collections, providing an inherent connectivity between the two collections. As the new home for the USF Herbarium, we look forward to creating additional opportunities for experiential learning and paving the way for potential future directions in innovative strategic special collections planning.



# 2023-2024 Library News continued

## USF Libraries Inaugural Summer Faculty Institutes

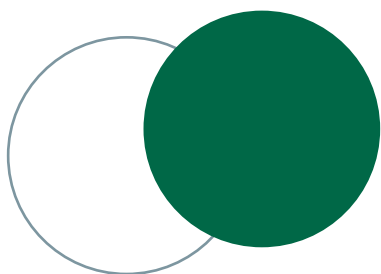
### Collections to Curriculum

To expand services for faculty in the summer months, USF Libraries launched two week-long summer institutes. The first, [Collections to Curriculum](#), focused on bringing faculty into conversation with archival resources.

Fifteen participants from the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, College of the Arts, College of Education, and Patel College of Global Sustainability worked with librarians, curators, and other library experts to incorporate materials from the Libraries' special and digital collections into new, redesigned, and redeveloped courses. Faculty members also selected materials for use with funded programs and community-engaged events.

The participants' immersive experiences did not end with the inaugural institute. Since then, Special Collections continues meeting and working with faculty on new, interesting, and innovative ways to incorporate the USF Libraries' primary resources into their teaching and research. New collaborations include oral history projects, performance programs, assignments requiring Special Collections research, and a course that uses the sheet music collections.

As one faculty member shared in their exit survey, "I appreciated how knowledgeable, engaged, involved, and attentive the archivists were. Their willingness to share their ideas, and the hard work behind finding materials customized to each attendee was remarkable."



# 2023-2024 Library News continued

## USF Libraries Inaugural Summer Faculty Institutes

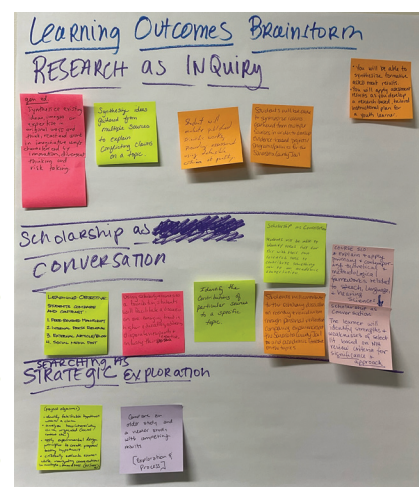
### Faculty Information Literacy Institute

The second Institute, the **Faculty Information Literacy Institute**, focused on faculty professional development around Information literacy, which refers to the set of abilities required for individuals to find, understand, evaluate, and ethically use information. 18 faculty from 13 departments across all three campuses joined us for this week-long institute.

The Institute introduced participants to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education and disciplinary companion documents, provided a community of faculty to explore information literacy and its relation to their own courses, and facilitated scaffolded activities for participants to discuss and apply information literacy skills and concepts.

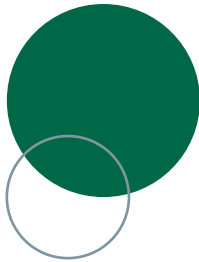
Lindsay Persohn, assistant professor in the Literacy Studies Program in the Department of Language, Literacy, Ed.D., Exceptional Education and Physical Education, said of the Institute, "It was so well-done. It was well-structured, it was well-paced. It felt like I was really able to give thought to my particular situation while also really appreciating hearing from other people how they were thinking about their courses and how they were considering bringing in information literacy in a more robust way. It helped to reinvigorate me around teaching."

USF Libraries look forward to offering additional Institutes in the **summer of 2025** and will begin soliciting applications in spring.



# Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

One of USF Libraries' strategic goals is to consistently increase the volume and impact of research contributions to the profession. We are proud of the thought leadership of our faculty and staff in achieving this goal through presentations, publication, awards, and other accomplishments.



## Selected Awards

**Andrew Beman-Cavallaro**, 2023 Mentor Hall of Fame, Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute

**Andrew Huse**, 2024 Anthony "Tony" Pizzo Legacy Award, Ybor City State Museum

**Emily Mann**, 2023 Outstanding Library Faculty, University of South Florida

**Kaya van Beynen**, 2023 ARL Leadership Fellow, Association of Research Libraries

**Matt Knight**, 2023 Humanities Institute Faculty Fellowship, USF Humanities Institute

**Tomaro Taylor**, 2023 Distinguished Service Award, Academy of Certified Archivists

## Selected Publications



**Abney, A., Boczar, A., & Jordan, S.** (2024). Conscious editing-driven metadata for archives and digital collections: A case study. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 50(5), n.p. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.102909>

**Fruehauf, E., Beman-Cavallero, A., & Schmidt, L.** (2024). Developing a foundation for the informational needs of generative AI users through the means of established interdisciplinary relationships. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 50(3), 102876. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.102876>

**Jacobs, S., Nash, M., Burress, T., & van Beynen, K.** (2023). Quality matters: Using a peer review process to create a cohesive multi-campus library online instruction program. *Communications in Information Literacy*, 17(2), 486-508. <https://doi.org/10.15760/comminfolit.2023.17.2.9>

**Johnson, M. W.** (2024). Use of the Copenhagen Burnout Inventory among US academic librarians: Examining construct validity through factor structure and model fit. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 50(5), 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.102922>

O'Leary, H., Gantzert, T., Mann, A., **Mann, E.**, Bollineni, N., & Nelson, M. (2024). Citation as representation: Gendered academic citation politics persist in environmental studies publications. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 2024, n.p. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-024-00928-y>

**Sturgeon, C., Parker, W., & Szempruch, J.** (2024). Key concepts in business librarianship at academic libraries: A scoping review. *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship*, 29(2), 75-93. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08963568.2024.2307309>

**Szempruch, J. & Schmidt, L.** (2024). Successful feedback literacy for library and information science professionals: A literature review. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 50(4), 1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.102903>

# Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

## Selected Presentations

Bennett, S., Gunn, A., McConaughy, E., & **Szempruch, J.** (2023, November 29). Missing mom or dad: Children's literature about families impacted by incarceration [Conference presentation]. 73rd Literacy Research Association annual conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

**Boczar, A., Jordan, S., & Schmidt, L.** (2023, November 13). Balancing curation and copyright: Team-based workflows for sustainable virtual exhibits and instruction [Conference presentation]. Digital Library Federation 2023 Forum, St. Louis, MO, United States.

**Boczar, J.** & Onac, P. (2024, May 15). The Great Migration: A New Home for the Searchable Ornithological Research Archive [Conference presentation]. 2024 Library Publishing Forum, Minneapolis, MN, United States. <https://librarypublishing.org/program/>

**Collins, L. & Doering, T.** (2024, May 27). 3D and GIS for Heritage Preservation of Aerospace History - the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station Case Studies [Conference presentation]. ICOMOS AeroSpace Heritage Inaugural Conference, Paris, France. <https://iscah.icomos.org/events/>



# Grant Awards

FY 2023-2024, \$1,956,302

## Selected Grant Awards

2023 Amanda Boczar (PI) & Council on Library and Information Resources (Co-PI), CLIR Climate Resiliency in Libraries Workshop Series. Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$206,269.

2023 Lori Collins (PI) & Travis Doering (Co-PI), A 3D Digital and Geospatial Program for Climate Resiliency and Preservation at Cumberland Island National Seashore. Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit, National Park Service. National Park Service, \$184,447.

2023 Randy Larson (PI), Adib Farhadi (Co-PI), Andrew Beman-Cavallaro (Co-PI), & Will Parker (Co-PI), Bilateral influence. Institute of Applied Engineering / U.S. Department of Defense, \$199,442.

2024 Greg Herbert (PI) & Christopher Kiahtipes (Co-PI), Collaborative Research: Resilience, Experimentation, and Collapse in Small-Scale Fisheries. National Science Foundation, \$152,407.

2024 Tomaro Taylor (PI), Concentric circles: Collaborative community archiving in Tampa Heights and Sulphur Springs. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation sub-award through the University of California-Irvine, \$35,000.



# Scholarships, Research Awards, & Essay Prizes

USF Libraries are honored to work with and support our students in their academic achievements, and in the 2023-2024 academic year we awarded 14 scholarships and research awards. We are so thankful for our generous donors and friends who make these awards possible every year.

Areesh Aziz	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Arturo Gonzalez	Leland Hawes Graduate Student Essay Prize in Florida Studies	\$1,000
Brittany Hornes	Altrusa Club of Tampa Bay	\$500
Genevieve Carcano	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Grady Frey	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Jacob Vinca	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Jill Thompson-Grim	Dr. John Ogden Coral Reef Collection Scholarship	\$250
Kathryn Bell	Latin American and Other Science Fiction Research Award	\$250
Louisa Spector	Leland Hawes Graduate Student Essay Prize in Florida Studies	\$500
Matthew Grace	Samuel Y. Fustukjian Memorial Scholarship	\$500
Nicholas Colecio	LGBT Research Award	\$500
Rodrigo Ximenes Patier	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Temur Ismoilov	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$1,250
Tianna Virgo	Tampa Campus Library Scholarship	\$500

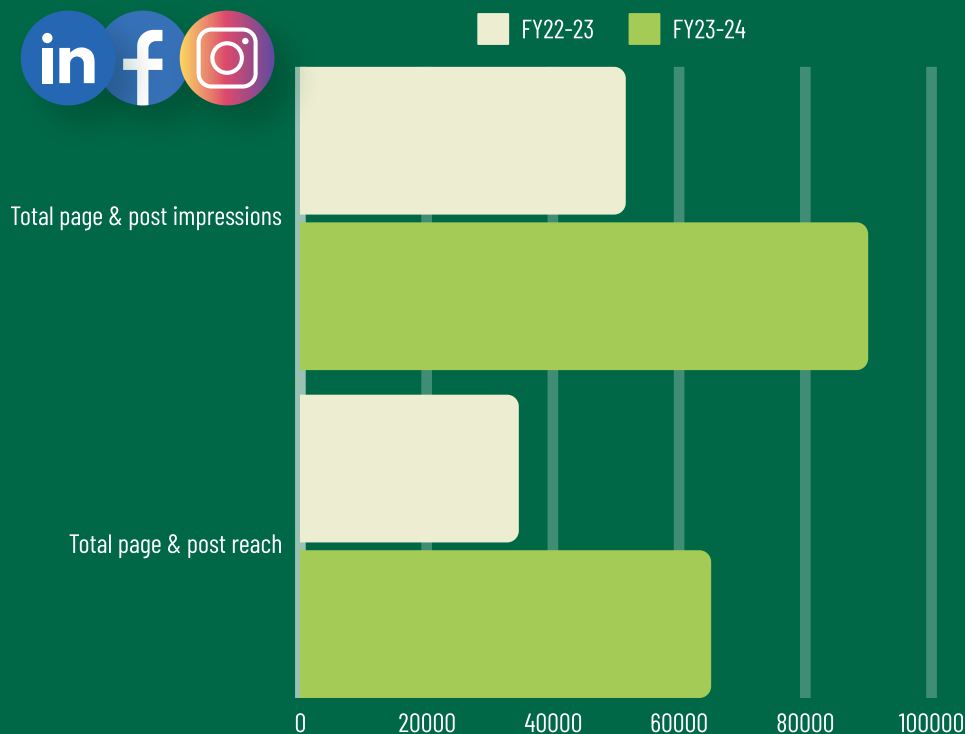


# Communications & Marketing

The Libraries' communications and marketing team goal is to craft strategic communications that amplify awareness of library programs and services in support of faculty and student success and grow the reputation of USF Libraries within thought leadership and library peer/research circles. We do this through multi-pronged communications and marketing campaigns and programs focused on owned and shared media channels which include social media, email newsletters, digital signage, printed materials, websites, community outreach, and more.

## Case Study: Social Strategy

Our approach to social channels is to focus on creating engaging, dynamic content that supports the Libraries' strategic goals while resonating with our diverse audiences. To ensure content was maximized for audience and channel distribution, we examined user and engagement data to develop strategic content creation guidelines ensuring that messaging and method of delivery were optimized.



### Outcome:

- **74.5% increase** in total page and post impressions (# of times content was displayed to users)
- **88.1% increase** in total page and post reach (# of unique users exposed to content)

# Communications & Marketing continued

## Case Study: Workshops For Researchers

Workshops for Researchers is a series of virtual and in-person workshops that help faculty and students take their research to the next level. With the goal of increasing awareness and registrations, we developed a multi-pronged marketing program in **Spring 2024** that included social media toolkits, digital boards, email news, web ads, engagement content, and more.

### Fall 2023

Workshops offered: **51**  
Total registrant count: **646**  
Total attendee count: **361**

### Spring 2024

Workshops offered: **56**  
Total registrant count: **1251**  
Total attendee count: **677**

## Outcome:

Together with the Workshops for Researchers team, our efforts earned a **93.65% increase in registrations** and a **87.53% increase in attendees**.

**Upcoming Workshops for Researchers:**

### Data Visualization

Check the calendar & register at:

- 8** Tue, 9:00am - 10:00am  
R Programming: Data Analysis & Visualization  
This workshop will build on the basic foundations of R covered in the introductory workshop and will explore data visualization using the popular plotting library ggplot2. We will use real data. [View Details](#)
- 12** Tue, 9:00am - 10:00am  
R with ggplot2: Data Visualization  
This workshop will build on beginner plotting skills in R. We will use the powerful plotting package ggplot2 to create custom plots for better data visualizations. By Dr. Stacy Borrero, PhD. [View Details](#)
- 27** Tue, 9:00am - 10:00am  
Python Programming: Data Analysis & Visualization  
Using the popular web-based Jupyter Notebook, this workshop will introduce the powerful Python data visualization library Matplotlib. We will create visualizations for different types of data and... [View Details](#)
- 7** Thu, 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Power BI: Advanced  
In the second part of this series of workshops, the participant will learn how to use the query editor and the Data View in Power BI. At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to... [View Details](#)

**Spring 2024 Workshops for Researchers are happening NOW!**

Topic tracks include:

- Citation Management
- Copyright
- Data Analysis
- Data Visualization
- Data & Datasets
- AI & Machine Learning
- Programming
- Research Impact
- Business
- Social Science
- Science & Publishing

Check the calendar & register at:

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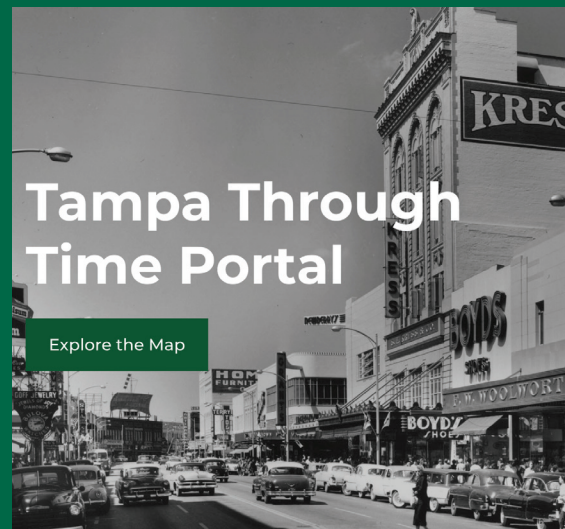
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# Digital Collections

## Tampa Through Time Portal

The Tampa Through Time Portal provides an exciting new way to explore USF's robust digital archive through a geospatial lens. The interface includes photographs, digitized archives, historic maps, and more. The Portal was launched in 2024 and includes over 1,000 items from USF Libraries' collections.

**Area(s): Florida Studies, FLENH, USF Archives**



## CLIR Climate Resiliency Action Series

Dr. Amanda Boczar is the Project Director of the IMLS-funded CLIR Climate Resiliency Action Series to address climate resiliency needs across libraries, museum, and cultural heritage institutions. CLIR and DLF's Climate Justice Working Group will host a series of free online climate resiliency workshops, informal climate circles, and conference meetings that will identify the key areas of action that librarians, archivists, and other cultural workers can take. The archive for the project will be hosted by the University of South Florida digital collections.

**Area(s): FLENH**



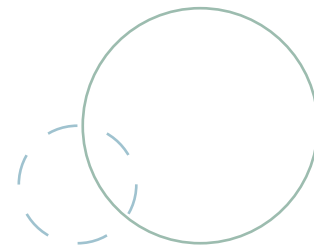
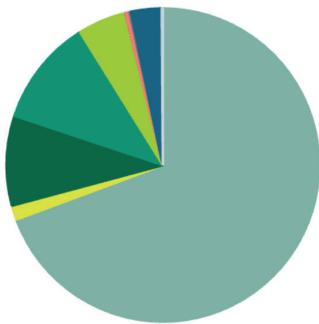
# Library Services

## Loans

As students are utilizing more digital resources, the USF Libraries have focused our efforts on increasing the accessibility of our physical collection to drive our circulation statistics.

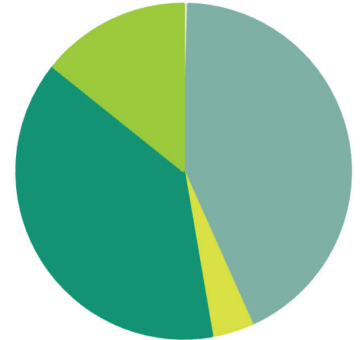
**Loans By Patron Type**

- Visiting Scholar
- USF Undergraduate Student
- USF Staff or Admin
- USF Health Student
- USF Graduate Student
- USF Faculty or Instructor
- Unknown
- Special Borrower
- Not applicable
- Not affiliated with USF
- Interlibrary Loan
- Affiliate User



**Open Athens Logins By Patron Type**

- Visiting Scholar
- USF Undergraduate Student
- USF Staff or Admin
- USF Graduate Student
- USF Faculty or Instructor



## Electronic Items

The USF Libraries Collections & Discovery department licenses access to a wide range of electronic resources, including academic journals, databases, primary source material, citation management, journal and citation benchmarking, research analytics tools, datasets, ebooks, and streaming media in support of USF's research, faculty success and student success goals, and teaching and learning objectives.

Through strategic investment of one-time funds, 12 Oxford Bibliographies, 6 Proquest History Vault modules, 7 major newspaper archives and 7 historical newspaper collections were purchased. The USF Libraries added a subscription to the ProQuest Florida Newspapers collection, and coordinated selection and access to the PBS Video Collection, Sage Business Skills and Sage Student Success Skills with FLVC, the Florida Libraries Virtual Campus consortia.



# New Resources

FY2023-2024

- Bar Digital 2023 Collection
- Brill Online Ebooks EBA (annual access for title selection)
- Brill Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum Online
- Cambridge University Press EBA (annual access for title selection)
- CAS Library Committee Joint Book purchase
- Choice 2023 Selected Titles (64 print/35 ebooks)
- Early Soviet Cinema Collection (118 titles)
- English Award Winners Collection 2023 (136 print/252 ebooks)
- HeinOnline Voting Rights & Election Law
- Interlibrary Loan Request Books purchase – 18 print/25 ebooks
- Newsbank Historical Newspapers: Miami Herald Collection [1911 – Present]
- Newsbank Historical Newspapers: Sarasota Herald-Tribune Collection [1925 – Present]
- Newsbank Historical Newspapers: Bradenton Herald Collection [1922 – Present]
- Nietzsche-Studien
- Oxford Academic Ebooks EBA (Oxford and all university partner press ebooks excluding California, Liverpool, Manchester, MIT Press and Yale)
- Oxford Bibliographies (12)
- Oxford Handbooks Online Collections: 2023 updates
- Oxford Handbooks Online Collections Complete through 2023 (4 Subject Areas)
- PBS Video Collection
- Proquest Ebook Central (DDA for title selection)
- ProQuest Historical/Current Newspapers: Florida Collection
- ProQuest History Vault (5 Collections)
- Psychoanalysis and History
- Readex Historical Newspapers (7 Series/Collections)
- Sage Journal Deep Backfile Update 2014-2023
- SAGE Research Method
- Sage Skills: Business Skills
- Sage Skills: Student Success
- Slavic and Judaica E-Books (148 titles)
- Springer Journal Archives Update 2014-2023
- SpringerMaterials
- Statista
- Taylor & Francis Ebooks EBA, Original Pub Dates 2019+ (annual access for title selection)
- Taylor & Francis Medieval Ebooks 2019+
- Taylor & Francis Medieval History Curated Collection
- Wiley Digital Archives: Environmental Science and History
- Wiley Selected Journal Backfiles (42)



# Research & Instruction

The USF Libraries' **Info + Data Literacy canvas workshops** are pivotal library instruction programs that support faculty instruction and student learning. These consist of 15 asynchronous, badge-earning workshops based on fundamental information literacy principles.

During the Summer 2023 semester, the Info + Data Literacy workshop program underwent a major refresh, with all modules transferred to a new Canvas template and edited and peer-reviewed for content updates and improvements. After the refresh, 11,561 students completed the Info + Data Literacy Canvas modules, representing a **14% increase in student usage** from the previous year, and an astronomical **98% increase in student usage** since 2021/22, when the program first began.

One professor completed the APA Citation Style workshop before assigning it for their class and noticed the work conducted to refresh the modules: "I am a professor who requires my students to take this workshop. I noticed that the workshop has been revised since the version I took last year, so I took the revised version of this course today just to see what it would be like on the student end. What a wonderful resource! I will not only continue requiring it in this course, but will do so for other courses I teach."

## Most Popular Modules:

1. Finding, Evaluating, and Using Information, completed by **3,250 students**
2. Avoiding Plagiarism, completed by **2,205 students**
3. APA Citation Style, completed by **1,711 students**
4. Data Literacy, completed by **1,342 students**



# Research & Instruction

## Workshops For Researchers

108 workshops welcomed **1,050 total attendees**. Two notable changes emerged from the previous year.

- Near doubling of undergraduate student participants, aligning with increased USF emphasis on Undergraduate Research.
- A noticeable increase in the number of people who participated in multiple workshops.

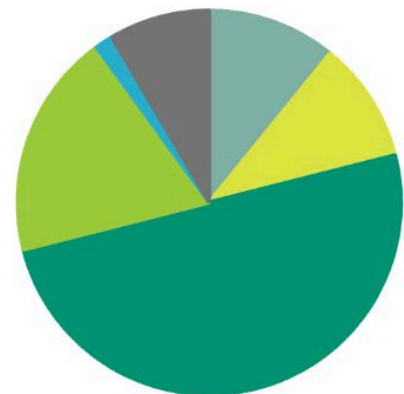
In Spring 2024, attendance increased, and the **top five most attended workshops** were:

1. Semantic Scholar: Intro to AI Powered Literature Review
2. EndNote: Intro to Citation Management
3. Microsoft Copilot: Intro to AI Powered Research Assistants
4. R Programming: Data Analysis & Visualization
5. NVivo for Qualitative Analysis

Students praised the workshops' helping them gain new skills. One student found the Semantic Scholar: Intro to AI Powered Literature Review workshop (new in Spring 2024) "one of the best workshops I've attended at USF."

### Workshops for Researchers By Patron Type

- USF Undergraduate Student
- USF Staff or Admin
- USF Graduate Student
- USF Faculty or Instructor
- Postdoctoral Researcher
- Not affiliated with USF



# Special Collections

## Strategic Collecting Areas

### Strategic Collection

Children's and Young Adult Literature  
Florida Environment and Natural History (FLENH)  
LGBTQ+ Studies  
Florida Studies  
University Archives  
Civil Rights  
Journalism  
Literature, Humanities, and the Arts

### Campus Location

Tampa  
Tampa  
Tampa  
Tampa/ St. Petersburg  
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## New Exhibits (Physical)

Greetings from St. Pete

Picasso at USF: Architectural Plans and Maquette, Tampa

Selling Florida, Tampa

United States Maritime Service Training Station - Bayboro Harbor, St. Petersburg, FL





# Special Collections continued

## Collection Highlights, Tampa

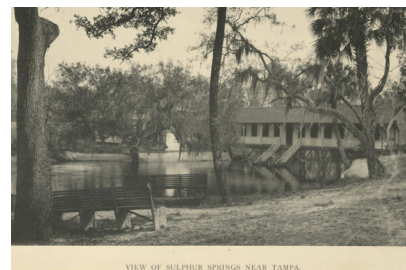
Tampa Special Collections received nearly 30 donations of printed or published materials in FY24. Of these, the archival records of the Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) and a complete set of the 1904 series *The Art Work of Florida* feature most prominently. New collections of significance also include digitized treasures from pre-existing physical collections as well as born-digital materials created as part of larger research projects.

Special Collections digitized the John Kunkel Small archive of reports, records, and photographs documenting natural environments and the José Ramón Sanfeliz Scrapbook detailing turn-of-the-century Ybor City, Tampa, Florida.

Recent oral history projects focused on the nearly 100-year-old Tampa Theatre in Downtown Tampa and the Hollinswood Ranch in Citrus County, Florida convey the importance of documentation and the cultural impacts of local landmarks and industries.

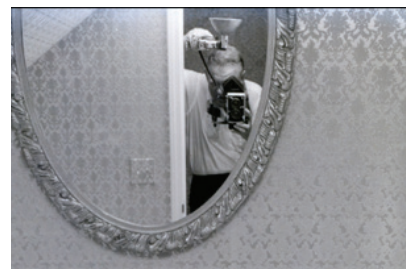
## The Art Work of Florida (Parts 1-11)

The *Art Work of Florida* (1904) series is a complete collection of 11 slim volumes of photogravures accompanied by narrative essays in the back of each volume.



## Gandy Collection of Tampa Photography

This newly digitized collection includes images of the Tampa Bay area between the 1950s and the 2010s. Mainly featuring commercial photographs, the collection vividly documents land and business development and shows environmental changes over time, often from an aerial perspective. This collection was featured in the Spring 2024 issue of the *USF Magazine*, <https://www.usf.edu/magazine/about/index.aspx>.



## Hollinswood Ranch Oral History Project

Hollinswood Ranch began in 1942 as a 20,000-acre cattle ranch in Citrus County, Florida. In the 80 years since, the ranch has stood as an example of family-owned and operated ranches impacted by land development, government-funded projects, and changing industries. The oral histories in this collection cover more than 60 years of Hollinswood Ranch history.



# Special Collections continued

## Collection Highlights, **Tampa** continued

### John Kunkel Small Botany Collection

John Kunkel Small's expertise in the flora of the American south is documented in this collection, which brings black-and-white and color photography of natural environments in conversation with reports and records documenting Small's research.



### José Ramón Sanfeliz Scrapbook

Quietly tucked away in the Anthony P. "Tony" Pizzo archival collection for many years, the José Ramón Sanfeliz Scrapbook comes alive in digital form. Consisting of 35 black-and-white photographic prints from the turn-of-the 20th century, the scrapbook shows Tampa's Ybor City at atypical angles with a lens toward its residents and workers.



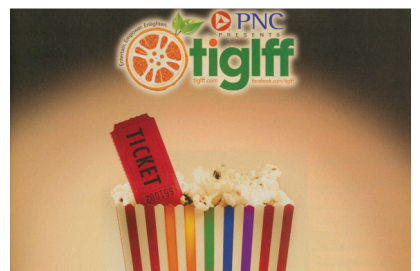
### Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) collection

The Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) archival collection documents over 30 years of festival activities through programs, advertisements, posters, photographs, ephemera, and audiovisual materials.



### Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) digital collection

The Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) digital collection highlights materials produced by and written about the Film Festival. The digital collection also includes graphics that capture the films screened as part of the festival as well as photographs of festival attendees.



### Tampa Theatre Oral History collection

This oral history collection is being created in conjunction with the theatre's 100th anniversary. Historian and library faculty member Andrew Huse continues collecting remembrances as research for a forthcoming publication.



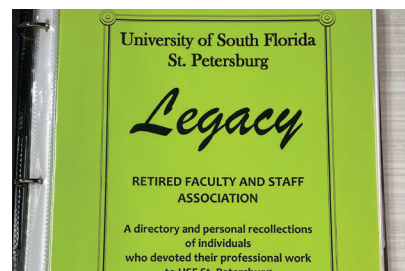
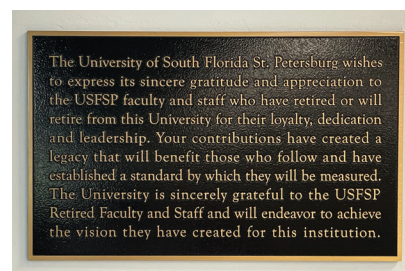
# Special Collections continued

## Collection Highlights, **St. Petersburg**

In the FY 2023-2024, the Poynter Library's Special Collections & University Archives received 6 unique donations of archival and print resources related to marine sciences and oceanography, Florida water-sports, and St. Petersburg history. The unit also advanced initiatives with existing community partners, including processing the Peter Belmont Preserve the 'Burg Papers, completing the Bob Devin Jones / Studio@620 digital collection, and facilitating the ingest of new issues of The Weekly Challenger and FORUM onto Digital Commons. The unit also strengthened its relationships with entities and departments on the USF St. Petersburg campus, planning for collaborations with the Retired Faculty and Staff Association, Communications & Marketing, the Student Green Energy Fund, and Student Government.

## USFSP Retired Faculty & Staff Association

USF St. Petersburg Retired Faculty & Staff Association (RFSA) is an active group of retirees who foster social connection amongst its membership and assist with the institution's advancement. During the academic year, Special Collections & University Archives worked with RFSA to develop a strategy for re-activating its digital collection and ingesting new materials. RFSA's commemorative plaque in the Poynter Library Atrium now features a QR code that can be used to access RFSA's digital collection on Digital Commons. Special Collections & University Archives also acquired a draft of RFSA's Legacy Project containing invaluable biographical information about its membership along with prominent faculty and staff throughout the St. Petersburg campus' history. The Legacy Book will soon be added to RFSA's digital collection, along with recent administrative documents and access points to RFSA's existing oral histories and other projects.



## Clyde Roper Collection

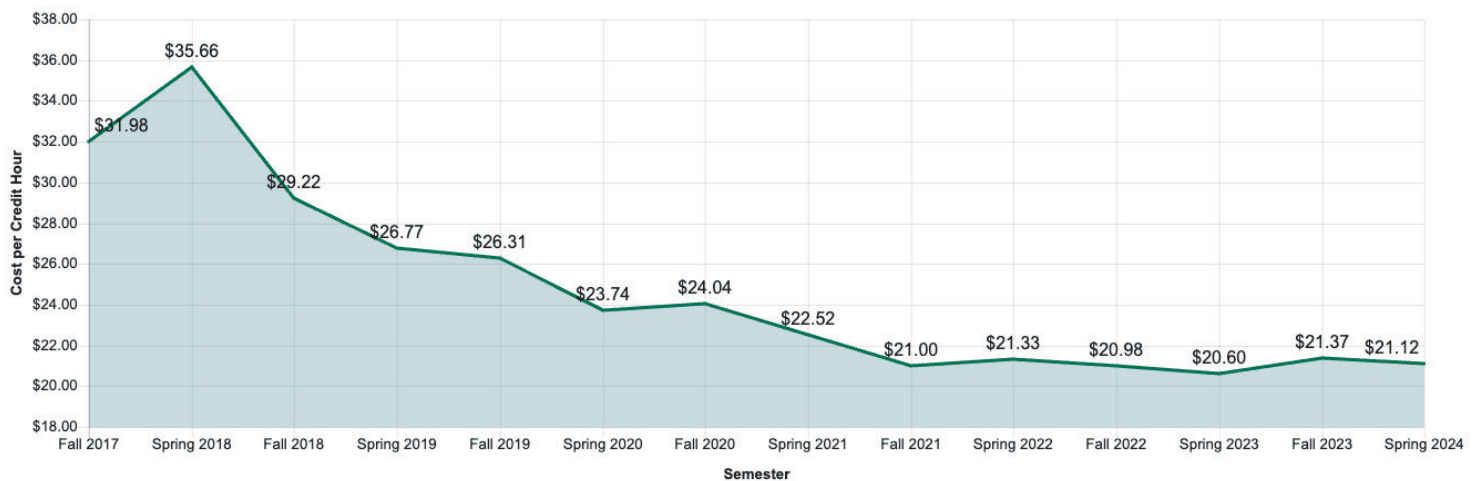
Dr. Clyde Roper, a zoologist and cephalopod researcher for the Smithsonian Institute, is a leading expert on giant squids. Facilitated by Dr. Heather Judkins, Special Collections & University Archives acquired a selection of Dr. Roper's collection of 17th-20th century rare books related to oceanography, early marine expeditions, cephalopods, and natural history. The books in the Roper Collection are now available for use and are a wonderful complement to the Dr. John C. Briggs Collection of Marine Science & Ichthyology.



# Textbook Affordability

The Textbook Affordability Project (TAP) has taken multiple approaches over the years to promote textbook affordability and cost-saving solutions for students at USF, and the following four strategies had the greatest impact on average textbook cost per credit hour reductions:

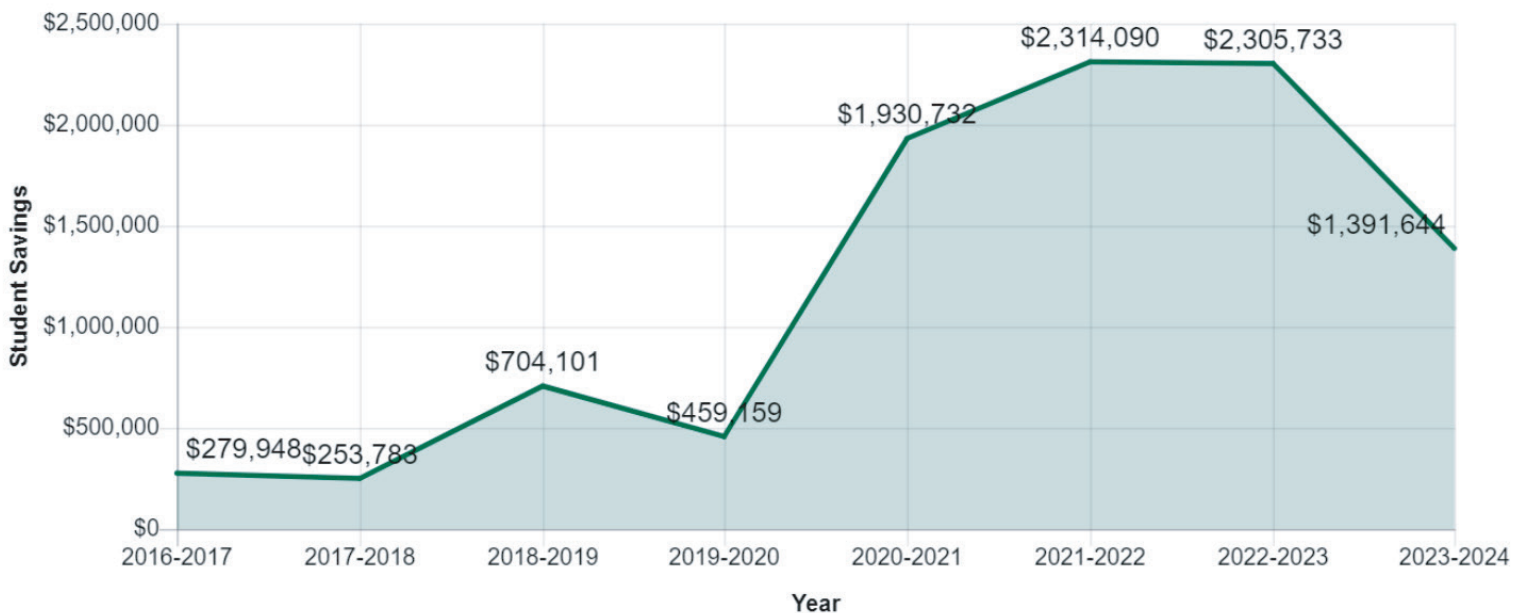
1. Advocating for the faculty adoption of the lowest-costing format of an instructional material, often opting for the digital version of a title. For example, a \$300 print textbook could be obtained for as little as \$50 in its digital form.
2. Encouraging and facilitating the usage of open access textbooks.
3. Collaborating with the USF Bookstore to explore affordable textbook options for courses.
4. Increasing faculty awareness of available library resources, such as the USF Libraries catalog and Ebooks for the Classroom+ program.



# Textbook Affordability continued

Since its inception in 2009, the Ebooks for the Classroom program has been dedicated to providing faculty-requested ebooks through the USF Libraries at no cost to students. These ebooks serve as required or recommended readings and are accessible across all USF campuses. In 2017, the program evolved into the Ebooks for the Classroom+ (EB+) database tool, offering an extensive collection of over 700,000 e-books for adoption in USF courses. USF faculty can easily adopt library-supplied ebooks from EB+, which come with minimal restrictions on use, such as printing, downloading, and simultaneous usage, making them a convenient and free alternative to traditional textbooks. As a result, students enjoy instant access to materials without incurring any expenses. The program has made a significant impact on textbook affordability at USF over the years, saving over 147K students a total of \$9.6M from 2016 through 2024.

In FY 2023-2024, the Ebooks for the Classroom+ program was able to save 22K students a total of \$1.3M.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW & FISCAL EXPENDITURES

Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee campuses

FY 2023-2024

## OVERVIEW

The USF Libraries are committed to providing excellent services and resources to the university and the community, in alignment with the USF Libraries' mission and the University's mission. In fiscal year 2023-2024, the USF Libraries have made cost-effective and strategic use of resources, while facing the challenges and opportunities of the changing academic landscape.

During fiscal year 2023-2024, the USF Libraries incurred a total of \$22,716,195 in expenses from various sources such as Education & General (E&G) which includes Carryforward, Sponsored Research Awards, Foundation, Research Initiative Accounts (RIA), Financial Aid – Federal Work Study (FWS) Funds and Auxiliary Funds. These funds were used to provide access to a variety of information sources, research tools, instructional services, and academic support for the USF Community.

We have made several strategic investments during the year, to enhance our digital collections, recruit and retain digital/functional library personnel, acquire digitization equipment, fund a data management platform, and support one-time strategic purchases for library resources. The investments were made possible in conjunction with the support of the University through additional recurring and one-time resources and the use of our Foundation Endowments.

Our outlook for fiscal year 2024-2025 remains positive, our current anticipated expenditures are \$22,342,169 which include annual cost increases to library resources, strategic investments to hire additional Faculty such as an Herbarium Curator and an Archivist Librarian, and new/continuing Library initiatives for Broader Impacts and Digital Collections. We will also pursue additional funding opportunities from external sources, such as grants, donations, and partnerships, to supplement the budget and advance the strategic goals. The USF Libraries will continue to strive for excellence and innovation in the academic library field and to serve the university and the community with the highest standards and quality.

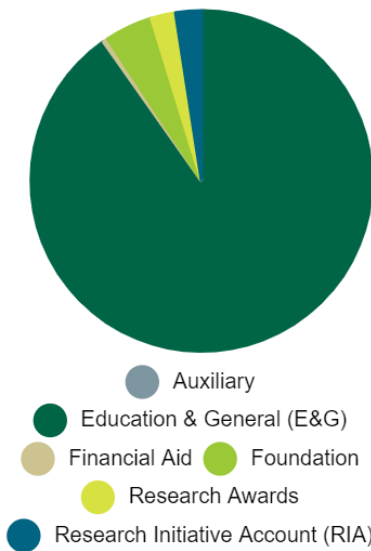
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## ACTUAL EXPENSES BY FUNDING SOURCE

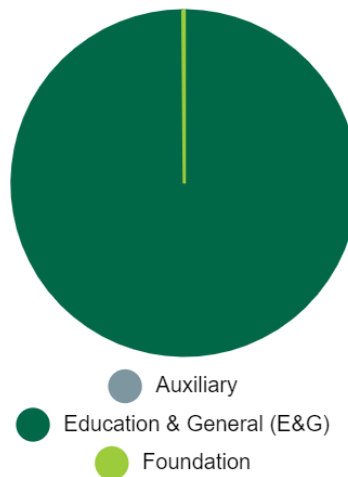
Funding Source	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Education & General (E&G)	\$17,575,574	\$2,627,466	\$569,234	\$20,772,274
Research Awards	\$453,590	\$0	\$0	\$453,590
Foundation	\$885,180	\$3,449	\$0	\$888,629
Research Initiative Account (RIA)	\$474,974	\$0	\$0	\$474,974
Financial Aid	\$92,787	\$0	\$0	\$92,787
Auxiliary	\$28,685	\$5,257	\$0	\$33,942
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,510,789</b>	<b>\$2,636,172</b>	<b>\$569,234</b>	<b>\$22,716,195</b>

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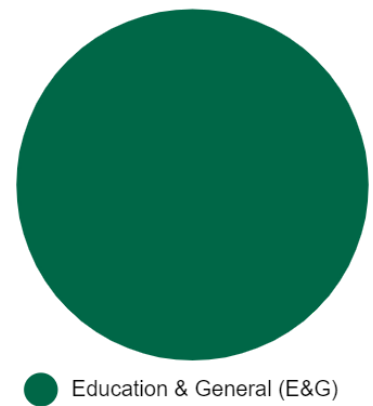
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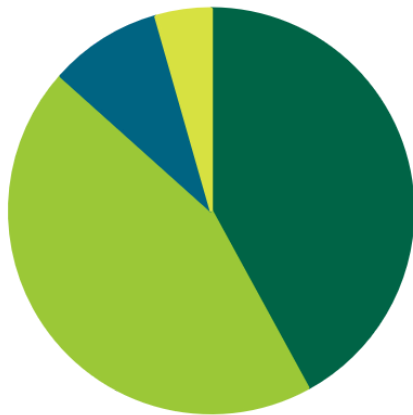


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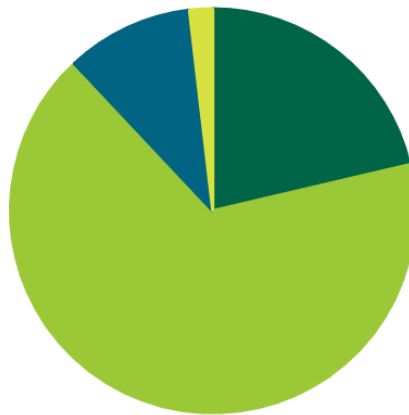
Expense Category	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,697,880	\$1,757,500	\$163,201	<b>\$10,618,581</b>
Library Resources	\$8,202,715	\$562,291	\$382,555	<b>\$9,147,561</b>
Services, Supplies & Other Expenses	\$1,746,369	\$267,872	\$10,383	<b>\$2,024,624</b>
Temporary Support	\$863,825	\$48,508	\$13,095	<b>\$925,428</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,510,789</b>	<b>\$2,636,172</b>	<b>\$569,234</b>	<b>\$22,716,195</b>

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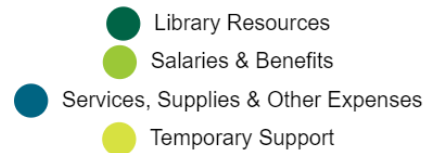
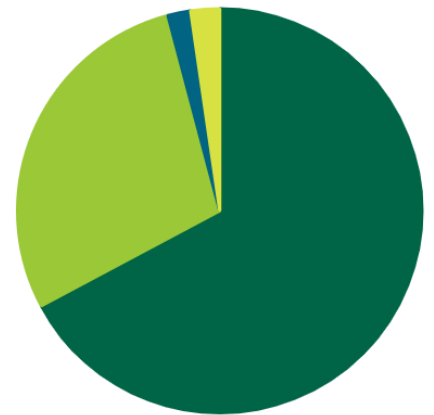
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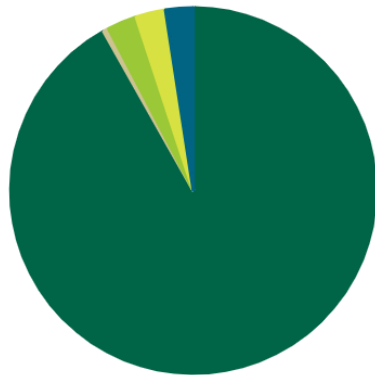
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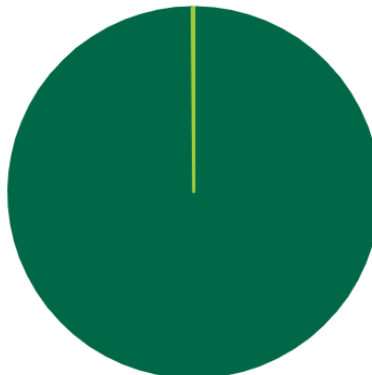
Consolidated By Fund	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Education & General (E&G)	\$17,471,245	\$2,665,139	\$605,685	<b>\$20,742,069</b>
Research Awards	\$500,500	\$0	\$0	<b>\$500,500</b>
Foundation	\$500,000	\$3,500	\$500	<b>\$504,000</b>
Research Initiative Account (RIA)	\$464,500	\$0	\$0	<b>\$464,500</b>
Financial Aid	\$94,600	\$0	\$0	<b>\$94,600</b>
Auxiliary	\$30,000	\$6,500	\$0	<b>\$36,500</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,060,845</b>	<b>\$2,675,139</b>	<b>\$606,185</b>	<b>\$22,342,169</b>

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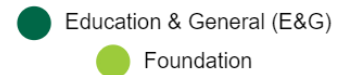
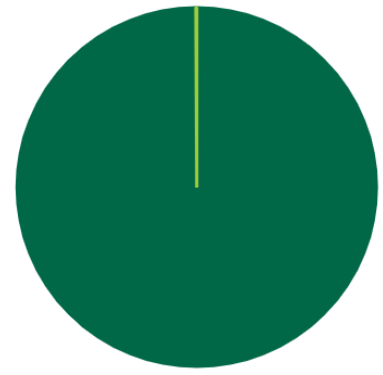
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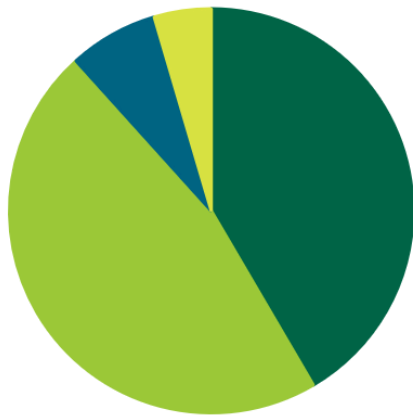


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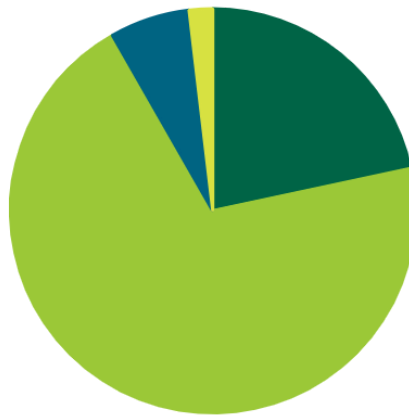
Consolidated By Expense Category	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,911,359	\$1,875,052	\$166,855	<b>\$10,953,266</b>
Library Resources	\$7,921,068	\$579,160	\$394,032	<b>\$8,894,260</b>
Services, Supplies & Other Expenses	\$1,358,418	\$170,927	\$30,298	<b>\$1,559,643</b>
Temporary Support	\$870,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	<b>\$935,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,060,845</b>	<b>\$2,675,139</b>	<b>\$606,185</b>	<b>\$22,342,169</b>

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