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2024 - 2025



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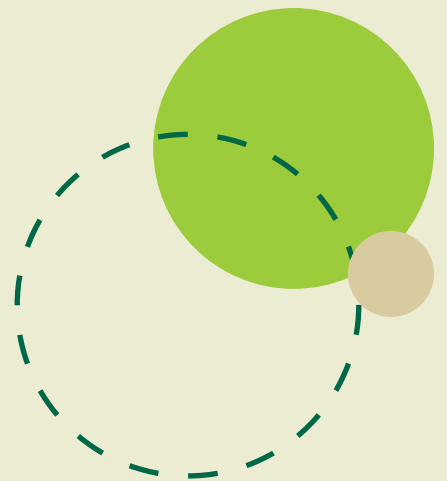
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About Us

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 for our community.

The USF Libraries provide access to **over 3.8 million print & eBooks, 105,789 eJournal subscriptions, and over 24 million digital images**. We 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, civil rights, journalism, and the university archives. Assistance is available from research and reference librarians either by appointment, on-line via our website, by phone, or in a classroom setting.

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 (Educompia Institute)**
- **Lyrasis**
- **OCLC Research Library**
- **Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)**
- **Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc. (TBLC)**

About Us



USF Libraries, Tampa

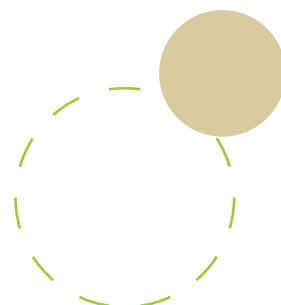
The Tampa library serves as USF's main research library. An inviting and collaborative place to meet, study, and conduct research, the library offers students access to an extensive selection of print and electronic books, maps, journals, databases, and textbooks. Featuring a variety of study rooms and collaborative and quiet floors, a Graduate Reading Room, an IT Help Desk and Computer Repair, SMARTLab, Writing Studio, Academic Success Center—as well as a Starbucks Coffee—the library is a truly student-centric facility.

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, access to print and electronic resources, textbooks, printers, and more. 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 campus partners with faculty, academic, and student units across campus to teach students information literacy and research skills, as well as coordinate loans of essential technology tools and library resources/course reserves. Additionally, the Sarasota-Manatee library provides specialized data, research, and collections services in support of Sarasota-Manatee campus faculty and student research, impact, and visibility.



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Personnel Updates



Retirements

Beverly Marks, Development Specialist, Fiscal, *24 Years*

New Hires

Alih Rosa Batista, Digital Scholarship Support Coordinator

Emerson Elliott, Collections Specialist, Digital Access Compliance

Jesse Roguska, Library Specialist, Course Reserves

Katrina Phillips, Research & Instruction Coordinator

Marlena Carrillo, Digital Collections Coordinator

Mrudula Ravada, Research Data Manager

Promotions

Amanda Boczar, 2024, Assistant Curator for Digital Collections to Associate Curator for Digital Collections

Erica Lovelette, 2024, Executive Administrative Specialist to Coordinator, Library Operations

Jennifer Slagus, 2024, Research & Instruction Coordinator to Visiting Assistant Librarian

Joyce Sadler, 2025, Fiscal & Business Specialist to Fiscal & Business Analyst

Kirk Mitchell, 2025, Library Specialist to Manager, Library Services

Stephanie Jacobs, 2025, Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian

Theresa Burress, 2025, Associate Librarian to University Librarian



By the Numbers

2024-2025

General Collection

Titles: 3,858,025

Volumes: 4,682,305

Digital Collections

Total objects: 122,375

Total downloads: 1,519,733

Study Room Bookings

Total Bookings: 43,815

Total hours booked: 107,625

Top 5 digital collections viewed:

- ★ USF Archives: 245,282
- ★ Gandy Commercial and Aerial Photography: 196,360
- ★ Karst Information Portal: 178,733
- ★ Hillsborough County Marriage Records: 82,040
- ★ Hampton Dunn Collection of Florida Postcards: 77,704

Digital Commons

Total downloads: 4,958,818

Most downloaded item

Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices: 125,553

Most downloaded collection

USF Tampa Graduate Theses and Dissertations: 1,129,349

Most downloaded open access journal

Journal of Strategic Security: 188,159

Ask A Librarian

Text Messages: 206

Emails: 466

Chats: 1,959

Interlibrary Loan

Requests provided to other libraries: 5,131

Requests received from other libraries or providers: 5,352

LibGuides

Public Guides: 282

Total Views: 397,598

Top 5 Guides

1. Business Plan & Pitch Presentation: 50,904
2. AI Tools and Resources: 48,140
3. Financial Times Top 50 Journals: 19,594
4. Library Skills for All Students: 19,072
5. NVivo: Introduction and Basics: 13,322

2024-2025 Library News

Tampa Library Construction Progress

Construction on the Tampa library building, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, began in March 2025 and is expected to continue through the year. This major renovation is focused on modernizing the building's front entrance to better accommodate its 1.5 million annual visitors.

The front entrance renovation includes:

- **Storm weather resistance** – stormproof windows and doors will provide safety in severe weather events
- **Expanded egress** – widening of entry and exit spaces
- **Security upgrades** – E-gates will be installed to limit entry to USF ID holders
- **University police presence** – a university police substation will be added to better serve the south side of the Tampa campus

A service desk will be located at the front entry to assist students or USF employees who have forgotten their IDs and to assist visiting scholars and community members. An added bonus of the increased security is that the data provided by the new E-gates can help identify peak usage times, allowing rapid adaptations to emerging use patterns.

In the near future, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library in St. Pete will begin similar renovations.



2024-2025 Library News continued

USF Libraries: One Stop for Success

The USF Libraries constantly explore opportunities to support student success and faculty excellence. In addition to offering innovative programs and services, we also focus on efficient use of space. To make the USF Libraries a “one-stop-shop” for success, we welcome a variety of complementary building partners, including:

- Academic Success Center & Writing Studio
- **Bellini College of Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Computing**
- Center for Career & Professional Development
- **Innovative Education (NPML, St. Pete)**
- IT Help Desk
- **Office of Youth Experiences**
- SMART Lab
- **Student Technology Center (NPML, St. Pete)**
- USF Card Center

We continually reimagine our learning environments to be more dynamic, flexible, and student-focused. By integrating adaptable furniture, modular layouts, and multifunctional zones, we create spaces that can seamlessly transition between individual study, collaborative work, and event use. These changes not only maximize available square footage but also foster creativity, engagement, and comfort for students, faculty, and staff.





2024-2025 Library News continued

LINK AI Project

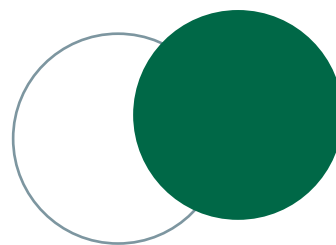
In 2024, Dean Todd Chavez issued an internal challenge grant to catalyze the Libraries' internal professional, technological, and leadership development to create highly innovative solutions that bring value to the USF community.

Two proposals to advance AI projects for the USF Libraries were chosen for support. One focuses on alternative metadata generation for collections and the other on access and discoverability.

The first project remains in development but the second, termed LINK, soft launched in spring 2025. The LINK project was designed to transform user interactions with USF Libraries by introducing an ethics-focused AI-powered chat reference bot. The primary goal of LINK was to enhance the availability, discoverability, and efficiency of library services while ensuring that the AI seamlessly coexisted with in-person patron support, reference services like Ask-A-Librarian, and traditional research support provided by library professionals.

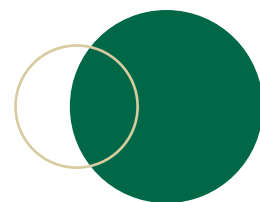
LINK was built on Microsoft Copilot Studio, using a multiple method approach combining pre-designed conversation pathways and generative answers trained on a collection of knowledge documents and USF Libraries web pages. This approach was novel to the USF Copilot ecosystem through what was considered a "Citizen Developer" method. This required high commitment by members of USF Libraries but enabled a custom-built and dynamic model for the Libraries to work with directly.

Student and other testers were recruited for distributed student focus groups through the end of the spring semester. LINK Beta was launched on the Libraries' website on June 16th, where it currently resides. The LINK team presented about the project at the May 2025 Teaching and Learning with AI conference in Orlando.



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

Alexandra Vargas-Minor, 2025 Archives Leadership Institute (ALI) 2025 Cohort, National Historical Publications and Records Commission/Hosted at University of Virginia.

Amanda Boczar, 2025 Best Book in World History, *Cambridge History of the Vietnam War* (Contributor), Association of American Publishers; 2025 Best Multivolume Reference Work, *Cambridge History of the Vietnam War* (Contributor), Association of American Publishers.

Beverlyn Harris-Johnson, 2025 Quiet Quality Award. USF Staff Senate.

Erica Lovelette, 2025 Outstanding Staff Award/USF Employee of the Year, Office of the USF President; 2025 TBLC Conference Scholarship, Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc.

Joyce Sadler, 2025 Quiet Quality Award, USF Staff Senate.

Kirk Mitchell, 2025 Quiet Quality Award, USF Staff Senate.

Kristina Keogh, 2025 Print Matters Summer School at the York Centre for Print, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Matthew Johnson, 2024 Outstanding Library Faculty Award, USF; 2025 TBLC Conference Scholarship, Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc.

Tomaro Taylor, 2025 Alice G. Smith Lecture, USF School of Information.



Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

Selected Presentations

Boczar, A. & Jordan, S. (2025, April 2). *Rethinking ethical approaches to acquisitions and weeding for born-digital archives* [Conference presentation]. Born-Digital Collections, Archives and Memory, London, United Kingdom.

Boulanger, N. R. (2025, April 4). *Meaningful making: Exploring academic library maker culture through a critical making lens* [Conference presentation]. ACRL, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

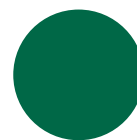
DiNardo, C. O., Orozco, R., James, A., & Jones, C. (2025, April 4). *Navigating knowledge landscapes: Empowering librarians with ACRL framework companion documents* [Conference presentation]. Association of College and Research Libraries 2025, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

Fruehauf, E., Hendrick, R., Mickey, B., Pfeiffer, D., & Mann, A. (2025, April 4th). *Evaluating generative AI-powered resources: Separating the toys from the tools* [Conference presentation]. ACRL 2025 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

McConnaughey, E., Bennett, S. V., Gunn, A. A., **Szempruch, J. N., & Durtschi, S.** (2024, November 15). *'Never be discouraged': Multicultural children's literature about families impacted by incarceration* [Conference presentation]. National Association for Multicultural Education 33rd Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, United States.

Slagus, J. (2025, February 21). *Focalizing neurodivergence in middle grade novels* [Conference presentation]. Children's Literature Assembly Online Research Conference, Virtual.

Sturgeon, C., Burress, T., Triplehorn, S., & Williams, B. (2025, April 3). *Catalysts of change: Academic libraries leading campus sustainability initiatives* [Conference presentation]. ACRL 2025 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.



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), 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.102909>

Abresch, J. & Schmidt, L. (2024). *The conflicting needs of now and forever: Designing streaming media services at an academic library*. *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 36(2), 107-119. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1941126X.2024.2337581>

Arous, E., Blinkhorn, J. A., Elliott, S., **Kiahtipes, C. A.**, N'zi, C. D., Bateman, M. D., Duval, M., Roberts, P., Patalano, R., Blackwood, A. F., Niang, K., Kouamé, E. A., Lebato, E., Hallett, E., Cerasoni, J. N., Scott, E., Ilgner, J., Alonso Escarza, M. J., Guédé, F. Y., & Scerri, E. M. L. (2025). *Humans in Africa's wet tropical forests 150 thousand years ago*. *Nature*, 640(8058), 402-407. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08613-y>

Boczar, A. (2025). *Starting with the digital doesn't make it easier: Developing transparent born digital acquisition policies for archives*. *International Journal of Digital Curation*, 19(1), 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.2218/ijdc.v19i1.944>

Boczar, A. (2024). Women in Vietnam. In L.-H. T. Nguyen and P. Asselin (Eds.), *The Cambridge history of the Vietnam War* (pp. 218-235). Cambridge University Press.

Chenneville, T., Haskett, M., Ligman, K., Gardy, S. M., **Crampsie, C.**, & Hart, T. A. (2025). *Assessing sexual health literacy: A systematic review of measures*. *Sexual Health*, 22(2), SH24042. <https://doi.org/10.1071/SH24042>

Johnson, M. W. (2024). *Training library instructors, Vol. 1: A guide to training graduate students*. ACRL.

Johnson, M. W. (2025). *Job control, library instruction, and burnout: A quantitative analysis of academic instruction librarians' experiences of job control while teaching*. *College & Research Libraries*, 86(1), 50-78. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.86.1.50>

Knox, J. & **Burress, T.** (2024). *Towards a framework for digital scholarship for higher education*. In I. Galina Russell and G. Layne-Worthey (Eds.), *The Routledge companion to libraries, archives, and the digital humanities* (pp. 387-401). Routledge.

Parker, W., Sturgeon, C., & Szempruch, J. N. (2025). *Navigating the digital landscape: A survey of technology integration among academic business librarians*. *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship*, 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08963568.2025.2493482>

Schmidt, L. M. & Szempruch, J. N. (2025). *Feedback literacy and peer review experiences within library and information science journals*. *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 51(1), 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2024.103001>

Yi, E.-H. G., Kim, J., Lin, I.-H., **Szempruch, J. N.**, & Gu, L. (2025). *A scoping review of elder mistreatment and abuse in Asian Americans*. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 1-32. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2025.2503263>

Major Appointments & Elections

Amanda Boczar

Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate. University of South Florida.

Alexander Neff

Textbook Affordability and OER Standing Committee (TAOERSC) member. FLVC.

Alexandra Vargas-Minor

Webmaster. Academy of Certified Archivists.

Carl DiNardo

Member-at-Large. American Library Association Games and Gaming Round Table.

Association of College & Research Libraries Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education Review & Revision Task Force.

Carol Ann Borchert

Board member. Digital Library of the Caribbean.

Secretary. Members Council-FLVC Library Services (MCLS).

Donna Kahelin

Vice President. University of South Florida PHI KAPPA PHI Chapter 126.

Jennifer Slagus

Chair. Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English Student Committee.

Children's Literature Association Accessibility Committee.

Board of Directors. Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Jessica Szempruch

Chair. Association of College and Research Libraries, Instruction Section (ACRL-IS), Research and Scholarship Committee.

Member at Large. ACRL Instruction Section.

Lesley Brooks

Chair. Administrative Advisory Council, Web & Portal Committee.

Matthew Johnson

Archivist. Association of College and Research Libraries Instruction Section.

Matt Torrence

Vice President/President Elect. USF Libraries Faculty.

Member. RUSA ETS Professional Resources Committee. American Library Association.

Member. RUSA Fundraising & Scholarship Committee. American Library Association.

Stephanie Mackin

Director. Society of Florida Archivists.

Theresa Burress

Chair. ACRL Digital Scholarship Section.

Tomaro Taylor

President. Society of American Archivists.

Tammi Wilds

Treasurer. USF Staff Senate.

Zibby Wilder

Member at Large. City of St. Petersburg Public Arts Commission, Barack Obama Library Public Art Subcommittee.

Grant Awards

FY 2024-2025, \$486,095

Selected Grant Awards

2024-2025 **Evan Fruehauf** (PI), **LeEtta Schmidt** (Co-PI), **Amanda Boczar** (Co-PI), **Lesley Brooks** (Co-PI), & **Loryn Ragsdale** (Co-PI), LINK (Library information and knowledge) - Enhancing USF Libraries with an ethical AI chatbot. University of South Florida Libraries, \$12,544.

2024-2028 Gregory Herbert, Ph.D. (PI) & **Chris Kiahtipes, Ph.D.** (Co-PI), Collaborative research: Resilience, experimentation, and collapse in small-scale fisheries. National Science Foundation, \$152,407.

2025 John Johnson (PI), **Theresa Burress** (Co-PI), & Heather O'Leary (Co-PI), Summer academy for investigative learning (SAIL). Florida High Tech Corridor's Undergraduate Research Initiative, \$15,000.

2024-2025 Philip Van Beynen (PI), Adib Farhadi (Co-PI), Ly Dinh (Co-PI), Varol Kayhan (Co-PI), **Amanda Boczar** (Co-PI), & Sarah White (Co-PI), Climate and conflict contract. Department of Defense, \$284,000.



Scholarships, Research Awards, & Essay Prizes

USF Libraries are honored to work with and support our students in their academic achievements, and in the 2024-2025 academic year we awarded five scholarships and research awards. We are thankful for our generous donors and friends who make these awards possible every year.

Aba Oti	Boyadjian Family Endowment in Armenian Studies	\$2,500
Emily Cadet	Gerige and Bobby Karpay Book Scholarship	\$500
Hadi Wad	Dr. John Ogden Coral Reef Collection Scholarship	\$1,000
John Bondurant	Tampa Campus Library Scholarship	\$1,000
Luna Rofail	Tampa Chapter of the Links, Inc.	\$500

Communications & Marketing

Through strategic awareness-building and engagement, the work of Library Communications & Marketing positively impacts student and faculty participation in Library programs, increases use of services for student and faculty success, and elevates the USF Libraries' profile both in the Tampa Bay community (research, funding) and in the broader academic research library field (research, AAU, ARL).

Social Media

A social media strategy was put in place in fall 2024, focused on targeted marketing and communications messaging with secondary goals of supporting library operations, sharing university messaging, and awareness-building edutainment/engagement content.

Impact

- 215,958 total impressions, **596% increase**
- 6.81% average engagement rate, **19.8% increase**
- 122,944 users, **112% increase**

A specific strategy was applied to LinkedIn, focused on messaging targeting faculty, alumni, and researchers, while positioning USF Libraries as a leader in the professional/peer community. Results:

- 671 followers, **135% increase**
- 57,401 reach, **1,100% increase**
- 84,392 impressions, **1,500% increase**

Website

A "redefine" of the USF Libraries website focused on UX design to provide users immediate access to the most requested Library services: databases, hours, printing, study room reservations, and requesting books and articles. This redefine also focused on highlighting strategic programs and services with better home page positioning and to update or archive out-of-date or irrelevant content (ongoing).

Impact

The result is crafting a better user experience for our 4+ million yearly users by providing direct access to primary information, optimizing the site for user experience, and the removal of unnecessary or out of date information that was providing inaccurate internal and external search results.

Communications & Marketing continued

Library Awareness Campaign

The goal of the “We’ve Got a Book for That” campaign was to increase awareness, and subsequent usage, of library programs and services. The initial iteration of the campaign ran in the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters and took advantage of all channels available, including social media, digital screens, web banners, print materials, and WOM.

Impact

Upon completion of the campaign, a QR code linking to a short poll was posted to digital boards in the Tampa library and to select social media. 37% of poll respondents reported that they had **seen the campaign**. Of these, 100% said the campaign **expanded their awareness** of the libraries’ programs and services, and 40% noted they had **used new library services** because of the campaign.

eNewsletters

In order to proactively provide news and information to patrons and supporters, in FY 24-25, we created two new eNewsletters: a weekly newsletter for general Library news, launched January 2025, and a 3x/yearly newsletter specific to Special Collections, which launched in October 2024.

Impact

- 15,729 sends to a total of 1284 recipients
- 44 new subscribers
- Overall open rate 45.9% (**industry avg. 25-30%**)
- Overall Click Rate 2.4% (**industry avg. 3-5%**)

Workshops For Researchers Marketing

The implementation in spring 2024 of an iterative strategic marketing plan for Workshops for Researchers continued in FY 24-25.

Impact

- **192% increase in registrations, 198% increase in attendees** (fall 2024, as compared to pre-implementation data for fall 2023)
- **22% increase in registrations, 22% increase in attendees** (spring 2025, as compared to post-implementation data for spring 2024)

Digital Collections

Florida Rosenwald Schools Oral History Project

The Florida Rosenwald Schools Oral History Project, a collaboration with USF graduate student Ron Matus for his thesis, documents the experiences of alumni who attended Rosenwald Schools in the Bartow area during the Jim Crow era, highlighting the educational history of Black students during segregation.

Strategic Collecting Area(s): Florida Studies, USF Archives



Gandy Collection of Commercial and Aerial Photography

The Gandy Collection of Commercial and Aerial Photography's growth over the last year has been exciting to watch! 70% of the photos have been edited and more than 63,000 lines of metadata are now complete. With over 23,000 photos curated and online to date, Gandy is already the Libraries' largest photograph collection with much more to come.

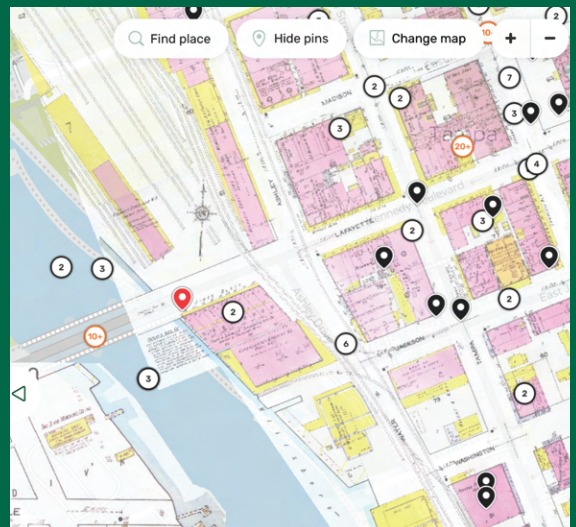
Strategic Collecting Area: Florida Studies



Tampa Through Time Portal - Map Overlays

In 2024-2025, Digital Initiatives added several new maps to its digital collections and georeferenced those maps into overlays for the Tampa Through Time Portal. You can now explore images in their spatial context and use a built-in slider to adjust map transparency to compare how the city has evolved.

Strategic Collecting Area(s): Florida Studies, FLENH, USF Archives

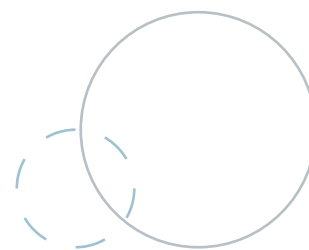
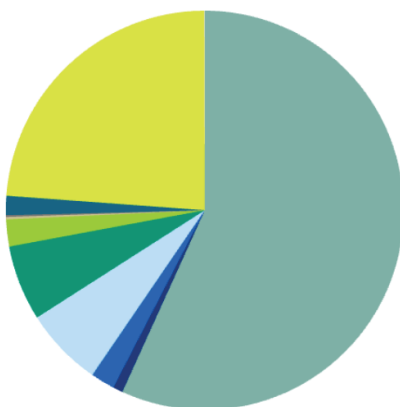
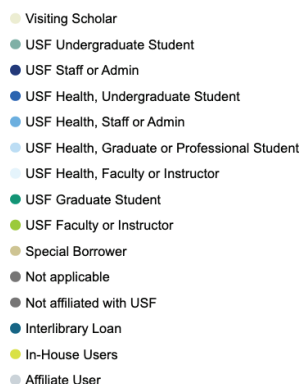


Library Services

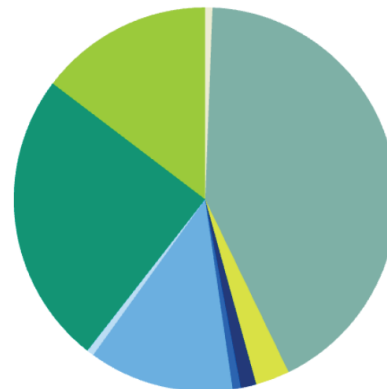
Physical Loans

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



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Electronic Collections & Tools

The USF Libraries license 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. Major ebook frontlist collections from Springer, Wiley, IEEE, and BAR Digital, updated or new titles on Slavic, Judaica and Soviet Cinema, and Medieval History, Oxford Handbook and Scholarship collections, select Choice and Awards list titles, as well as evidence-based ebook acquisition programs from Brill, Cambridge, Oxford, Taylor & Francis, De Gruyter and Proquest Ebook Central connect researchers to recent academic monographic content for all disciplines. Two journal packages were upgraded to models that added content, which included expanding Wiley content and all Nature journal titles. Through strategic investment of one-time funds, 12 Oxford Handbooks, 12 Oxford Research Encyclopedias, four Proquest History Vault modules, and six historical newspaper collections were purchased. Additionally, we now have the full run of the journal Nature back to volume 1.

New Resources

FY2024-2025

- A&AePortal (Yale)
- Bar Digital 2024 Collection
- Brill Online 2024 Ebooks EBA (annual access for title selection)
- Brill Yearbook of International Organizations
- Cambridge University Press 2024 Ebooks EBA (annual access for title selection)
- Choice Reviews Online
- De Gruyter 2024 Ebooks EBA (2021 & older, most titles)
- De Gruyter Ebook Collections (9 university presses, 2022-2023)
- English Award books updated (ebook & print) 32 print / 47 ebooks
- Europa World Plus
- Gale Archive update: National Geographic
- Gale Archive update: Sunday Times
- Gale Archive update: Times Digital
- Gale U.S. Declassified Documents Online (Declassified Documents Reference System)
- LatinNews
- Nature archive 1869-2006
- Nature.com (Access to more than 80 Nature Portfolio journals)
- Oxford Bibliographies: Classical Studies
- Oxford Handbook Online 2024 updates (12 subject areas)
- Oxford Journal Archives (title list)
- Oxford Research Encyclopedias (12 subject areas)
- Oxford University Press Scholarship Online 2024 Ebooks EBA (except California, Liverpool, Manchester, MIT Press and Yale)
- PhilPapers
- ProQuest Acta Sanctorum
- ProQuest Digital National Security Archive (Collections 1-62)
- ProQuest Early Encounters in North America: Peoples, Cultures, and the Environment (including Birds of North America)
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Baltimore Afro-American, The (1893-1988)
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Chicago Tribune
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Cleveland Call and Post
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Sentinel
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Philadelphia Tribune (1912-2001)
- ProQuest History Vault: Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files 1960-1969 (Africa/Middle East)
- ProQuest History Vault: Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files 1960-1969 (Asia)
- ProQuest History Vault: Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files 1960-1969 (Europe/Latin America)
- ProQuest History Vault: Women at Work during World War II: Rosie the Riveter and the Women's Army Corps
- ProQuest Latino Literature
- Readex Early American Imprints, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker, 1801-1819
- Routledge Resources Online Medieval Studies
- Taylor & Francis 2024 Ebooks EBA, Original Pub Dates 2019+ (annual access for title selection)
- Thesaurus Linguae Latinae (De Gruyter TLL)
- Wiley Database Model upgrade for journals
- Wiley Online Library 2024 Frontlist Ebook Collection

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
Tampa/St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg

New Exhibits (Physical)

Dr. Karlins–50 Years of Service, Tampa
Al Davis Papers, Tampa
The Golden Age of Walt Disney Studios Animation, Tampa campus (curated) and St. Petersburg (housed)
Spanish Immigration, Tampa
Political Ephemera, St. Petersburg
The Studio@620, 2004-2024, St. Petersburg
The Arts & Culture of Spaniards in Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg
Cloth in Common and 20 Perspectives, St. Petersburg



Special Collections continued

Collection Highlights, Tampa

Tampa Special Collections accepted a small number of collections that built upon existing holdings in Florida Studies, Florida Environment and Natural History, local history, and the arts. New collections included the papers of William F. "Willie" Garcia, a West Tampa-based attorney whose political engagement generated an interesting assortment of ephemeral materials, and 10-plus years of USF's history documented photographically by University Communications & Marketing between 1999 and 2010.

Charlie Woods Collection

An assortment of photographs, glass negatives, periodicals, books, and artwork of Samuel Grimes, a birder and photographer. *Physical Collection.*

Court Transcript

A 1930s court transcript documenting the trial of Cuban emigrants celebrating the founding of the Soviet Union. *Physical Collection.*

Donna Parrino Ephemera

This collection includes materials documenting the USF Libraries' history. *Physical Collection.*

Florida Genealogical Society Records

Additional materials adding to the scope of records produced by the organization. *Physical Collection.*

Gandy Bridge Photographic Album

The Gandy Bridge Photographic Album includes 39 photographs taken between 1921 and 1922 related to the construction of the Gandy Bridge which stretches from Tampa to St. Petersburg. The original structure was dismantled in 1975. *Digital Collection.*

Judge Paul Danahy Collection

An assortment of professional and personal papers adding to the legacy of Hillsborough County Judge Paul W. Danahy, Jr. *Physical Collection.*

Sheet Music

Individual supporters donated more than 500 pieces of popular sheet music dating from the early 1900s through the 1940s. *Physical Collection.*

Spanish-American War Letters

Ten letters from the Spanish-American War period. *Physical Collection.*



Special Collections continued

Collection Highlights, Tampa continued

Unisen Records

This collection documents the nearly 20-year history of Unisen, a community residence for retired USF faculty and staff. *Physical Collection.*

USF UCM Photographs

Photographs preserved by USF's University Communications & Marketing between 1999 and 2010. *Digital Collection.*

William F. "Willie" Garcia Papers

The William F. "Willie" Garcia Collection primarily documents Garcia's professional achievements. Of particular focus is Garcia's political involvement on local, state, and national levels, including items from the Clinton-Gore campaign of 1996 and President John F. Kennedy's visit to Tampa, FL. *Physical Collection.*



Special Collections continued

Collection Highlights, **St. Petersburg**

USF St. Petersburg's Special Collections & University Archives received five donations in FY 2024-2025. Among the most notable were issues of Southwinds, a sailing magazine based on the southwest coast of Florida, and a collection of illustrated field notebooks from a zoologist named J.M. Valentine during his studies at Yale and expeditions to the Tortugas Islands in the 1920s.

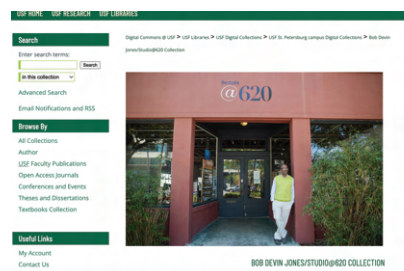
American Merchant Marine Veterans Collection

USF St. Petersburg's first campus buildings were originally constructed as a training station for the U.S. Merchant Marines in the 1490s. After an exhibit commemorating this legacy, Captain Anthony "Dru" DiMattia, President of the AMMV, presented Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) with an official "Battlin' Pete" World War II Merchant Marine Service Patch, a 40th anniversary U.S. Merchant Marine Challenge Coin, and a copy of the lyrics to the U.S. Maritime Service song. Gifted to recognize the Poynter Library for preserving the legacy of Merchant Marines during World War II, these items will be preserved in SCUA along with the rest of the USMSTS collections.



Bob Devin Jones/Studio@620 Digital Collection

The Bob Devin Jones/Studio@620 digital collection was completed and is now available online (https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/bdj_studioat620/). The collection features digitized postcards, posters, clippings, and scripts from Studio@620's activities during Bob Devin Jones' tenure as Artistic Director.



J.M. Valentine Field Notebooks

Joseph Mason Valentine (1902-1994) was an entomologist, zoologist, and esoteric archaeologist who claimed to have discovered Bimini Road and the remains of the mythical city of Atlantis in 1968. While attending Yale University in the 1920s, he produced a series of field and class notebooks during his studies of vertebrate and invertebrate paleontology and morphology. The notebooks contain meticulous notes and detailed biological illustrations, as well as a diary with illustrated field notes from expeditions to the Tortugas Islands in 1925-1926.



Southwinds Sailing Magazine

Southwinds is a sailing magazine that originally focused on all things sailing in Southwest Florida. Special Collections & University Archives received a donation of magazine issues spanning 1994-2017.



Research & Instruction

Workshops For Researchers

Over **2,000 researchers** attended **134 workshops** in 2024-25 with two notable changes emerging from the previous year:

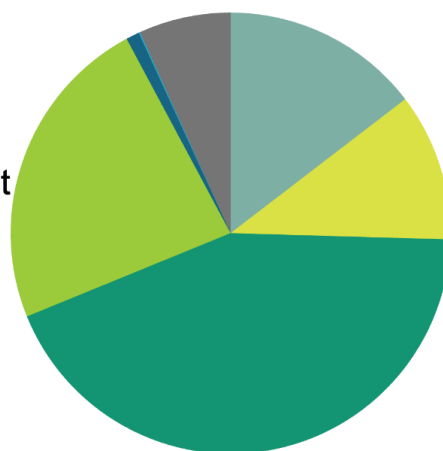
- The greatest portion of participants were Graduate students (43%), followed by Faculty (23%)
- Participation increased by more than double compared to last year's attendance.

During the course of the fiscal year, the **top five most attended workshops** were:

1. Intro to Generative AI For Research
2. NVivo for Qualitative Analysis: Introduction
3. Microsoft Copilot: Intro to AI Powered Research Assistants
5. Prompt Engineering For AI Powered Research
4. R Programming: An Introduction

Workshops By Researcher Type

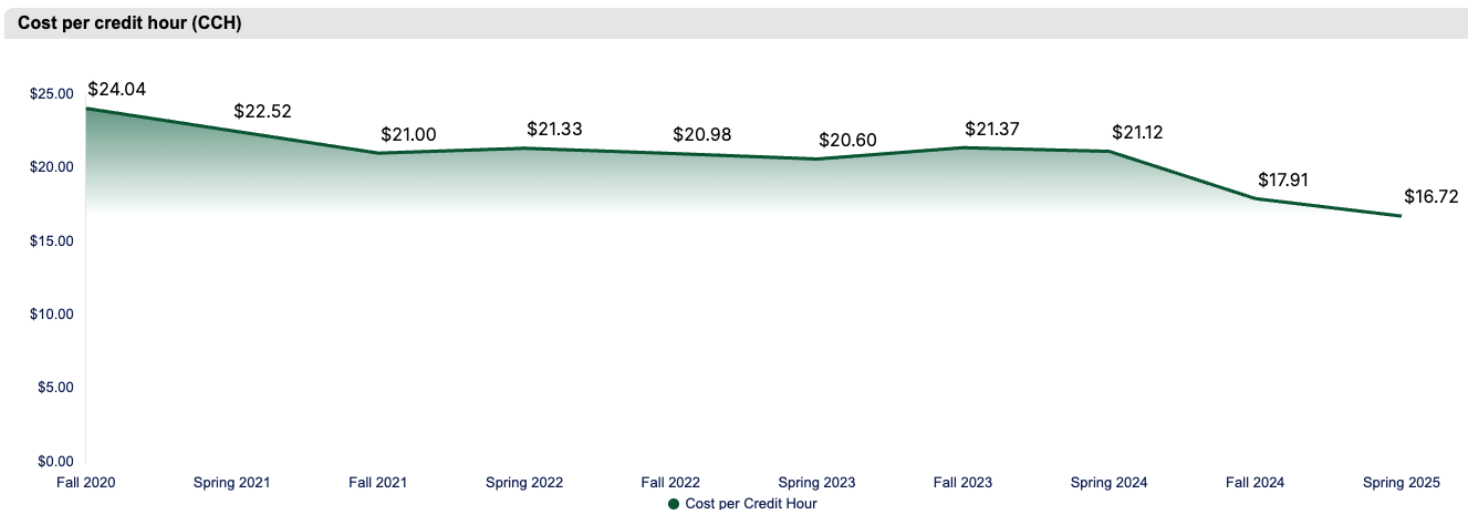
- USF Undergraduate Student
- USF Staff or Admin
- USF Graduate Student
- USF Faculty or Instructor
- USF Continuing Education Student
- Postdoctoral Researcher
- Not affiliated with USF



Textbook Affordability

This chart tracks the average textbook cost per credit hour at the University of South Florida from Fall 2020 through Spring 2025, reflecting the university's ongoing efforts to reduce instructional material costs for students. Over this period, the average cost was reduced from \$24.04 in Fall 2020 to \$16.72 in Spring 2025, a 30.44% decrease.

This sustained decline demonstrates the long-term impact of the university's affordability strategies, including the promotion of Follett Access, open educational resources, and library-supported materials across high-enrollment courses.

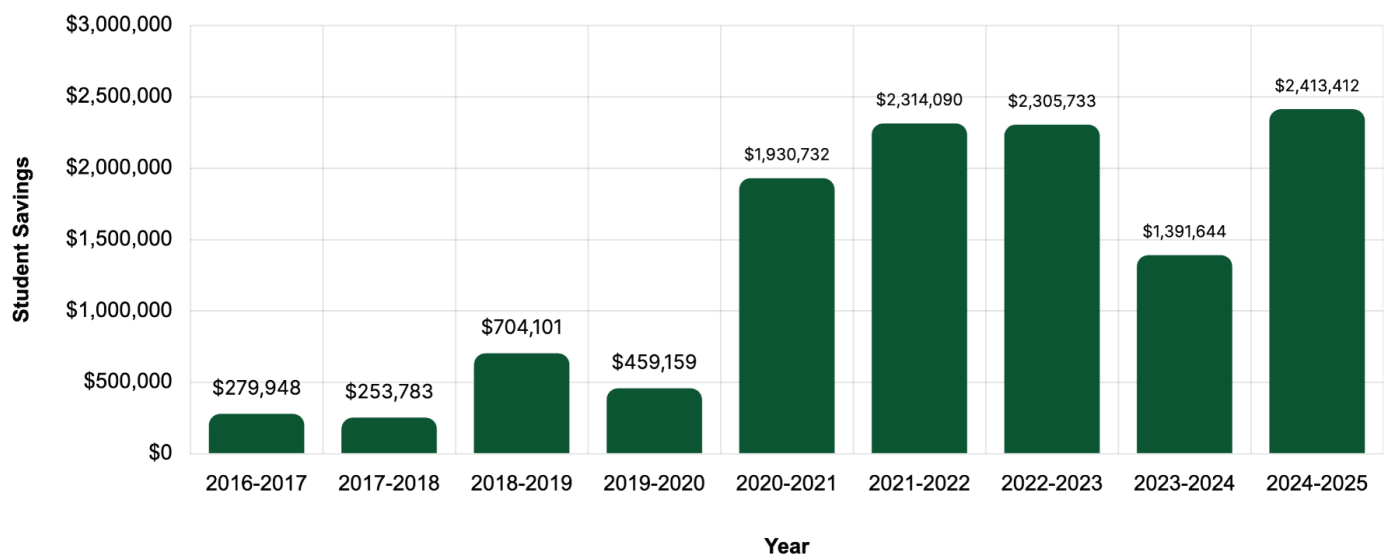


Textbook Affordability continued

Since its inception, the Ebooks for the Classroom+ program has provided free access to required course materials for thousands of USF students, significantly reducing their textbook expenses. Between 2017–18 and 2024–25, the program has generated an estimated \$12,052,602 in student savings.

Between 2023–24 and 2024–25, the Ebooks for the Classroom+ (EB+) program saw substantial growth in both usage and impact. EB+ course enrollments increased by 46.6%, rising from 22,349 to 32,769, while student savings jumped by 73.4%, from \$1,391,644 to \$2,413,412. This surge reflects expanded faculty participation, improved outreach efforts, and a growing preference for library-provided ebooks as a no-cost alternative to traditional textbooks. The significant year-over-year increase reinforces EB+ as one of the university's most effective and scalable textbook affordability initiatives.

STUDENT SAVINGS (2016-2025)



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW & FISCAL EXPENDITURES

Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee campuses

Overview

In alignment with the mission of the University of South Florida and the USF Libraries, the Libraries have continued to deliver high-impact services and resources to the university and broader community. Throughout fiscal year 2024–2025, the Libraries strategically managed a total expenditure of \$21,990,570, drawing from a diverse portfolio of funding sources. These sources include Education & General (E&G) funds (which includes Carryforward), Sponsored Research Awards, USF Foundation funds, Research Initiative Accounts (RIA), Federal Work Study (FWS) funds, and Auxiliary Funds.

These resources enabled the Libraries to sustain and expand access to critical information systems, research tools, instructional services, and academic support infrastructure for the USF community.

Strategic Investments and Initiatives

Key investments this fiscal year included:

- **Collections and Technology:** Continued enhancement of digital collections, one-time strategic purchases to strengthen library resources and acquisition of new imaging equipment for both the Library and the USF Herbarium.
- **Personnel:** Recruitment and retention of library staff, including the appointment of Dr. Chris Kiahtipes as the new Herbarium Curator, overseeing the full transition of the Herbarium collection and operations to the USF Tampa Library.
- **Research and Innovation:** Support for two internal AI Grant awards
- **Preservation and Access:** Advancement of the Florida Environment & Natural History (FLEHN) collection and archives project, including installation of new storage systems, funding for student assistants, and acquisition of archival materials to preserve culturally and historically significant records.

These initiatives were made possible through a combination of recurring and one-time university support, as well as the strategic use of Foundation Endowments.

Looking Ahead

The financial outlook for FY 2025–2026 remains optimistic, with projected expenditures of \$22,772,826. This increase reflects:

- Rising annual costs for library resources.
- Planned hiring of a dedicated Psychology Librarian.
- Refreshed student seating areas.
- Continued support for the Integrated Research and Impact Services (formerly the Broader Impacts Team).

To further advance strategic goals, the Libraries will actively pursue external funding through grants, philanthropic contributions, and collaborative partnerships.

The USF Libraries remain committed to excellence, innovation, and service—ensuring that the academic and research needs of the university and its community are met with the highest standards.

Note: Expenses do not include the Shimberg Health Sciences Library

FY 24-25, Actual Expenses by Funding Source

FY 2024-2025

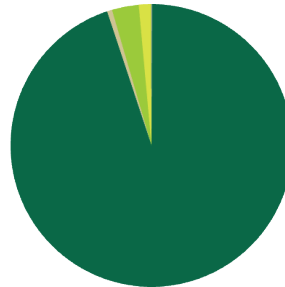
ACTUAL EXPENSES BY FUNDING SOURCE

Funding Source	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Education & General (E&G)	\$17,445,597	\$2,651,299	\$827,211	\$20,924,107
Research Awards	\$262,252	\$0	\$0	\$262,252
Foundation	\$565,174	\$13,996	\$0	\$679,170
Research Initiative Account (RIA)	\$4,648	\$0	\$0	\$4,648
Financial Aid	\$107,150	\$0	\$0	\$107,150
Auxiliary	\$16,277	\$5,968	\$0	\$22,245
Grand Total	\$18,401,098	\$2,671,264	\$827,211	\$21,900,570

BREAKDOWN BY CAMPUS

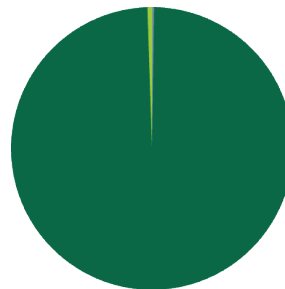
By Tampa campus

- Auxiliary
- Education & General (E&G)
- Financial Aid
- Foundation
- Research Awards
- Research Initiative Account (RIA)



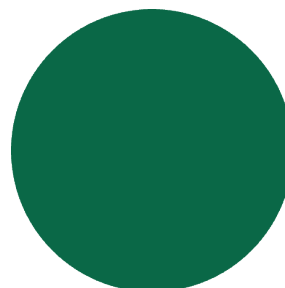
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By Sarasota-Manatee campus

- Education & General (E&G)



FY 24-25, Actual Expenses by Category

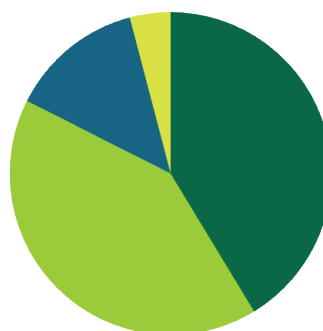
ACTUAL EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Expense Category	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Salaries & Benefits	\$7,605,661	\$1,600,043	\$196,023	\$9,401,727
Library Resources	\$7,638,681	\$585,902	\$599,823	\$8,824,406
Services, Supplies & Other Expenses	\$2,490,495	\$416,736	\$19,309	\$2,926,540
Temporary Support	\$757,261	\$68,580	\$12,056	\$837,897
Grand Total	\$18,492,098	\$2,671,261	\$827,211	\$21,990,570

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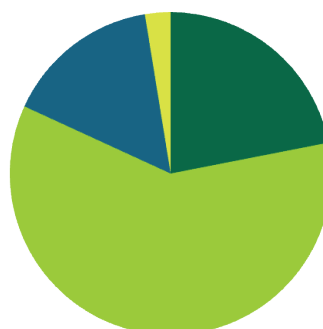
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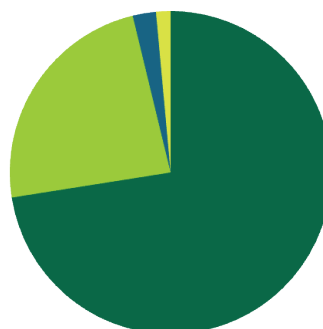
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By Sarasota-Manatee campus

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FY 25-26, Budgeted Expenditures by Funding Source

FY 2025-2026

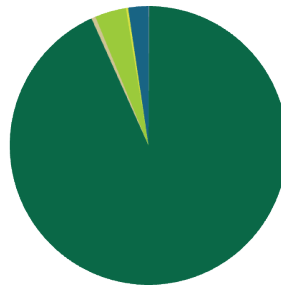
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE

Consolidated By Fund	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Education & General (E&G)	\$17,922,809	\$2,679,289	\$837,128	\$21,439,226
Research Awards	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Foundation	\$700,000	\$15,000	\$500	\$715,500
Research Initiative Account (RIA)	\$452,500	\$0	\$0	\$452,500
Financial Aid	\$94,600	\$0	\$0	\$94,600
Auxiliary	\$15,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$21,000
Grand Total	\$19,234,909	\$2,700,289	\$837,628	\$22,772,826

BREAKDOWN BY CAMPUS

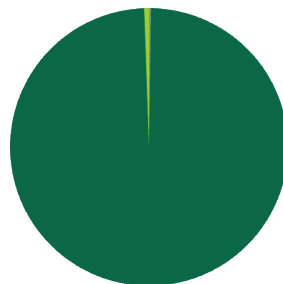
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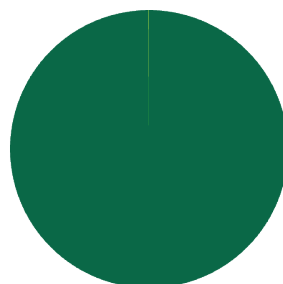
By St. Petersburg campus

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By Sarasota-Manatee campus

- Education & General (E&G)
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FY 25-26, Budgeted Expenditures by Category

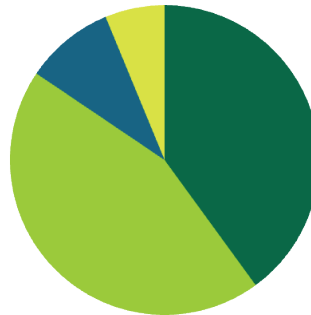
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Consolidated By Expense Category	Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee	Grand Total
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,553,207	\$1,954,003	\$210,825	\$10,718,035
Library Resources	\$7,688,305	\$603,480	\$608,793	\$8,900,578
Services, Supplies & Other Expenses	\$1,793,397	\$72,806	\$6,010	\$1,872,213
Temporary Support	\$1,200,000	\$70,000	\$12,000	\$1,282,000
Grand Total	\$19,234,909	\$2,700,289	\$837,628	\$22,772,826

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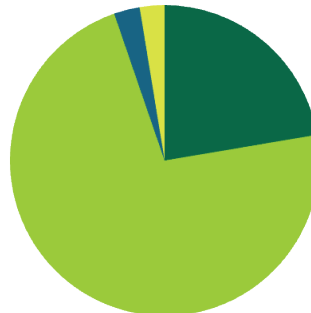
By Tampa campus

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