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# NPML [Bull]etin

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## From the Campus Dean

Greetings,

Happy Holidays from the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library! Though the brick and mortar building is quiet, the virtual library has been busier than ever this semester. We have been working closely with our counterparts on the Tampa and Sarasota campuses to streamline services and make certain faculty and students have equitable access to resources and services across USF. Take note of the updates in this newsletter regarding Interlibrary Library Loan (ILL), which will continue to evolve in the upcoming semester. We continue to raise awareness and facilitate access to open access resources, including encouraging our own faculty to deposit their scholarship in our institutional repository to increase their impact and reach.



I have some very exciting news about an upcoming first floor renovation supported by generous gifts from Lynn Pippenger (\$250,000) and the estate of Josephine Hall (\$1M). The goals of the renovation are to create a 24/7 study space, more access to study rooms, defined space to support collaborative study groups, a reduced front service desk footprint, and an increased number of electrical outlets and network power. The renovation is expected to be completed in time for fall 2021.

Enjoy your break! I hope you get some much needed rest and relaxation.

Take care,

**Catherine Cardwell**  
**Campus Dean, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**



## Graduating Student Spotlight



Matthew Giquitti, student assistant for the Student Technology Center, is graduating this Fall!

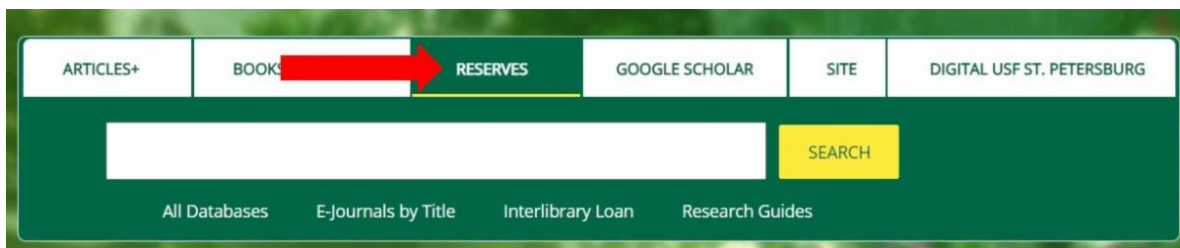
Matt has worked for the STC since September 2017. He has excellent customer service, is patient, and is always willing to go the extra mile. Matt helped teach training room classes and when the Makerspace opened, he learned the product and even built one of the robots. He has been a great asset to our team and will truly be missed.

We are very proud of Matt and are excited for his future endeavors. Congratulations!

[Check out this interview with Matt!](#)



## Did You Know?



Finding print and e-textbooks at the St. Pete campus library has just gotten easier, thanks to the Access Services team at NPML. Link to the [library catalog](#), click the "Reserves" button, and type the instructor name, course title or number into the search box. You can also limit to St. Petersburg campus items. If NPML owns the textbook for your spring 2021 course, it is in the system now. For additional assistance, ask a librarian by using the [chat box](#) on our web site.



## Scholar's Corner

Have you considered placing your Open Access research articles in the [USF St. Petersburg campus Digital Archive](#)?

## Spotlight

Looking for materials to further your research at USF? Working remotely from home and don't have time to come to campus?

Open Access articles can reach a broader (or global) audience, and often are cited more frequently than articles behind paywalls. Check out this [article by Associate Professor Sharon Segrest](#) from the School of Information Systems and Management which has been downloaded from the digital archive over 3,000 times.

You can also submit pre-prints or author's manuscripts, depending on the journal's guidelines.

At Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, librarians have created scholarly profiles for 130 faculty researchers. Our institutional repository is home to over 20,000 works, including faculty publications, conferences, student works, and special collections such as the [Weekly Challenger](#) and the [USF St. Petersburg campus History Timeline](#).

Please contact [Allison Symulevich](#), the Scholarly Communications Librarian at the St. Petersburg campus for additional information.

We have recently revised our ILL webpage to make it easier to request books, chapters and articles from USF libraries and libraries across North America.

Within the USF Libraries catalog, we have a new request button takes you directly to our ILL page. If you are a current staff, student, and faculty member at USF, and are unable to come to campus at this time, you can request USF books to be mailed to your home.

We also streamlined our [Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery service](#); one form now can be used to request book requests, chapter scans, or articles made available to your USF ILL account. This is a free service for USF staff, students and faculty across all three campuses. The first time, users will need to register and setup a new account. In most instances, books can be provided to you within 1 to 2 weeks and electronic access to articles can be provided within 24-48 hours. Home delivery is available for qualifying print materials.

Check out our new [video](#) on our streamlined ILL services and if you have any questions, [contact your nearest ILL department](#).



## Tapestry

### Native American Land Acknowledgment

In the Fall of 2019, the Nelson Pointer Memorial Library Diversity and inclusion committee formed a task force to create a Native American Land Acknowledgment for the St. Petersburg campus. This task force consisted of faculty, staff, students and administrators at the USF St. Petersburg campus as well as an expert affiliated with the Alliance for Weeden Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE). The group met several times and after studying the history of the land our campus sits on and looking at other land acknowledgments came up with the following language.

*The University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities who lived and took stewardship of this land. The university recognizes that this campus was built on the Indigenous homelands and resources of the Seminole, Miccosukee, and Tocobago people as well as their ancestors going back over 10,000 years. We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from their territory, and we honor and respect the many diverse Indigenous people still connected to this land on which we gather. This is a call for all of us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit.*

After reaching out to the Miccosukee and Seminole people to engage in a conversation about the land acknowledgment we were invited to visit the Seminole reservation in Big Cypress. The purpose of the visit was to establish a relationship that went beyond simply reading a land acknowledgment towards creating a relationship between USF St. Petersburg campus and the Seminole tribe. In March 2020, members of the task force traveled to the Seminole reservation to meet with representatives and learn more about the modern day Seminoles. In November we received word our land acknowledgment language had been reviewed by a Seminole tribal member and coordinator at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. The museum is in the process of creating a more established committee of Seminole members to review future land acknowledgments. The language was approved and we look forward to growing our relationship with the Seminole tribe. USF St. Petersburg campus plans to celebrate this land acknowledgement as well as our new partnership in April 2021 during Indigenous People's week.



## Special Collections Trivia



### **Did You Know...**

There is a story that Babe Ruth hit one of baseball's longest home runs out of St. Petersburg's own Waterfront baseball park. He supposedly hit it all the way to the West Coast Inn at 301 1st Street South, which is just down the street from today's

USF campus. This early 1920s Francis Wagner photo was taken a few years before that spring day, but it gives you an idea of where Ruth's baseball landed.

This image from the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's Special Collections and University Archives comes from the Jacobs collection of Francis Wagner photographs.

