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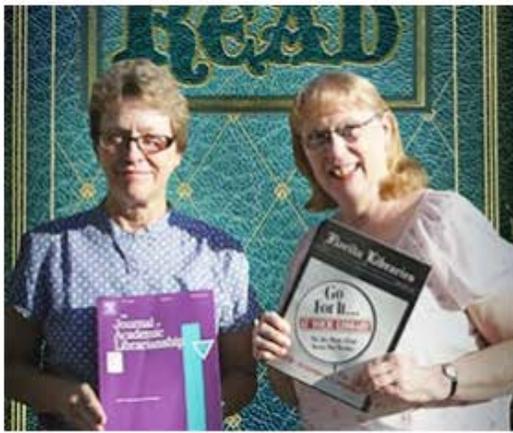
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From left: Deborah Henry and Tina Neville

USF St. Petersburg library faculty Tina Neville and Deborah Henry have been selected to receive the 2015 FLA Library Research Award from the Florida Library Association. They will be recognized at the association's annual conference on Friday, May 15.

Neville, head of Library Research and Instruction, and Henry, librarian, Library Research and Instruction, were selected for the honor based on their 2014 peer

review article, "Evaluating scholarly book publishers – A case study in the field of journalism." They presented their findings at the 2015 Faculty Lightning Talks, which will soon be available in the Digital Archive as part of the Lightning Talks Collection.

"This groundbreaking article not only advances the discipline of library and information science, it also provides a useful methodology for any faculty members in any discipline seeking to maximize the impact of their research and scholarship through the publication of monographs," said Carol Hixson, dean of Library, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

In the article, Henry and Neville tested methods for evaluating scholarly book publishers through adaption of journal article evaluation metrics and replication of recent publisher metrics. Using monographs published in journalism between 2007 and 2011 as a test case, their results indicate that these methods may be useful to other scholarly disciplines.