



Fall 2021

Introducing the New Dean of Libraries

Edith Garland Dupré Library is happy to announce that Dr. Brian Doherty is the new Dean of University Libraries. He began work on July 1, 2021. Brian was recently Dean of the Jane Bancroft Cook Library at the New College of Florida/University of South Florida in Sarasota-Manatee since 2009. He holds a PhD in Musicology from the University of Kansas, a Master of Library Services from Rutgers University, and a Master of Arts in Music History and Theory from Rutgers University. He is originally from Dunellen, New Jersey. We are excited to welcome Brian to UL Lafayette!



Message from the Dean

Hello, Ragin' Cajuns! I am incredibly pleased to present our inaugural newsletter to you. I welcome everyone to our spaces, technologies, services, and collections. Our expert faculty and staff are focused on helping you succeed here at UL Lafayette and beyond. **CONTINUE READING**

Recognitions & Awards



Library of the Year

Edith Garland Dupré Library was the recipient of the 2020 LOUIS Users Conference Library of the Year Award. Debbie Johnson-Houston, Library Director at McNeese State University, nominated the library. The librarians and staff at Dupré Library worked diligently to serve the research needs of the McNeese students and faculty displaced due to Hurricane Laura. Johnson-Houston stated in her nomination that "it was my joy to give recognition where recognition is due!"



Endowed Professorships

Cheydon Woods, Associate Professor and Archivist & Head of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, was awarded the Gloria S. and Robert W. Cline Endowed Professorship. Zachary Stein, Assistant Professor and Head of Special Collections, was awarded the Friends of the Library Endowed Professorship. We appreciate the generous donor support of our endowed professorships, which are awarded to library faculty members who personify excellence in scholarship, research, and service.

Happening Now



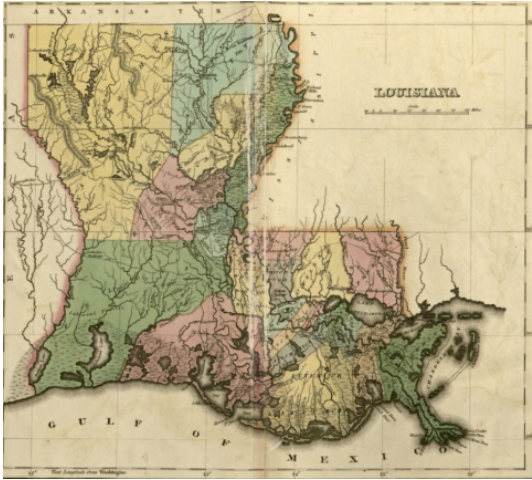
Call for Funding

Our goal is to purchase ergonomic chairs for the Reference and Research Services computer lab. Students have repeatedly expressed the need for updated seating. We want to give them a welcoming, comfortable and productive space in the library. **GIVE NOW**

Call for Student Projects

The annual Jefferson Caffery Research Award recognizes outstanding scholarly research using primary source materials held in the Special Collections areas of Dupré Library. The winner receives \$500. The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2022. **MORE INFORMATION**

Featured Resources



Louisiana Map Collection Index Now Available

Special Collections has created a searchable index for its Louisiana Map Collection. This collection includes over 25,000 state and local maps, both current and historical. You can search the index by collection, folder name, or keywords. Explore these wonderful maps in the Jefferson Caffery Reading Room. [VIEW MAP INDEX](#)

Library Projects



Instructional Materials Center Collaboration

Library specialists Monica Meaux, Mallory Blair, and Laura Truxillo, part of Dupre Library's Cataloging Department, conducted a first-time inventory and deselection project in the [Instructional Materials Center](#), an affiliated library located in Maxim Doucet Hall. All items were inventoried and evaluated before being reshelfed or removed. Dawn Williams, Director of the Center, has expressed much gratitude to the library's Cataloging Department and is delighted with the work performed.

Grants



Librarian Selected for OER Grant

Peter Klubek, Reference Librarian, was selected for the LOUIS Open Textbooks Pilot grant, "Interactive OER for Dual Enrollment." He serves as a Librarian Cohort Leader for the pilot. Peter is leading a team of faculty from across the state to create an open course with Open Educational Resources (OER) for Dance Appreciation. The project features a collaboration between educational systems in Louisiana and the academic library community.

"Who Gets to Vote?"

In February 2021, Dupré Library was awarded a \$2,700 grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) to support a project entitled "Who Gets to Vote?" The library hosted four book discussions with two UL Lafayette faculty members as facilitators.

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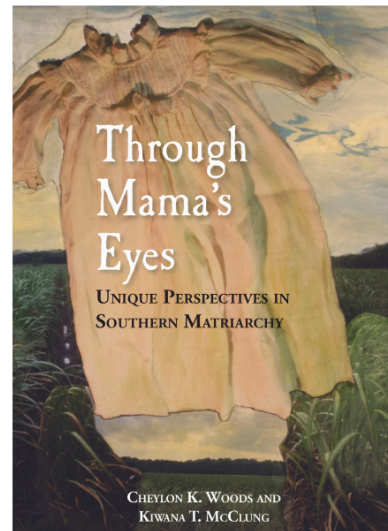
Library Receives Technology Grants

Blair Stapleton, Assistant Dean for Public Services, Heather Plaisance, Head of Reference, and Laurie Vanderbrook, Library IT Specialist, received a grant to replace the scanning stations throughout the library. Blair Stapleton and Heather Plaisance received a grant to replace the computers in the Reference and Research Services computer lab and acquire webcams and headsets with microphones for public use. The two grants were awarded to the library from the University's Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP).

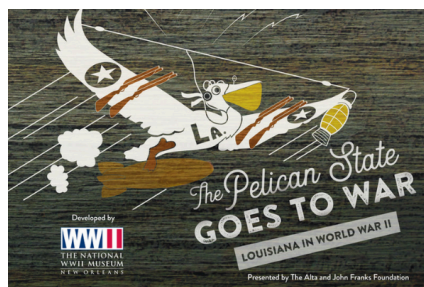
Faculty Highlights

Gaines Center Head & Archivist Publishes Book

Associate professor Cheylon Woods, with co-author Kiwana McClung (UL School of Architecture & Design), has published the book *Through Mama's Eyes: Unique Perspectives on Southern Matriarchy*, available through UL Press. The book is a collection of essays on southern matriarchy in culture and literature from the antebellum South to the twenty-first century.



Past Exhibits & Events



“The Pelican State Goes to War”

The library hosted “The Pelican State Goes to War” exhibit from the National World War II Museum. The traveling exhibit highlighted notable Louisianans who served in the military, industry contributions to the war effort, and the state’s role as a training hub.

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Town of Evergreen Digital Exhibit

Special Collections released a digital exhibit of the town of Evergreen's website. Evergreen, LA is a small town located in Avoyelles Parish. The site, developed by Dr. Edmond Dugas, UL Lafayette professor emeritus and Evergreen native, contains photographs, audiovisual items, and written histories and memories provided by the town's citizens. [VIEW EXHIBIT](#)

Give to the Library

Edith Garland Dupré Library is the vibrant information center of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Giving to the Library enriches the focus on learning and research while providing resources to the community. Dupré Library welcomes gifts of monetary funds, endowment funds, individual book purchases, and library materials.

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